

## Research Update Archive – July-September 2008

Thursday 25 September

- **British Academy - CO-REACH Social Science Collaborative Research between Europe & China.** **Deadline for pre-registration: 28 October 2008, full proposals: 10 December 2008.**

The CO-REACH Social Science Programme aims to bring together Chinese and European researchers, working in the social sciences and in part of the humanities, to collaborate on a joint topic of mutual interest, and to explore the possibilities of future co-operation in these areas. It is open both to European and Chinese scholars experienced at collaborating together and to those with little or no previous experience of China-Europe collaboration. CO-REACH (Co-ordination of Research between European and China) is a network of European S&T policy and funding organisations involved in promoting research co-operation with China. It is supported by the European Commission as an ERA-NET Co-ordination Action. The network is intended to improve coherence and synergy in Europe's S&T relations with China. See [http://www.britac.ac.uk/intl/co\\_reach\\_ssprogramme.html](http://www.britac.ac.uk/intl/co_reach_ssprogramme.html)

- **EPSRC Postdoctoral Research Fellowships.** **Deadline: 28 October 2008.**

The Royal Academy of Engineering, in partnership with the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council, invites applications for its postdoctoral research fellowships. These enable outstanding researchers from all branches of engineering to establish an independent research career at a UK university. Applicants should be about to complete their PhD or have no more than three years' postdoctoral research experience. Fellowships have a duration of five years and are funded at the basis of full economic costing. Please visit

<http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/CallsForProposals/RAEngEPSRCFellowships2008.htm>

- **Wellcome Trust - International Engagement Awards.** **Deadline: 24 October 2008.**

The Wellcome Trust invites proposals for its international engagement awards. These support projects that aim to achieve some or all of the following: •to strengthen the capacity of people in developing countries to facilitate public engagement with health research; •to stimulate dialogue about health research and its impact on the public in a range of community and public contexts in developing countries; •to investigate and test new methods of engagement, participation, communication or education around health research; •to promote collaboration on engagement projects between researchers and community or public organisations; •to support trust funded researchers in developing countries in engaging with the public and policy makers. Projects could involve: communities and members of the public; science communicators, health and science journalists; healthcare professionals, educators, field workers, community workers; policy and decision makers. Grants are worth up to £30 000, for projects lasting a maximum of three years. Please visit

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Public-engagement/Grants/International-Engagement-Awards/>

- **European University Institute (Italy) - Jean Monnet Fellowships and Max Weber Fellowships.** **Deadline: 25 October 2008.**

The European University Institute invites applications for the Jean Monnet fellowships. These allow postdoctoral research for one academic year leading to publications with no heavy teaching obligations. Work must fall within one of the following categories:

- institutions, governance, constitutionalism;
- economic policy;
- regulation and competition policy;
- the knowledge economy: education, research and innovation systems;
- culture and knowledge;
- international and transnational relations.

Jean Monnet Fellows carry out their research in one of the institute's four departments or in the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies. Fellowships are open to candidates with a postgraduate doctoral degree or equivalent research experience. Candidates should normally have obtained their PhD not more than seven years ago. There are no restrictions on nationality and the fellowship carries a monthly stipend of 2,000 euros. Please visit

<http://www.iue.it/Servac/Postdoctoral/JeanMonnetFellowships/HowApply.shtm>

The Max Weber fellowships are open to candidates who have recently received their doctorates in economics, social and political sciences, law or history and who wish to pursue a career nationally or internationally as future academics. The fellowships are open to candidates who have successfully defended their PhD at the time of the start of the programme.

Candidates of all nationalities are eligible for the Max Weber fellowships. The fellowships last for one to two years and carry a monthly stipend of 2,000 euros.

<http://www.iue.it/Servac/Postdoctoral/MaxWeberFellowships/>

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- **Royal Society/EPSRC Industry Fellowship Scheme. Deadline: 16 October 2008.**  
 The Royal Society invites applications under its industry fellowships scheme, jointly funded with the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council, the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council, the Natural Environment Research Council, Rolls-Royce plc and Astra Zeneca. The scheme aims to enhance knowledge transfer in science and technology between those in industry and those in academia. It provides opportunities for an academic scientist to work on a collaborative project with industry, or someone employed in industry to work on a collaborative project with a university department or not-for-profit research organisation. Research may be in any discipline within the natural sciences, including agriculture, mathematics, biotechnology, environmental research, medical and engineering sciences. Projects at any stage from fundamental science to industrial innovation will be supported. Please visit <http://royalsociety.org/funding.asp?id=1125>
- **Wellcome Trust, Medical Humanities Programme - Biomedical Ethics Research Fellowships. Deadline: Preliminary applications 20 October 2008; invited full applications 1 December 2008.**  
 The Wellcome Trust invites applications for its biomedical ethics research fellowships. These support scholars not yet in tenured or otherwise long-term established academic posts wishing to undertake a period of postdoctoral research. Fellowships may include an opportunity to obtain research training, where appropriate. Applicants must be based in the UK or Rol. Strong preference will be given to candidates with a good prospect of achieving a long-term academic career as a specialist in an y area related to biomedical ethics. The application must be sponsored by an established senior member of the department in which the award is to be held. Please visit <http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Medical-humanities/Grants/Biomedical-ethics/Fellowships-and-personal-awards/WTD003884.htm>
- **Royal Society, International Grants - South Africa-UK Science Networks. Deadline: 20 October 2008.**  
 The Royal Society, in collaboration with the National Research Foundation, is inviting applications for its South Africa-UK science networks. These are aimed at developing new and enduring partnerships between excellent UK and South African scientists. Applications are invited for the following networking activities which may take place in either the UK or South Africa:

  - one-to-one meetings, lasting from five days to three months;
  - thematic workshop, typically lasting up to five days with the sending side supporting up to five scientists;
  - exploratory visits lasting up to one week.

These visits may include up to five scientists who wish to collaborate together on a particular theme. The group may visit up to a maximum of three institutions. The research must be on a subject within the natural sciences, including: physics, chemistry, mathematics, computer science, engineering, agricultural and medical research, scientific aspects of archaeology, geography, experimental psychology, and the history of science. The scheme does not cover social sciences or clinical medical research. Applicants must have completed a PhD and be preferably in their early or mid-career stage. Funding of up to £10,000 is available. Please visit <http://royalsociety.org/funding.asp?id=2653>
- **Department of Health including NIHR - Health Technology Assessment Clinical Trials. Deadline: 21 October 2008.**  
 The Department of Health's National Institute for Health Research is inviting applications for clinical trial grants under its health technology assessment programme. The aim of the trials is to assess the effectiveness of technologies within the NHS. Grants are available for the type of pragmatic clinical studies already funded by the HTA programme but on topics proposed by the researchers. Researchers are invited to submit proposals for primary research (which generate new data) to assess the effectiveness of health technologies in, or likely to be in, NHS practice. Technologies in this context are not confined to new drugs or equipment, but include procedures, devices, tests, settings of care, screening programmes and any intervention used in the treatment, prevention or diagnosis of disease. Please visit <http://www.hta.ac.uk/funding/clinicaltrials/index.shtml>

#### Thursday 11 September

- **Wellcome Trust - Engaging science: arts awards - small to medium sized projects. Deadline: 10 October 2008.**  
 The Wellcome Trust invites applications for small to medium sized projects that engage the public with biomedical science through the arts. The scheme aims to: \*stimulate interest and debate about biomedical science through the arts; \*examine the social, cultural and ethical impact of biomedical science; \*support formal and informal learning; \*encourage new ways of thinking; \*encourage interdisciplinary practice and collaborative partnerships in arts, science or

education practice. All art forms are covered by the programme: dance, drama, performance arts, visual arts, music, film, craft, photography, creative writing or digital media. Please visit <http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Public-engagement/Grants/Arts-Awards/>

- **Medical Research Council - Research Training and Career Development Awards and Fellowships.** **Deadline: 10 October 2008.**  
The MRC aims to support research into maintaining and improving human health by funding studentships and fellowships for students and scientists of exceptional ability who are keen to pursue careers in biomedical sciences, public health and health services research. The eligibility criteria depend on the conditions of each scheme. Currently the MRC awards individuals through its Career Development Awards in Biostatistics, Population Health Scientist Fellowships and Methodology Research Fellowships. For more information please visit <http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Careers/index.htm>
- **Medical Research Society - Young Investigator Award.** **Deadline: 10 October 2008.**  
The Medical Research Society invites applications for its young investigator award. The competition provides a forum for research fellows to present their work to each other as well as to invited members of national training fellowship award panels and the MRS committee. Submissions are welcomed from all biomedical research fellows (clinical and non-clinical) who have undertaken a period of supervised research in the UK intended to lead to a doctoral degree. Applications are also welcomed from fellows who may have completed their work just prior to the last submission or who have previously submitted but now have a more complete body of work to present. Eligible candidates must fulfill one of the following criteria: \*be within the last six months of a continuous period of research likely to lead to an MD/PhD at the time of submission; \*have actually completed an MD or PhD and be within 18 months of the award of that degree on the date of the meeting, ie February 2009. Finalists of the competition will receive £1,000 each. Please visit [http://www.medres.org.uk/j/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=34&Itemid=37](http://www.medres.org.uk/j/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=34&Itemid=37)
- **Joseph Rowntree Foundation - Research Grant: Poverty, inequality and human rights - do human rights frameworks make a difference?** **Deadline: 13 October 2008.**  
The Joseph Rowntree Foundation invites proposals for research on the following topic: poverty, inequality and human rights - do human rights frameworks make a difference? This project seeks to build the evidence base for how human rights frameworks have been drawn on to address poverty in contexts outside of the UK. In particular, it will consider how human rights frameworks have had an impact on policy formulation and implementation (process and policy substance), programmes and debate to address poverty in the domestic context. Potential countries for consideration include South Africa, India, Brazil, US, Ireland and other European contexts. The primary audience for outputs will be third sector organisations working to address poverty and promote human rights, government, public bodies including the Equalities and Human Rights Commission and policy advisers from across the political parties. The maximum budget for this call is £50,000, including VAT and all other expenses. Please visit <http://www.jrf.org.uk/research-funding/calls/poverty-inequality-humanrights.asp>

#### Thursday 4 September

- **British Academy - Various International Joint Programmes.** **Deadline: 30 September 2008.**  
The British Academy invites applications from scholars in the social sciences and humanities for special joint projects with countries such as Central and Eastern European Countries, China, Commonwealth Countries, France, Japan and Spain. Applicants should be normally resident in the UK, and of postdoctoral or equivalent status. For more information please visit <http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/intl/index.cfm>.
- **The Daiwa Anglo-Japanese Foundation, UK - Small Grants.** **Deadline: 30 September 2008.**  
The Daiwa Anglo-Japanese Foundation invites applications for its small grants ranging from £1,000 to £5,000. These are available to individuals, societies, associations or other bodies in the UK or Japan to promote and support interaction between the two countries. Awards may cover all fields of activity, including educational and grassroots exchanges, research travel, the organisation of conferences, exhibitions, and other projects and events that fulfil this broad objective. New initiatives are especially encouraged. Please visit [http://www.dajf.org.uk/page\\_e.asp?Section=Grants&ID=81](http://www.dajf.org.uk/page_e.asp?Section=Grants&ID=81)
- **The Royal Economic Society - Conference Grant Scheme and the Academic Support Scheme.** **Deadline: 30 September 2008.** The Royal Economic Society invites applications for its conference grants. These support members presenting a paper, or acting as a principal discussant at a conference. Preference will be given to: applicants who are new entrants to the profession; applications to attend at high-impact international conferences; candidates whose attendance cannot ordinarily be funded from other sources. The Society also invites applications for support for small academic expenses. This scheme supports members who

require small sums for unexpected expenditures, such as travel expenses in connection with independent research work; the purchase of a piece of software; or expenses for a speaker at a conference being organised by the applicant's university or institute. Preference will be given to initiatives: which are for the benefit of new entrants to the profession; or who cannot ordinarily be funded from other sources, such as existing research grants. Grants of up to £600 each are available under this scheme. For more information, please visit [http://www.res.org.uk/society/grants\\_fellowships.asp](http://www.res.org.uk/society/grants_fellowships.asp)

#### Thursday 28 August

- **ESRC Research Grants: e-Social Science Quantitative Mode. Deadline: 29 September 2008** The Economic and Social Research Council invites proposals for a Quantitative Research Node within the application strand of the NCeSS research programme. In October 2007, when the ESRC commissioned the second phase of Nodes, the Commissioning Panel did not approve any proposals that focused on developing quantitative e-Social Science. This has resulted in a gap in the NCeSS research programme which this call is designed to fill, in recognition of the importance of having a Node investigating e-Social Science applications in quantitative social science. It is emphasised that this call is for proposals that apply e-Science technologies to a substantive research area. Free-standing e-Science proposals that do not engage with the social sciences and social science proposals to which e-Science is not critical will be excluded. The overall budget for the Node is £1,060k at 100% fEC, spread over three years, of which the ESRC will meet 80% (£850k). For more information please follow [http://www.esrc.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/opportunities/current\\_funding\\_opportunities/eSSQuantNode.aspx?ComponentId=27284&SourcePageId=5964#0](http://www.esrc.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/opportunities/current_funding_opportunities/eSSQuantNode.aspx?ComponentId=27284&SourcePageId=5964#0)
- **ESRC/MRC/NIHR early career postdoctoral fellowships in health economics. Deadline: 26 September 2008.** The Medical Research Council, along with the Economic and Social Research Council and the National Institute for Health Research, invite applications for the ESRC/MRC/NIHR early career postdoctoral fellowships in health economics. These fellowships provide early-career support to help individuals to begin to establish a track record in the field and to undertake further training. The fellowships aim to: •produce publications arising from the fellow's PhD; •disseminate research findings and evidence their application to the research agenda in health economics; •undertake additional training and gain further research related skills. The fellowships are open to any field within health economics but would include those who have undertaken research in areas such as economics evaluation, micro econometric analysis of health production and health inequalities, incentives in health care, the health workforce, the development of priority setting frameworks, as well as methodological work on quantitative and qualitative methods. Please go to <http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Careers/Fellowships/AvailableFellowships/HealthEconomics/index.htm>
- **Design History Society, UK. 25th Anniversary Award. Deadline: 30 September 2008.** The Design History Society is inviting applications for its 25th anniversary award. These grants of up to £1,000 are to support ongoing research in the field of design history. Three awards will be made to professional researchers attached to institutions (lecturers, archivists and curators) and independent scholars. The grants are intended to support expenses incurred during the normal course of research such as travel, modest subsistence, replacement teaching costs, photography, copyright fees, specialist equipment, photocopying and inter-library loans. Applicants must be current members of the society. Please go to <http://www.designhistorysociety.org/>

#### Thursday 21 August 2008

- **The Joseph Rowntree Foundation- Research Funding. Research on the transmission of drinking cultures: media influence. Deadline: 24 September 2008.** The Joseph Rowntree Foundation invites applications to conduct research on the transmission of drinking cultures, with regards to the special aspect of media influence. Under this call, the foundation wishes to fund one primary research project on the influence of the media on young people's drinking cultures. The study should have a strong focus on depictions of drunkenness and drinking to excess. A central issue for this research will be stories, pictures and videos of drunken celebrities. The research should focus on the 14-18 age group and on those media formats which are most popular with young people. Please follow <http://www.jrf.org.uk/research-funding/calls/drinking-cultures-media.asp>

- AHRC Postgraduate Schemes - Fellowships in the creative and performing arts.**  
**Deadline: 25 September 2008.** The Arts and Humanities Research Council invites applications for its fellowships in the creative and performing arts. The scheme supports artists as research fellows within a UK higher education institution. The aim of the fellowships is: •to support artists who have not had the opportunity to carry out a significant programme of research within a research environment, and who have reached a point in their career when they would benefit from time to pursue a sustained programme of high quality research the main focus of which is practice-led and within the creative and performing arts; •to enable artists to develop their research careers by obtaining experience of working in a research environment, and to realise their potential by improving their research skills; •to encourage and nurture the development of new or existing research environments and cultures; •to maximise the value of research outcomes in the creative and performing arts by promoting their dissemination and, where appropriate, to facilitate the knowledge transfer of those outcomes, both to the research community and to other contexts where they will make a difference. For more information please see [http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/apply/research/fellowships\\_in\\_the\\_creative\\_performing\\_arts.asp](http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/apply/research/fellowships_in_the_creative_performing_arts.asp)
- AHRC/ESRC Cross-Council Global Uncertainties Programme. Fellowships: global uncertainties - security for all in a changing world.** **Deadline: 25 September 2008.** The Economic and Social Research Council and the Arts and Humanities Research Council are inviting applications from researchers from across the social sciences, arts and humanities for a number of research fellowships, as part of the Research Councils global uncertainties – security for all in a changing world programme. The fellowships will support innovative approaches or application of leading edge research to key issues in security. The cross-council programme is concerned with five global issues: conflict, crime, environmental degradation, poverty and terrorism, and their implications for various concepts and contexts of security and insecurity. Within this framework, this fellowship call focuses specifically on how ideas and beliefs of individuals, communities and nation states relate to these five global phenomena. Proposals must address one or more of the following key areas: •how do individuals and communities develop their ideas and beliefs about security and insecurity; •why do some ideas and beliefs lead to conflict, violence or criminal activity; •how do issues around the cycle of knowledge production and use interact with the creation, management and resolution of insecurities; •how are risks and threats communicated, constructed, represented and received by key actors and communities, using different media and cultural forms for different audiences, including the use of language, images and symbolism; •is there an acceptable balance between national security needs and the protection of civil liberties and human rights; •how should institutions with responsibility for different aspects of a broad security agenda, including security forces themselves, evolve to meet new risks and threats. For more information please follow [http://www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/opportunities/current\\_funding\\_opportunities/global\\_uncertainties.aspx?ComponentId=26736&SourcePageId=5964#](http://www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/opportunities/current_funding_opportunities/global_uncertainties.aspx?ComponentId=26736&SourcePageId=5964#)

**Thursday 14 August 2008**

- NHS Estates - Physical Environment Research Grants.** **Deadline: 19 September and 19 December 2008**  
NHS Estates invites applications for its physical environment research grants. The aim of these grants is to fund research that benefits patients by: improving the way property and facilities are managed and maintained; promoting safe, high quality and best value design. New proposals are currently encouraged in the following areas with an overarching emphasis on economic and sustainable issues: •infection control; •older people; •space and design; •mental health and learning disabilities; •strategy for the physical environment; •decontamination. Applications are welcome from the NHS, companies and consultancies, and academic institutions. The total fund available for the financial year 2007-08 is £375,000. Please visit [http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Managingyourorganisation/Estatesandfacilitiesmanagement/DH\\_4118973](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Managingyourorganisation/Estatesandfacilitiesmanagement/DH_4118973)
- Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council - Short training courses at masters level in biosciences.** **Deadline: 19 September 2008.** The Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council seeks proposals from UK higher education institutions and BBSRC sponsored institutes to develop industrially relevant, short training courses at masters level in the biosciences. This initiative is part of BBSRC's modular training for industry scheme which aims to provide flexible, up to date, technical training to graduates employed in UK industry. Evidence of industrial demand is a key requirement of funding, and priority will be given to proposals within a subject area identified by industry. Proposals in the field of whole animal physiology are particularly welcome. Training should be delivered using the most appropriate method for the target industry, for example distance learning, web-based learning packages or residential two to three day seminar and workshop sessions. Support will be

awarded as pump-priming funding and given at an appropriate level towards the cost of preparing and marketing the course material. Clusters of complementary modules will be considered if there is sufficient evidence of an industrial need for this approach. Please visit [http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/business/training/modular\\_training.html](http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/business/training/modular_training.html)

- **Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health - Fellowships.** **Deadline: 24 September 2008.**
- The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health offers a fellowship programme to support research in paediatrics and child health. There are four types of fellowship programmes offered by the college for up to 12 weeks covering travel and subsistence allowance. Please visit <http://www.rcpch.ac.uk/Education/Fellowships--Prizes>
- **European Science Foundation - Research Networking Programme.** **Deadline: 23 October 2008.**

The European Science Foundation invites applications for its research networking programmes. These aim to bring together nationally funded research activities for four to five years, to address a major scientific issue or a science-driven topic of research infrastructure, at the European level with the aim of advancing the frontiers of science. The key objectives include: creating interdisciplinary fora; sharing knowledge and expertise; developing new techniques; training young scientists. A successful programme proposal must show high scientific quality and also demonstrate added value by being carried out at a European level rather than by individual research groups at the national level. Proposals may be submitted in any or across several of the following broad scientific fields: •biomedical sciences; •life, Earth and environmental; •physical and engineering sciences; •humanities; •social sciences; •science driven issues of research infrastructures in any of the above fields. Multidisciplinary proposals across fields are encouraged. Proposals with a global dimension which intend to interface a European scientific network supported by a new ESF programme with networks of scientists in other, non-ESF, countries supported by their own agencies are also encouraged. A programme can include the following activities: science meetings (workshops, conferences or schools); grants for short and exchange visits awarded following an open call for applications; publication of information brochures and leaflets, DVDs and CD Roms, scientific books and meeting proceedings; creation of websites; creation of scientific databases at the European level. Proposals may be submitted by researchers from European universities or research institutes in countries having agencies that are ESF member organisations. Proposals may have co-proposers from non-ESF member countries. In this case, the co-proposers should assure their funding through their own sources. The typical annual budget of an ESF programme does not usually exceed 130,000 euros per year of its duration. <http://www.esf.org/activities/research-networking-programmes/rnp-call-for-proposals.html>

#### Thursday 7 August 2008

- **European Science Foundation Scientific Support Programme - Research Conferences Scheme Framework.** **Deadline: 15 September 2008.**

The European Science Foundation invites European scientists to submit proposals for high-level research conferences to take place in 2010 within the framework of its research conferences scheme. In 2010, the ESF will fund research conferences in the following scientific domains: •biology plus: biology at the interface with other science disciplines. Up to five conferences; •physics/biophysics and environmental sciences. Up to five conferences; •social sciences and humanities. Up to four conferences. This call is aimed at individual researchers to apply for a grant to organise a single conference consisting of: •Ninety to 150 participants (including up to 25 speakers and convenors); •a duration of four to five days; •core activities include: lectures by invited speakers, short talks by young scientists, poster sessions and extensive discussion periods, forward look plenary discussion about future developments in the field; •joint meals and social activities to encourage further contact and networking. Applicants should be individual scientists/researchers based at European universities/research institutes (in the broad sense) in ESF member organisation countries. The conference should fit within the ESF research conferences scheme. Please visit <http://www.esf.org/activities/esf-conferences/call-for-proposals.html>
- **Canon Foundation in Europe - Research Fellowships.** **Deadline: 15 September 2008.**

The Canon Foundation in Europe is inviting applications for its fellowships. Up to 15 grants are awarded annually to young, highly qualified European and Japanese researchers, not more than 40 years old and holding a doctorate or at least a master's degree. The European fellowship holders pursue a period of research in Japan whereas the Japanese fellows do their research at host institutions in Europe. The fellowships are awarded for periods of minimum three months and maximum one year. The fellowships are awarded regardless of discipline and existing employment positions. Canon fellows from Europe are free to choose their host institutes and hosts in Japan. The same freedom is given to Japanese Canon fellows coming to

Europe. Research fellowships may be applied for when an agreement on cooperation and on a research plan has been reached between the guest researcher and the proposed host institution. Applications can also be submitted by members of commercial, industrial, governmental or professional organisations. The financial support for research fellows ranges from 22,500 euros to 27,500 euros per year and pro-rata for different periods. The Canon Foundation gives priority to those who plan to travel to Europe or Japan rather than prolong a current stay. Please visit [http://www.canonfoundation.org/programmes\\_1\\_fellow.html](http://www.canonfoundation.org/programmes_1_fellow.html)

- **Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council I- Longer and Larger Responsive Research Grants (above £2 million).** **Deadline: outline applications 4pm, 17 September 2008; full proposal due to normal responsive mode closing dates within six months of the invitation to submit.**

The Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council invites outline proposals for its responsive mode grants valued at a full economic cost of £2 million and above. Proposals should: fall in BBSRC's remit; aim to address a strategically important biological problem which merits large scale commitment and has added benefit from being funded as a single grant; not principally be a request for large equipment; if multidisciplinary, state which disciplines outside the biosciences are also involved (these multidisciplinary skills may be located within a single department). The scheme is open to higher education institutions and research council institutes for which BBSRC has established a long term involvement as major funder as part of the national research base. Individual applicants must be resident in the UK and hold an appointment which extends beyond the period of the research grant at either an eligible HEI or RCI at lecturer level or equivalent and above. For more information please go to <http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/funding/grants/lola.html>

#### Thursday 31 July 2008

- **The Human Frontier Science Programme Crossdisciplinary Fellowships.** **Deadline: For pre-registration and obtaining an application password: 28 August 2008; for applications: 11 September 2008.**

The Human Frontier Science Programme is inviting applications for its crossdisciplinary fellowships. This programme supports international, preferably intercontinental collaborations in basic life science research with emphasis placed on novel, innovative and interdisciplinary approaches to fundamental investigations. Applications are invited for grants to support new approaches to understanding complex mechanisms of living organisms involving biologists collaborating with scientists from disciplines such as chemistry, physics, mathematics, computational biology, nanoscience and engineering. Preliminary results are not required. Applicants are expected to develop new lines of research distinct from their ongoing research. Grants provide three years support for two to four member teams, with not more than one member from any one country, unless critical for the interdisciplinary nature of the project, which is an essential selection criterion. Awards are dependent upon team size and successful teams. The principal applicant must be located in one of the following countries: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Cyprus (EU part), the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, the Republic of Ireland, Italy, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the UK and the USA. Please visit [http://www.hfsp.org/how/appl\\_forms\\_CDF.php](http://www.hfsp.org/how/appl_forms_CDF.php)

- **University of Oxford, UK - Visiting Fellowships.** **Deadline: 5 September 2008**  
All Souls College in Oxford invites applications for its visiting fellowships. These enable scholars to spend one to three terms during the October 2009 to June 2010 academic year carrying out study or research in Oxford. There is no limitation upon the field of study. Please see <http://www.all-souls.ox.ac.uk/elections/visiting.php>
- **City University of New York, US - International Fellows Program.** **Deadline: 11 September 2008.**

The City University of New York's Center for the Study of Philanthropy invites applications under its international fellows program. The program provides leadership training through applied research and professional mentorships for young scholar-practitioners in the non-profit sector. The fellow will be selected from abroad and also from communities of color under-represented in the grantmaking sector in the US. The topic for this year will be community foundations. A limited number of fellowships for research on diaspora philanthropy, as well as other topics, may be available. Fellows will participate in a three-month seminar on the US and international voluntary sectors. Each fellowship covers the cost of tuition and includes a \$1,300 per month stipend to cover living expenses. The center will also provide single-room dormitory accommodations with shared facilities as well as round-trip air tickets for travel to and from New York City. Please visit [http://www.philanthropy.org/programs/intnl\\_fellows\\_program.html](http://www.philanthropy.org/programs/intnl_fellows_program.html)

- Royal Society, UK - International Grants. Deadline: 12 September 2008.**  
 The international grants programme enables high calibre UK scientists to initiate collaborations, exchange ideas, develop new skills and experience from the world's leading researchers. The Royal Society runs exchange programmes with Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Latvia, Lithuania, Mongolia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey; plus other countries in central and eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union, the middle and far East. International grants includes the following:  
 (A) joint projects: These grants provide two years' support to cover costs of exchanging staff involved in collaborative research between a UK and an overseas group;  
 (B) networking scheme: This scheme is aimed specifically at developing new and enduring partnerships between the UK and China, India, South Africa and Korea. Grants are available for any field of science and technology and cover one to one meetings or small seminars/workshops;  
 (C) short visits: these grants, both to the UK, and from the UK, provide support for visits of between one week and three months, with the purpose of enhancing the research capabilities of individual scientists and developing collaborative links.  
 Please visit <http://royalsociety.org/funding.asp?id=2344>

Thursday 24 July 2008

- EPSRC/ESRC Joint Call: Energy and equity, and sustainable energy and energy security - research clusters. Deadline: 4 September 2008**  
 The EPSRC and the ESRC, under the Research Councils' Energy Programme, are seeking to support a number of interdisciplinary research clusters under two key research themes: (a) energy and equity. Clusters should explore the interactions between sustainable energy policies, strategies, technologies and infrastructure, and issues of equity; (b) sustainable energy and energy security. The focus will be on the challenges associated with increased UK dependence on oil and gas imports highlighted in the Energy Review, recognising the interconnections with a wide range of broader energy issues. The call is open to researchers based at any institution eligible for EPSRC, ESRC, NERC and BBSRC managed mode funding. The proposal must be submitted by a researcher who will be responsible for the development and management of the cluster. One co-investigator can be named if the cluster is to be managed jointly. Each cluster should involve people from a range of disciplines which cover more than one of the councils' disciplinary areas. Cluster members should offer a diversity of expertise and experience and could include representatives from higher education, other research organisations and the business, non-governmental organisations, policy, and practitioner communities. The application may include collaboration with people outside the UK. All clusters will work to the same timetable, to maximise opportunities for cross-cluster discussions and networking, and are therefore expected to run for up to four years from 1 January 2009. Up to £2 million is available for this call to support up to five clusters. Eligible expenses include: Investigators' salaries; research support; travel and subsistence; administrative support; event organisation. Please see <http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/CallsForProposals/EESCall.htm>
- ESRC/BBSRC/MRC Joint Call: Understanding individual behaviour - exploratory networks. Deadline for expressions of interest 4pm, 3 September; applications 4pm, 23 September 2008.**  
 The ESRC in collaboration with the BBSRC and MRC invites applications for innovative exploratory networks in the area of understanding individual behaviour. This call is for new bids for pump priming activities to support exploratory networks. The pump priming funding is intended to encourage the development of interdisciplinary networks, innovative research ideas, the conduct of pilot and proof of principle studies as preliminary investigations, and putting together more substantial bids for funding of interdisciplinary collaborations. In addressing the central question: how can we best develop the integrated study of the social and biological influences on behaviour of individuals, a number of overarching issues have been identified. Proposals should address at least one of the following aspects in the course of their activities: timing over the life course; decision making and risk taking; adaptation, wellbeing and resilience; innovative methodologies and new technologies; longitudinal data. Eligible thematic areas include: •health behaviours; •financial and economic behaviour; •learning, education and symbolic systems; •fertility and reproductive behaviour; •criminal and antisocial behaviour; •sex differences; •environment and behaviour. Please see: [http://www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/opportunities/current\\_funding\\_opportunities/UIB.aspx?ComponentId=26866&SourcePageId=5964#0](http://www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/opportunities/current_funding_opportunities/UIB.aspx?ComponentId=26866&SourcePageId=5964#0)
- AHRC/EPSC Joint Call: Science and heritage research clusters. Deadline: 4 September 2008.**

The AHRC and the EPSRC have issued a call for proposals within the science and heritage programme aims to support innovative cross-sector and interdisciplinary networking activities, falling within research clusters. Research clusters will be a forum for the discussion and exchange of ideas on a specified thematic area, complex issue or problem. The awards are intended to facilitate interactions between researchers and stakeholders from a range of disciplines and institutions, and each cluster will be expected to include participants working in subject areas from both the AHRC and the EPSRC remits. Applications are sought that explore ideas from one of the following themes: •nature of transformation; •authenticity, authentication and security; •interpretation and representation; •cultural encounters and explorations; •human and machine interfaces; •resilience and adaptation. The participants must be drawn from a number of different types of research organisations, including higher education, research institutions, heritage institutions, museums, galleries, libraries and archives, in order to achieve the kind of intellectual interaction and exchange envisaged. The inclusion in the clusters of participants from beyond the academic community, for example through the involvement of knowledge transfer networks, is particularly encouraged, as is the involvement of new researchers and research students. Proposals with full economic costs of up to £30,000 for a period of between four and 12 months may be submitted. Awards will cover the operating and support costs involved in establishing and organising the operation of a cluster. It is expected that the programme will fund around 10 clusters through this call. Awards must have a start date between 1 December 2008 and 31 March 2009.

[http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/apply/research/sfi/ahrcsi/scienceheritage/research\\_clusters.asp](http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/apply/research/sfi/ahrcsi/scienceheritage/research_clusters.asp)