

Fellowships for Early Career/Postdoctoral Researchers 2014/15

Fellowship	Amount	Duration	Eligibility	Calls	Success rates	Comments
ERC Starting Grant	€1.5million (extra €1M available for relocation)	5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 -7 years from PhD completion. Any nationality 	Annually 25 th March 2014: 370 grants expected to be awarded. Results: July 2014. Next deadline: ~ March 2014	2013 success rate: ~9% overall (287 grants awarded, 60 to the UK (20.1% success rate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any research topic. Budget for 2014: €485,039,385 Resubmissions allowed (conditions apply)
BBSRC David Phillips Fellowships	No limit. Salary + significant research grant	5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3+ years postdoctoral work and up to 10 years <i>combined</i> PhD/postdoc experience Any nationality 	Annually Call opens: 1 st July 2014 Deadline: 5th Nov 2014 (Up to 5 are available)	4 awards in 2011/12 (up to 5 available per year)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any research topic within BBSRC remit Projects in BBSRC's strategic priority areas encouraged
Wellcome Senior research fellowships in basic biomedical science	~£500K	5 years (5 year extension available)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 – 10 years postdoctoral experience UK/EU connected* researchers only 	Applications considered 3 times a year. Next deadline: Preliminary: 30th May 2014 Full: 25th July 2014 Expert Review Panel: Sept 2014 Interviews: 3-5th Dec 2014	~10% success rate 10 awarded 2009-2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any non-clinical topic within WT remit Resubmissions not encouraged
Wellcome Sir Henry Wellcome Fellowships	£250K	4 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final year of PhD or no more than 1 year postdoctoral work UK/EU connected* researchers only 	Bi-annually 2014 dates TBC 2 stage application process, plus interview (May and Sept 2014 deadlines)	6 awarded 2009-2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any topic within WT remit Off the record advice is that candidates must have at least 1 Nature paper or equivalent

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Wellcome & Royal Society Sir Henry Dale Fellowships	Enhanced salary + research expenses	5 years (3 year extension available)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No more than 7 years from PhD viva UK/EU connected* researchers only 	Bi-annually 2 stage application process, plus interview (April and November 2014 deadlines)	10 awarded in June 2012 and 9 in Nov 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any topic within WT remit Resubmissions not encouraged Replaces RCDF for UK applicants (RCDF now only for Republic of Ireland)
Wellcome Career re-entry fellowships	Salary + research expenses	2 – 4 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 2 years postdoctoral work Must have had a career break of more than 2 years UK/EU connected* researchers only 	Bi-annually 2014 dates TBC 2 stage application process, plus interview (~May and September 2014 deadlines)	3 awarded in 2009-2010 (11 current and 17 previous award holders)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any topic within WT remit Resubmissions not encouraged
Wellcome MIT Postdoctoral fellowships	Stipend, travel and small equipment	4 years (1-2 years in UK)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be about to submit PhD thesis or have no more than 3 years postdoctoral experience. EEA connected* researchers only 	Bi-annually Full application plus interview (~July and November 2014 deadlines)	3 awarded in 2009-2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any topic within WT remit For fellows to spend the first 2-3 years at MIT and the last 1-2 years in the UK. Resubmissions not allowed
MRC Career development award	Up to £500K (salary, staff and research expenses)	5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 – 6 years postdoctoral experience Any nationality 	Bi-annually Call opens: 19 Mar 2014 Deadline: 30 April 2014 Interviews: Oct 2014 Call opens: 13 Aug 2014 Deadline: 24 Sept 2014 Interviews: Mar 2015	16% in 2012/13 (13 awards from 83 applicants)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All areas of MRC remit (strategic plan) MRC fellows and overseas researchers encouraged Can only apply once per year
MRC Senior non-clinical fellowship	Up to £500K (salary, staff and research expenses)	7 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 6 years postdoctoral experience Any nationality 	Bi-annually Call opens: 19 Mar 2014 Deadline: 30 April 2014 Interviews: Oct 2014 Call opens: 13 Aug 2014 Deadline: 24 Sept 2014 Interviews: Mar 2015	10% in 2012/13 (3 awards from 29 applicants)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All areas of MRC remit (strategic plan) MRC career development award fellows particularly welcome
MRC Methodology research fellowship	Salary + research expenses	4 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For senior postdoc researchers with a grounding in health research 	Annually Call opens: 6 May 2014 Deadline: 17 June 2014 Interviews: January 2015	33% in 2012/13 3 awarded in from 9 applications	Valid topics include: biostatistics, bioinformatics; modelling, decision sciences, epidemiology; behavioural sciences; health psychology, qualitative methodologies.

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MRC Career development award in Biostatistics	Salary and Training Costs.	4 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Postdoctoral fellowship to support individuals working in, or who wish to move into, health related research. • Doctorate in statistics, biostatistics or related and less than 4 years post-doc experience. 	Annually Call opens: 6 May 2014 Deadline: 17 June 2014 Interviews: January 2015	44% in 2012/13 4 awarded in from 9 applications	opportunity to spend time in an overseas research centre, a second UK research centre or UK industrial centre in year two or three of the award.
Royal Society University Research Fellowships	~£250K (£38K/year salary) and £11-£13K /year research grant	5 years (3-10 year extension available)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 – 8 years postdoctoral work • UK/EU connected* researchers only 	Annually Currently closed, expected ~July 2014	12% in 2013 and 35 awarded	All Science and Engineering topics including biomedical science valid
Royal Society Newton International Fellowships	£24K/yr subsistence + research expenses and overheads	2 years (10 year networking fund available)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No more than 1-2 postdoctoral positions (no more than 7 yrs) • Must not hold UK citizenship • Must reside outside the UK 	Annually 2014 Competition Opens: 15 Jan 2014 Deadline: 10 March 2014 Decisions: end of Oct '14	8% in 2013 ~40 awarded each year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All research topics valid • Highly prestigious
Leverhulme Trust Early career fellowships	Salary (up to £23K) + £6K pa (Trust will only pay 50%)	3 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have PhD and not more than 5 years postdoctoral experience • Must be UK national or have a position in UK 	Annually The 2014 round opens on 2 Jan 2013 and closes on 6 March 2014	Approx. 80 available in 2014	All topics considered except biomedical research
HFSP (Human Frontier Science Prog) Long-term fellowships	~£30K/yr (subsistence, travel and research)	2-3 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be about to submit PhD or have no more than 3 years postdoctoral work • Any nationality 	Annually 2014 competition not open as yet (2013 deadline: 29 th Aug '13).	11% 900 applications for <u>both</u> HFSP fellowships in 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All biology topics • Departure from PhD/postdoc work favoured • Resubmissions allowed

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HFSP Cross-disciplinary fellowships	~£30K/yr (subsistence, travel and research)	2-3 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For researchers with a non-life sciences PhD Must be about to submit PhD or no more than 3 years postdoctoral work. Any nationality 	Annually 2014 competition not open as yet (2013 deadline: 29 th Aug '13).	14% 900 applications for <u>both</u> HFSP fellowships in 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For non-life science researchers to move into biology related research Resubmissions allowed
EMBO long-term fellowships	~£50K (£25K/yr stipend + travel costs)	2 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <2 years from PhD viva Applicant must move country so should not reside in UK Must not be UK nationals 	Bi-annually Deadlines: 15 th Aug 2014, 13 th Feb 2015.	40-50% get to interview	Life science research only
EPSRC fellowships (postdoc stage)	No limit (salary + significant research grant)	5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must have PhD No rules on no. of years postgraduate work Any nationality 	Submit anytime but bi-annual evaluations in Jan/Feb and July at standard panel meetings.	Unknown - started Sep 2011	From April 2013: biannual process to publicise the ongoing refresh of thematic priority areas for all postdoctoral levels, inc. Postdoc. http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/skills/fellows/Pages/areas.aspx
EU Marie Sklodowska-Curie Individual Fellowship (IF)	Up to ~€90K/yr	1-2 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replaced the FP7 MC: IIF, IEF and IOF schemes. Individual Fellowships provide opportunities to acquire new knowledge and to work on research in a European context (EU Member States and Associated Countries) or outside Europe. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First H2020 deadline: 11th Sept 2014 Draft Work Programmes 	Unknown in H2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any research topic For experienced researchers at all stages of their career Can incur a financial loss if the researcher has a high salary (Prof level)
Daphne Jackson	Salary + small research grant	Part-time for 2 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must have had a career break of at least 2 years' for family, caring or health reasons. At least 3 years research experience and/or PhD Must be UK citizen 	Apply anytime	100%, as long as sponsor can be found. University essentially pays for most DJ fellows.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any Science/Engineering topic Application process

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BHF Non-clinical PhD studentships	Fees + stipend (£20K/year) + up to £10K research consumables	3 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have 1st or 2:1 degree • UK/EU connected* researchers only 	Apply anytime.	24 awarded 2010 - 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application must be made by the supervisor and can be for a named or <u>unnamed</u> student. • 4 panel meetings a year (decision made by panel following external reviews)
BHF Advanced training awards	Salary + up to £10K/yr of research consumables	2 -3 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates must be new to CV science or moving discipline (e.g. cell biology to bioinformatics). • Must apply 1 to 3 years of submitting a PhD • UK/EU connected* researchers only 	Apply anytime	7 awarded 2010 – 2011)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application must be made by the supervisor and can be for a <u>named</u> or <u>unnamed</u> student. • 4 panel meetings a year (decision made by panel following external reviews)
BHF Immediate Postdoc basic science research fellowships	Salary + reasonable consumable costs + economy travel to 2 nd Lab	3 -4 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates in final yr of phd or < 1yr of postdoc. • 1.5 yrs should be spent overseas or in 2nd UK institution. 	Apply anytime		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide opportunity for the most promising newly qualified postdocs to make an early start in developing their independent CV research career. • Applicant applies but supervisors needed in both locations • Resubmissions not allowed
BHF Intermediate basic science research fellowships	Salaries (PI & RA), research consumables & equipment	4 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have 3-6 years postdoc experience • UK/EU connected* researchers only • Must have a series of first or senior author high impact research papers 	Apply anytime 'Candidates may be interviewed'	8 awarded 2010 – 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 panel meetings a year (decision made by panel following external reviews)
BHF Career re-entry research fellowships	Salaries (PI & RA), research consumables & equipment	3 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have had a 2+ year career break • UK/EU connected* researchers only 	Apply anytime 'Candidates may be interviewed'		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 panel meetings a year (decision made by panel following external reviews)

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BHF Senior Basic Science Research Fellowships	Salaries (PI & RA), research consumables & equipment	5 years (5 year extension available)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6-10 years postdoc experience (often a previous holder of an Intermediate Fellowship. UK/EU connected* researchers only 	Apply anytime Includes interview	1 awarded 2010 – 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 panel meetings a year (decision made by panel following external reviews)
BHF Project grants	Up to £300K Salaries (PI & RA, research consumables & equipment	3 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PI usually a postdoc Must already have a position at a UK university 	Apply anytime	100+ awarded 2010 - 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 panel meetings a year (decision made by panel following external reviews)
Dorothy Hodgkin fellowships	Salary, overheads + research expenses (up to 11K/year)	5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No more than 6 years from PhD UK/EU connected* researchers only 	Annually Closing Date: 13 th Jan 2014	4%, 5 awarded in 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All science subjects exc. clinical medicine Aimed at scientists who require
Loreal-UNESCO UK and Ireland national fellowships	£15K for research costs or childcare	1 year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be female Researchers with <10 years postdoc experience UK/EU connected* researchers only 	Annually Next Deadline: March 2015	4 awarded/yr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any Science/Engineering subject
Loreal-UNESCO International fellowships programme for young women in life sciences	\$20K	1 year (1 year extension available)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be female UK/EU connected* researchers only Candidate must be <35 years of age 	Annually Next Deadline: March 2015	15 awarded/yr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only Life Sciences Only 4 applications can be made per country National commission must endorse all applications

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Cancer research UK Career Development Fellowship	Salaries (PI + RA), research grant + up to £25K for equipment	6 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must have 3-8 years postdoc experience since PhD viva date 	Annually Preliminary submission: 4 th July 2011 Final Submission: Oct 2014	Overall CRUK success rate between 30 – 47%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any non-clinical science discipline applied to cancer research
Cancer research UK Career establishment awards	Salaries (RA, technician) + up to £25K for equipment	5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be within 3 years of 1st academic post 	Annually Preliminary submission: 4 th July 2014 Final Submission: Oct 2014	Overall CRUK success rate between 30 – 47%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any non-clinical science discipline applied to cancer research (including biology, chemistry, physics and maths) For new lecturers to establish their own research group
Cancer research UK Senior Cancer research fellowships	Salaries for PI, 2 RA's and technicians, PhD students + research grant	6 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must have 6-10 years postdoc experience 	Annually Preliminary submission: 4 th July 2011 Final Submission: Oct 2014	Overall CRUK success rate between 30 – 47%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any non-clinical science discipline applied to cancer research
Age UK Research Fellowships	Up to £235K over 3 years (inc salary + research costs)	3 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must have 3+ years postdoc experience 	Annually	1 research fellowship awarded in 2012.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For research that will improve the health and well-being of older people, including research into the the causes of age-related diseases or conditions
The Lister Institute of Preventative medicine Research Prize	£200K (research staff and equipment)	5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For experienced postdocs or academics with a permanent post 	Annually Opens: June 2011 Deadline: 6 th Dec 2013 Interview: May 2014	~3 awarded/year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For any biomedical research, across all disease types and research disciplines For research which has the potential for the prevention or treatment of disease

Web sites

ERC Starting: <http://erc.europa.eu/starting-grants>

BBSRC David Phillips: <http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/funding/fellowships/david-phillips.aspx>

WT Senior Research: <http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Biomedical-science/Funding-schemes/Fellowships/Basic-biomedical-fellowships/WTD004442.htm>

WT Sir Henry Wellcome: <http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Biomedical-science/Funding-schemes/Fellowships/Basic-biomedical-fellowships/WTX033549.htm>

WT Sir Henry Dale: <http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Biomedical-science/Funding-schemes/Fellowships/Basic-biomedical-fellowships/WTDV031823.htm>

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WT career re-entry: <http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Biomedical-science/Funding-schemes/Fellowships/Basic-biomedical-fellowships/WTD004380.htm>

WT MIT: <http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Biomedical-science/Funding-schemes/Fellowships/International-fellowships/WTX054661.htm>

MRC Career dev: <http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Fellowships/Non-clinical/Careerdevelopmentaward/MRC001825>

MRC senior non-clinical: http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Fellowships/Seniornonclinical/MRC001826#P39_4592

MRC methodology: <http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Fellowships/Methodologyresearch/MRC004706>

MRC Career dev in Biostatistics: <http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Fellowships/Careerdevelopmentawardbiostatistics/MRC003335>

RS URF: <http://royalsociety.org/grants/schemes/university-research/>

RS Newton: <http://royalsociety.org/grants/schemes/newton-international/>

Leverhulme early career: <http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/funding/ECF/ECF.cfm>

HFSP: <http://www.hfsp.org/funding/postdoctoral-fellowships>

EMBO: <http://www.embo.org/programmes/fellowships/long-term.html>

EPSRC: <http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/skills/fellows/Pages/fellowships.aspx>

NSF: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5179&org=OISE&from=home

EU Marie Curie: <http://www.ukro.ac.uk/mariecurie/Pages/index.aspx>
http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/appmanager/participants/portal?nfpb=true&windowLabel=portletInstance_60&portletInstance_60_actionOverride=%2Fportlets%2Fcall%2Ffp7CaIIMenu%2Fgo2People&pageLabel=call_FP7#wlp_portletInstance_60

Daphne Jackson: <http://www.daphnejackson.org/fellowships/>

BHF: <http://www.bhf.org.uk/research/research-grants.aspx>

Loreal-UNESCO: <http://www.womeninscience.co.uk/>

UNESCO International Fellowships : <http://www.unesco.org/new/en/fellowships/programmes/>

Dorothy Hodgkin: <http://royalsociety.org/grants/schemes/dorothy-hodgkin/>

Age UK: <http://www.ageuk.org.uk/professional-resources-home/research/research-into-ageing/research-grants/>

Cancer research UK: <http://science.cancerresearchuk.org/funding/>

Lister Institute: <http://www.lister-institute.org.uk/research-prizes/what-are-they/>

University of Cambridge overview of UK Fellowship Funding Schemes for Life Science postdocs: <http://www.careers.cam.ac.uk/pdoc/fellowshipinfo.pdf>

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