

RESEARCH SERVICES (SCIENCE AREA)¹ - SUMMARY OF EARLY CAREER FELLOWSHIPS (FEB 2015)

Sponsor	Scheme name	Most recent deadline	Next deadline	Duration	Key info.	Budget & cost recovery	Any other info.
Royal Society (NIFs in partnership with British Academy)	University Research Fellowship	11 Sep 2014		5 yrs (plus a possible 3); 10 yrs max. From 1st Oct 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have a PhD • 3-8 yrs experience • Not hold a permanent position • Be an EEA/Swiss citizen or have a qualifying connection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 80% of FEC for: Fellow's salary, estates, & indirect costs. • Research expenses: up to £13K in yr 1, £11K per year thereafter. 	~35 awarded each year, 10% success rate in 2014 Interviews held in April http://royalsociety.org/grants/schemes/university-research/
	Dorothy Hodgkin Fellowship	12 Jan 2015		5 years From 1st Oct 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have a PhD, less than 6 yrs experience • Not hold a permanent position • Be an EEA/Swiss citizen or have a qualifying connection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 80% of FEC for: Fellow's salary, estates, & indirect costs. • 100% of DI costs: Research expenses: up to £13K in yr 1, £11K per year thereafter. 	Must demonstrate need for flexible support. Interviews in early June. ~8% success rate for 2014 = 5 awards made http://royalsociety.org/grants/schemes/dorothy-hodgkin/
	Newton International Fellowship	25 Feb 2015		2 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a non-UK citizen working outside the UK • Research plan agreed with UK host • Competent in oral & written English • Must have a PhD by start of grant • No more than 7 yrs postdoc experience 	£24,000 pa subsistence (no income tax on this, so you get the full amount) £8,000 pa research expenses £2,000 relocation	~40 awarded annually. Success rate is ~8%. http://royalsociety.org/grants/schemes/newton-international/
Leverhulme Trust	Early Career Fellowship	5 Mar 2015		3 yrs From between start academic yr 2015 to 1 May 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not have held a permanent position • Have submitted thesis by 5 Mar 2015 • Passed viva after 5 Mar 2010 (unless had a career break) • Have a degree from a UK university or hold a post at a UK university 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% of the fellow's salary up to a max of £24K (rest must come from the institution) • Research expenses of up to £6,000 	~80 fellowships will be available in 2015 Trust will report results at the end of May 2015 See: http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/funding/ECF/ECF.cfm
Wellcome Trust Basic Biomedical Fellowships (Sir Henry Dales in partnership with Royal Society)	Sir Henry Wellcome Postdoctoral Fellowship	Prelim: 6 Oct 2014 Full: 8 Dec 2014	Prelim: 15 May 2015 Full: 17 Jul 2015	4 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No more than 1 yr postdoctoral experience by date of full deadline • Must be sponsored by a UK institution • Normally includes periods in more than one laboratory 	£250,000 to pay the fellow's salary and any research expenses	Shortlisted candidate interviews: 11th - 13th Nov 2015 http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Biomedical-science/Funding-schemes/Fellowships/Basic-biomedical-fellowships/WTX033549.htm
	Sir Henry Dale Fellowship	21 Nov 14 (outline) 30 Jan 15 (full stage)	17 Apr 15 (outline) 19 Jun 2015 (full)	5 years, plus ability to apply for 3 more	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Normally not hold a permanent position • Be an EEA/Swiss citizen or have a qualifying connection • Normally less than two yrs at current institution if staying there 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salary • Consumables • Travel & subsistence • Inflation and salary enhancement provided 	2 application rounds a year. Outline, followed by full application. Interviews May 2015. http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Biomedical-science/Funding-schemes/Fellowships/Basic-biomedical-fellowships/WTDV031823.htm
	Research Career Development Fellowship	17 Apr 15 (outline) 19 Jun 15 (full stage)	17 Jul 15 (outline) 9 Oct 15 (full)	5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No more than 7yrs postdoc experience by date of interview • Must have a science/maths qualification • Justify staying at current institution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salary • Consumables • Travel & subsistence • Inflation and salary enhancement provided 	3 application rounds a year. Outline, followed by full application. Interviews Oct 15 & Feb 16. http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Biomedical-science/Funding-schemes/Fellowships/Basic-biomedical-fellowships/WTD004431.htm
EPSRC	Postdoctoral Fellowship	No published deadline but...	Panels in Jan/Feb or July...	Up to 3 years	Must have a PhD by start date expected (there is flexibility for non-std career paths)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 100% salary (in line with experience) • Consumables • Travel & subsistence • Small equipment & visitors 	Can be done part time. New themes announced 1 Apr & 1 Oct each year Only currently open to certain research areas – see: http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/skills/fellows/Pages/areas.aspx
	Early Career Fellowship	...see 'Next Deadline'	...takes 4 months min. to process	Up to 5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have a PhD by start date expected • More established career than above (see person specification on website) 	As above, plus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research staff can be requested • Equipment in line with std EPSRC guidelines 	As above (although more areas are available). Part-time working is also possible.
NERC	Independent Research Fellowship	1 Oct 2014		5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have a PhD (award doesn't start until viva result confirmed) • Not hold a permanent position • No more than 8 yrs postdoc experience 	Salary, research support staff, consumables and travel costs Funded at 80% of FEC	Early career development award. 20 fellowships funded for Oct 13 round, ~17%. http://www.nerc.ac.uk/funding/available/fellowships/irf.asp

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BBSRC	Future Leader Fellowship	26 June 2014	2015 TBC	3 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum 5 yrs postdoc experience (as of 30 Nov 2015) No restrictions on nationality 	Up to £300k (=80% FEC), but needs substantial demonstration of support from host institution.	~12 awarded each year. Can be done part time.
	David Phillips Fellowship	1 July 2014	2015 TBC	5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 3 yrs postdoc experience No more than 10 yrs postgraduate research No restrictions on nationality 	Personal salary and a significant research support grant. No limit but typically £600k - £1M (= 80% FEC). Will cover staff posts.	For scientists wishing to establish themselves as independent researchers. 5 available each year. See also joint call with FSA – 2 available. http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/funding/fellowships/david-phillips.aspx
MRC	Career Development Award		28 Apr 2015 24 Sep 2015	Up to 5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3-6 yrs postdoc experience Non-clinically qualified (see website for clinical fellowships) Not hold a permanent position 	Salary, research support staff, consumables, travel costs and capital equipment Funded at 80% of fEC	MRC website has an Eligibility Checker to help you search for the right Fellowship http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Fellowships/Non-clinical/Careerdevelopmentaward/MRC001825
STFC	Ernest Rutherford Fellowship	25 Sep 2014		5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not hold a permanent position Minimum 2 years postdoc experience For 'early career researchers with clear leadership potential' 	Funded at 80% of fEC for fellow's salary, travel, consumables <£5k and minor equipment. Plus opportunity to bid for 'significant additional funds' to support the research.	12 offered annually. Departments have limited nominations. http://www.stfc.ac.uk/1826.aspx
Royal Academy of Engineering	Research Fellowship	Stage 1: 6 Oct 2014 Stage 2: 10 Dec 2014		5 years To start between 1 Jan 2016 and 31 Mar 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No more than 3 yrs postdoctoral experience by date of Stage 1 deadline Applicants must have a substantial research career ahead of them 	Funded at 80% of fEC for fellow's salary, travel and consumables. No piece of equipment to cost more than £3,000	NOTE: Institutional limit on no. of applications Stage 3 consists of a 30 min interview. http://www.raeng.org.uk/research/researcher/postdoc/default.htm
Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851	Research Fellowship	19 Feb 2015		3 years, subject to annual renewal From 1 Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No more than 3 yrs postdoctoral experience No restrictions on nationality 	Fixed stipend, plus £3k per year towards additional costs.	~8 awards made each year. Engineering researchers are particularly encouraged to apply.
Cancer Research UK	Career Development Fellowship		2 Mar 2015 (prelim) 15 Jun 2015 (full)	6 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Between 3 and 8 yrs postdoc experience Strong publication record Not hold a permanent position 	Salaries and associated running expenses for the Fellow, one postdoctoral researcher, and one technician, plus equipment up to £25,000	Three-stage application process: two application rounds then an interview. http://www.cancerresearchuk.org/science/funding/fin-d-grant/all-funding-schemes/career-development-fellowship/?script=true
British Heart Foundation	Immediate Postdoctoral Basic Science Research Fellowship			3 years, possibly plus 1 year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No more than 1 yr postdoctoral experience from date of viva Not to be held in same place as PhD Strongly encourage that half the time to be spent elsewhere 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Salary of applicant, plus reasonable research consumables and small equipment. Consumables and equipment not provided overseas. 	There are no closing dates. Needs evidence of exceptional research ability. Shortlisted candidates are usually interviewed. Allow 9 months from submission to decision.
	Intermediate Basic Science Research Fellowship	No deadline but... 4 panels per year	Allow 9 months from submission to decision	4 years, plus a possible 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3-6 yrs postdoc experience Series of first or senior author papers Be an EEA/Swiss citizen or have a qualifying connection Not hold a permanent position 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicant salary Salary for technician / RA Consumables Travel & subsistence Essential equipment 	Research must be in a cardiovascular area. Up to 1 year of the award may be spent abroad. May be interviews. http://www.bhf.org.uk/research/research-grants/what-we-fund/intermediate-basic-science-res.aspx

¹ N.B. The above table is only shows Early Career fellowship schemes for the most popular funders in Science Area departments. Many funders also provide more senior fellowships or other schemes such as those designed to help researchers return to academia or work with industry which are not covered here. Most of the above fellowships can be held part time and in many cases applications are welcomed from those who have had a career break or break from active research.

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