

Research Update Archive – October-December 2008

Thursday 18 December

- **Asthma UK – Project funding programme. Deadline: 30 January 2009.**
Asthma UK invites applications for its research project funding programme. The programme supports projects that aim to increase understanding of why people develop asthma and identify new treatments to control and prevent asthma. The following types of grants are offered under the programme:
 - foundation grants capped at £50,000 each;
 - project grants;
 - pilot studies;
 - systematic reviews, capped at £30,000, particularly around the shared clinician and patient priorities identified in partnership with the James Lind Alliance;
 - scientific studies based on previous Asthma UK challenge fund applications;
 - research to address gaps in the clinical BTS/SIGN guidelines for the management of asthma;
 - social research projects.Applications are welcome from clinical and non-clinical researchers, covering basic science, social science and clinical management of asthma and health services research. Lead applicants, including joint lead applicants, must have a tenured position at a UK university or similar research institution, and have their salaries guaranteed for the term of the grant. See http://www.asthma.org.uk/researchers/apply_for_funding/research_project_fun.html
- **Association for the Study of Medical Education – Small Grants. Deadline: 30 January 2009.**
The Association for the Study of Medical Education invites applications for its small grants. Proposals should be for a piece of work, survey, research or innovation in teaching in the field of medical and health care education. Grants support educational research projects or teaching innovations that may require moderate amounts of funding to cover transcription costs. Applicants need to be members of the association. The maximum award per individual or project under the scheme will be £2,000. See http://www.asme.org.uk/grants/small_grants_09.htm
- **Wellcome Trust – Technology transfer awards. Deadline for preliminary applications: 6 February 2009.**
The Wellcome Trust invites preliminary proposals under its technology transfer translation awards scheme. Translation awards are response-mode grants designed to bridge the funding gap in the commercialisation of new technologies in the biomedical area. Projects covering any aspect of product or technology development with origins in the biomedical, physical, chemical, engineering, computational or materials sciences are eligible, providing the project:
 - addresses an unmet need in health care or in applied medical research;
 - offer a potential new solution;
 - have a realistic expectation that the innovation will be developed further by the market.Not-for-profit research institutions or companies based in the UK or RoI are eligible to apply. Overseas organisations should confirm their eligibility status with the technology transfer department before applying. UK organisations may contract or collaborate with overseas organisations. <http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Technology-transfer/Awards/Translation-Awards/>

Thursday 11 December

- **Wellcome Trust Engaging science: arts awards - large projects. Deadline: 23 January 2009.**
The Wellcome Trust invites applications for large 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. Projects should have some biomedical scientific input either through a scientist taking on an advisory role or through direct collaboration. Funding of over £30,000 per award for up to three years is available to fund full or part production costs for large-scale arts projects that aim to have significant impact on the

public's engagement with biomedical science. The trust is also interested in supporting high-quality, multi-audience, multi-outcome projects. The scheme is open to a wide range of people including artists, scientists, curators, filmmakers, writers, producers, directors, academics, science communicators, teachers, arts workers and education officers. Applicants must be based in the UK or RoI and the activity must take place in the UK or RoI. Eligible candidates are usually affiliated to organisations, but can apply as individuals. Please see:

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Public-engagement/Grants/Arts-Awards/index.htm>

- **Royal Geographical Society, UK – Small Grants; EPSRC Geographical Research Grants; Jasmin Leila Award.** **Deadline: 23 January 2009.**

The Royal Geographical Society, with the Institute of British Geographers, invites applications for the following awards:

- small research grants. Some preference will be given to grants that are largely pump-priming, preparatory to larger grant applications. Applicants for these grants must be fellow or members of the society;

- Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council geographical research grants. These support postdoctoral research on topics of relevance to EPSRC. Priority topics for the EPSRC award include: energy demand/use; climate change; sustainable urban environments;

- Jasmin Leila award. A grant of £250 will be given as a supplement to one of the supported small research grant projects, or to an independent project, that contains one or more of the following themes: medical and health geography; performance (especially any aspects of music, theatre, fashion and dance) and their geographies; transnational communities.

Small research grants and EPSRC grants are worth £3,000 each and will fund expenses for original desk or field-based geographical research. Eligible costs include travel, maintenance, data collection and temporary research assistance. Applicants for all awards must hold a PhD and be based at a UK research institution. Preference is given to those in the early stages of their careers. Please see:

<http://www.rgs.org/OurWork/Grants/Research/Small+Research+Grants+and+EPSRC+Grants.htm>

- **ASEASUK Research Committee for South East Asian Studies – Research Grants.**

Deadline: 31 January 2009.

The Committee (formerly the British Academy CSEAS) invites applications to support advanced post-doctoral (or equivalent) research in the humanities and social sciences on South-East Asia (Brunei, Cambodia, East Timor, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam) and the wider region in line with the Committee's Strategic Research Plan 'Integration and interaction in the South-East Asian region'. Grants are made either for individual research or for collaborative projects: they are not made to support doctoral research. Grants offered are normally up to £5,000 for a twelve-month period, but awards up to £20,000 for strategic research projects with a major outreach component will be considered. Requests for extensions of grants for a further twelve months are considered on submission of a satisfactory progress report. Please see

http://aseasuk.org.uk/?page_id=9

- **Wingate Foundation, UK – Scholarships.** **Deadline: 30 January 2009.**

The Harold Hyam Wingate Foundation invites applications for its scholarships to pursue pioneering work in a wide variety of fields of intellectual, scientific, artistic, social or environmental value. The following areas are NOT eligible for funding:

- medical research, unless highly cross-disciplinary in nature;

- performing arts, except music;

- taught courses, courses or diplomas leading to professional qualifications or electives, courses or diplomas, art or business college and fine art or photography.

They are to help with the costs of a specific project which may last up to three years. The average award is about £6,500 and the maximum in any one year is £10,000. Applicants must be aged 24 years or over and must be UK, EU, Commonwealth, Ireland or Israeli citizens resident in the British Isles. The Foundation funds independent research projects in most subjects (this includes writing projects in biography, fiction and non-fiction, poetry, translation etc); doctoral and post-doctoral studies (doctoral candidates may apply at any stage of their degree); field work associated with independent research, doctoral or post-doctoral projects; advanced music training; craft & design research projects. For more information please visit

<http://www.wingatescholarships.org.uk/overview.php>

Thursday 4 December

- **ESRC Follow-on Funding Scheme.** **Deadline: 8 January 2009.**

The Economic and Social Research Council has issued a call for its follow-on funding scheme. The scheme provides funding to undertake additional knowledge transfer and impact generation activities that can demonstrate the potential for significant economic, social, policy or practice benefits. Applicants that seek to commercialise research and those from resources

and methods research investments will also be eligible for support. Knowledge transfer and impact generation activities might include: •jointly planned and delivered projects with user partner showing wider benefits; interpretation and application of data for defined purposes; •conferences and seminars for a policy/practice audience; practitioner-relevant publications; •co-funded placement fellowships. Awards of up to £100,000 (at 80 per cent of full economic costs) will be made for a maximum of 12 months. Eligible costs may include: a research assistant's salary; travel and subsistence; equipment; costs for a conference organiser and specialist staff (eg a science writer).

http://www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/opportunities/current_funding_opportunities/FoF.aspx?ComponentId=27622&SourcePageId=5964#0

- **AHRC/ESRC Religion and Society Programme – Large Grants.** **Deadline: outline applications 8 January; invited full applications 14 May 2009.**
The Arts and Humanities Research Council and the Economic and Social Research Council invite applications for large grants under their joint religion and society programme. The programme aims to explore the current developments in the arts and humanities and social sciences communities, concerning questions of belief, human culture, society and religion. This call is open across the full programme specification but the AHRC and ESRC are particularly keen to encourage proposals in the following specific areas: •meaning, defining and being; •religion, media and the arts; •texts, spaces, rituals and objects; •law, politics and the state. Projects may last between one and three years, with awards ranging between £100,000 and £600,000 full economic costs. Applicants for three-year grants may also propose a single studentship in association with the project.
<http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/FundingOpportunities/Pages/ReligionandSociety-LargeGrants.aspx>
- **MRC, UK Health Departments. Lifelong health and wellbeing - collaborative development networks.** **Deadline: 14 January 2009.**
The Medical Research Council, in partnership with other UK Research Councils and the UK Health Departments invite applications for collaborative development network grants under their lifelong health and wellbeing funding initiative. The objectives of the LLHW scheme are to: target factors over the life course that may be major determinants of health and wellbeing in later life; identify and develop effective interventions that lead to improved health and quality of life in later life; inform policy and practice including the development of services and technologies to support independent living; increase capacity and capability in ageing-relevant research. The focus of the call is to drive forward innovative high quality multidisciplinary research in highlighted priority areas that would not usually be supported through existing funding schemes. Proposals are welcome in the following research priority areas: •mental capital, mental health and wellbeing; •markers for the ageing process; •interactions between determinants of healthy ageing; •interventions that promote healthy ageing and independence in later life. Collaborative development networks are designed to build research capacity and capability by establishing multidisciplinary partnerships. Stakeholder and user engagement will be an essential component of network activities. Applicants can request up to £50,000 for a maximum period of 10 months (this scheme is outside the scope of full economic costs).
<http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Utilities/Documentrecord/index.htm?d=MRC005166>
- **BBSRC Responsive research grants -up to £2 million.** **Deadline: 14 January 2009.**
The Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council invites applications for responsive research grants of up to £2 million full economic cost value. Proposals should preferably address one of the priority areas identified by BBSRC's scientific committees. The committees' respective remits are: agri-food; animal sciences; biochemistry and cell biology; biomolecular sciences; engineering and biological systems; genes and developmental biology; plant and microbial sciences. Higher education institutions and research council institutes for which the BBSRC has established a long term involvement as major funder as part of the national research base may apply for research grants. 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 higher education institute, research council institute or independent research organisation at lecturer level or equivalent and above. All applications must be costed on the basis of full economic costs. If a grant is awarded, the BBSRC will provide funding at a rate of 80 per cent of FEC. Requests for funding of more than £2m FEC have to be submitted via the responsive modes longer larger grants scheme.
<http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/funding/apply/deadlines.html>

Thursday 27 November

- **Linnean Society, Systematics research fund.** **Deadline: 31 December 2008.**
The Linnean Society and the Systematics Association are inviting applications for grants from its systematics research fund. Small grants of up to £1,500 are available to all researchers regardless of nationality. Typical activities supported include contributions to fieldwork expenditure, the purchase of scientific equipment or expertise (eg buying time on analytical

equipment), specimen preparation (including the cost of temporary technical assistance), and contributions to publication costs. Projects of a more general or educational nature will also be considered, provided that they include a strong systematics component. Please visit <http://www.linnean.org/index.php?id=331>

- **Wellcome Trust, Medical Humanities Programme - History of medicine programme grants.** **Deadline:** preliminary applications 1 January 2009; invited full applications 1 March 2009.

The Wellcome Trust invites applications for its history of medicine programme grants. These provide support for five years for extensive or long-term research, and encourage researchers to pursue new ideas and avenues. Programme grants allow researchers the opportunity to concentrate on research, and establish and retain teams of research workers. Applicants should normally hold an established post in a university or institution in the UK, ROI or the Netherlands. Grants cover expenses for salaries, travel, attendance at meetings and equipment. <http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Medical-humanities/Grants/History-of-medicine/Research-support/WTD003789.htm>

- **BA, Conference Support Grants and Overseas Conference Grants.** **Deadlines:** 15 January 2009 (for conferences commencing from April 2009 onwards), and 30 April 2009 (for conferences commencing from July 2009 onwards).

The Conference Support Grants are designed to promote the dissemination of advanced research. Conference convenors may apply for any combination of the following: (a) financial assistance, whether for bringing key speakers to the UK (or other location if the event is to be held abroad), or for a wider range of expenses; (b) use of the British Academy as a venue; (c) organisational assistance from the Academy's conference team; (d) subsequent publication of proceedings by the Academy. (Please note that applications will not be entertained for (d) alone.) This scheme also provides an opportunity for a conference to be adopted into the Academy's own Events diary. The Academy welcomes applications for conferences held in collaboration with other organisations. Overseas Conference Grants are available for the travel expenses of a scholar delivering a paper at a conference abroad. Awards will be announced in March 2009 and June 2009 respectively. Please note that application forms currently available must only be used for the January deadline. Please visit www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/ocg.html

- **British Academy Newton International Fellowships.** **Deadline:** 12 January 2009.

A new round of Newton Fellowships - an initiative to fund research collaborations and improve links between UK and overseas researchers - has opened. The Newton International Fellowships are funded by the British Academy, the Royal Academy of Engineering and the Royal Society and aim to attract the most promising post-doctoral researchers working overseas in the fields of humanities, engineering, natural and social sciences. The Fellowships enable researchers to work for two years with a UK research institution, thus establishing long-term international collaborations. The funding will be distributed in the form of 50 research fellowships, awarded annually, each providing support of up to £100,000 for a two year placement. The scheme is open to post-doctoral (and equivalent) early-career researchers working outside the UK who do not hold UK citizenship. Please visit www.newtonfellowships.org

Thursday 20 November

- **The European Association of Experimental Social Psychology – Grants.** **Deadline:** 31 March, 30 June, 30 September, 30 December annually.

The European Association of Experimental Social Psychology (EAESP) invites applications for the following grant schemes: **Postgraduate and postdoctoral travel grants** that are intended to support: a) short visits of postgraduate or postdoctoral students to departments elsewhere in the world in order to conduct new research, complete ongoing projects, or undergo training in a particular methodology or technology; b) participation of postgraduate or postdoctoral students in meetings, conferences or summer schools co-sponsored by EAESP (max €800). **Regional activity grants** that are intended to promote any initiative that specifically serves EAESP members from regions where access to scientific information, facilities or funding is scarce compared to European standards. Under this scheme, support may be granted for initiatives involving visits from either single researchers or groups (max €3,500). **Post doctoral seed corn research grants** that aim to assist researchers in developing new research projects during the immediate postdoctoral period (max €2,000). Applicants should be members of the EAESP. Please visit <http://www.eaesp.org/activities/own/grants.htm>

- **The Society for Latin American Studies, UK – Conference and Event Organisation Grants.** **Deadline:** 31 December 2008.

The Society for Latin American Studies invites applications for its conference and event organisation grants for 2008. Funds are available to support conferences and other events

which should: be likely to advance the objects of the society; be of high quality; appeal to a considerable number of members; other ways reflect well on the society. The maximum allocation will be £1,000 per conference or event. Rather than for general conference or event expenses, applications for funds must be directed to some specific purpose.

<http://www.slas.org.uk/grantsPrizes/confEventsGrants.htm>

- **Leverhulme Trust, Study Abroad Studentships. Deadline: 8 January 2009.**
Study Abroad Studentships support an extended period of advanced study or research at a centre of learning in any overseas country, with the exception of the USA. Applicants must have been resident in the UK for at least five years at the time of application and must hold an undergraduate degree from a UK institution. Undergraduates may not apply for these awards. They should be under age 30 or, if older, make a strong and appropriate case for special consideration. They should also be able to demonstrate how their work would benefit from being conducted overseas rather than in the UK. Those wishing only to improve their foreign language skills are not eligible for this scheme.
http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/grants_awards/grants/study_abroad_studentships/

Thursday 13 November

- **Royal Society, European science exchange programme (Western Europe) joint projects. Deadline: 12 December 2008.**
The Royal Society invites applications for its joint projects under the European science exchange programme with Western Europe. The programme is designed to enable international collaboration by providing a mobility grant for researchers to cover travel, subsistence and research expenses. The collaboration should be based on a single project between two teams of individuals, one in the UK and one in another western European country, over two years. All sciences within the remit of the Royal Society are eligible under the scheme. Funding amounts to £6,000 per annum for a duration of two years. Project leaders on both sides must be of at least postdoctoral status. It is the responsibility of the UK scientist to submit all applications. Applications received directly from overseas scientists will not be accepted. Please see <http://royalsociety.org/funding.asp?id=2344>
- **Yale University, US. Short-term fellowships for visiting scholars. Deadline: 15 December 2008.**
The Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library at Yale University invites applications for its short-term fellowships program. The aim of the fellowships is to support visiting scholars pursuing postdoctoral or equivalent research using the library collections. The fellowships will pay for travel costs to and from New Haven and a living allowance of \$4,500 per month and are designed to provide access to the library for scholars who live outside the greater New Haven area. Fellowships, normally granted for one month, must be taken up between September 1, 2009 and May 31, 2010. Recipients are expected to be in residence during the period of their award. See <http://www.library.yale.edu/beinecke/brbleduc/brblapplyvisiting.html>
- **Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation, Small grants. Deadline: 15 December 2008.**
The Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation invites applications for its small pump-priming grants. These fund projects in: •arts and culture; •science, technology and environment; •humanities and social issues; •Japanese language; •medicine and health; •schools, education and youth exchanges; •sport. While encouraging applications in each of the above fields, the foundation particularly wishes to support activities/projects in science and technology; medicine and health; environment and social issues; Japanese studies; and in the Japanese language. Financial support is available for: •visits between the UK and Japan by academics; •research and collaborative studies, seminars, workshops, lectures and publications in academic and specialist fields. Emphasis is placed on projects involving groups in both the UK and Japan. Please visit <http://www.gbsf.org.uk/application/index.html> for more information
- **NHS Estates, Physical environment research grants. Deadline: 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.
http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Managingyourorganisation/Estatesandfacilitiesmanagement/DH_4118973

Thursday 6 November

- **EPSRC/STFC, Next generation facility users grants. Deadline: 9 December 2008.**
 The Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council, in collaboration with the Science and Technology Facilities Council, invites applications for studentship based research projects to be carried out at the research councils' central scientific facilities. A total funding amount of £3 million will be made available for a balanced portfolio of research with an element of doctoral training at these facilities. Research projects will have a duration of four years. They must fall within the remit of EPSRC and should be suitable for doctoral level training. The following facilities are eligible: Diamond, ISIS (including second target station), CLF, ESRF, ILL, the free electron laser facilities, the research complex at Harwell in conjunction with RAL based facilities. Projects are not limited to using a single facility. The use of complementary eligible facilities is encouraged. Investigators must be academic employees at a UK university and must be resident in the UK. <http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/CallsForProposals/NGFUCall.htm>
- **BBSRC, Longer and larger responsive research grants - above £2 million. Deadline: outline applications 4pm, 10 December 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 lasts for at least the duration of the research grant, at either an eligible HEI, RCI or independent research organisation at lecturer level or equivalent and above. <http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/funding/grants/lola.html>
- **ESRC, First Grants Scheme. Deadline: outline proposals 4pm, 11 December 2008.**
 The Economic and Social Research Council is inviting applications for its first grants scheme to assist new researchers and academics at the start of their careers gain experience of managing and leading research projects. The scheme is open to all staff of higher education institutions and recognised independent research organisations. Applicants should not have previously been principal investigators on research council awards. They should be within six years of the completion of their PhD or equivalent professional standing. Awards are worth up to £400,000 full economic costs, for a maximum duration of three years. http://www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/opportunities/current_funding_opportunities/First08.aspx?ComponentId=28778&SourcePageId=5964#0
- **Breast Cancer Campaign, Scientific Fellowships. Deadline: 12 December 2008.**
 Breast Cancer Campaign is the only charity that specialises in funding breast cancer research throughout the UK and has recently extended its award schemes to researchers in the Republic of Ireland. They are now inviting applications for scientific fellowships, to be awarded in May 2009. This funding is for post-doctoral scientists to become independent researchers specialising in breast cancer. Awards are for up to £450,000 for five years. Grant applications in the following research areas are welcomed: basic, translational and pre-clinical research, prevention (impact of diet and lifestyle on risk), psychosocial sciences, epidemiology, nursing, palliative care, complementary therapy, general practice, education, radiology, medicinal chemistry, pharmacy and pharmacology. Please visit <http://www.breastcancercampaign.org/whatwedo/applyGrant/>

Thursday 30 October

- **Mazak Foundation Research and Development Grants. Deadline: 30 November 2008.**
 The Mazak Foundation invites applications for its research and development grants. The aim is to support research and development in order to affect advanced production systems mainly on the utilisation of machine tools and to advance production engineering through the incorporation of international technology to contribute to the advancement of the machinery industry worldwide. The foundation aims to assist and subsidise universities, institutions and individuals worldwide who are engaged in the research and development in such fields as production engineering, information-network technologies, control technologies, machine tools and other peripheral equipment such as robotics. The following entities are eligible to apply: institutional and individual scholars; institutions including attached research organisations; technical colleges; other scholars and organizations admitted by Mazak foundation. There are no nationality restrictions. <http://www.mazak-f.or.jp/eng/05.html>
- **The European Society for Paediatric Infectious Diseases, . Small Grant Awards. Deadline: 30 November 2008.**

The European Society for Paediatric Infectious Diseases invites applications for its small grant awards. Small pump priming grants of up to 5,000 euros are available to support research work designed to produce pilot data for further external funding. Research must be directly relevant to the pathogenesis, epidemiology, prevention, diagnosis or treatment of paediatric infectious diseases. Grants provide funding for the purchase of laboratory consumables or small amounts of administrative time or other technical or information technology support. Applicants must be a paid-up members of the society at the time of application. Preference will be given to applications of high scientific quality from younger members who have not previously received substantial research funding. If the scheme succeeds and is maintained, each awardee will be eligible to make a single follow up application for further funding up to 5,000 euros for the same project, based on the results from the first award.

http://www.espid.org/award_content.aspx?Group=Awards&Page=SmallGrant

- **British International Studies Association, Workshop Grants.** **Deadline: 1 December 2008.** The British International Studies Association invites applications for its workshop grants. Grants support focused collaborative research efforts in any area of international studies. It is expected that the research efforts will lead to high profile publications, and that at least 70 per cent of the workshop participants should be association members. Grants are worth up to £4,000. <http://www.bisa.ac.uk/funding/workshop.htm>
- **Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research, Rubicon Scholarship Programme.** **Deadline: 2 December 2008.** The Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research invites applications for the Rubicon programme. Grants enable researchers from abroad to spend one year conducting research in the Netherlands. The Rubicon programme is open to all scientific disciplines. Depending on the nature of the project, applicants may conduct field research. Postgraduates who are currently engaged in doctoral research, or who have been awarded a doctorate in the 12 months before 2 December 2008, may apply. Women are encouraged to apply. Applications must be submitted by individual researchers. The research should be conducted between 1 May and 1 August 2009. Awards are worth 55,000 euros each. The total budget is 5.3 million euros a year. http://www.nwo.nl/nwohome.nsf/pages/NWOP_6H2G7R_Eng

Thursday 23 October

- **EPSRC Digital Economy Research Hubs.** **Deadline: 26 November 2008.** The Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council invite applications for its digital economy research hubs programme. Under this programme, proposals are invited for large-scale, multidisciplinary research hubs to address the challenges of the digital economy through a critical mass approach. In this phase of the call, the programme will focus on engagement with the transport, creative industries and healthcare sectors, but will aim to build engagement with other sectors where the use of information can have a transformative effect. A total of £36 million is available to support three hubs for five years. This figure includes £2 million per hub for a partnership resource. <http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/CallsForProposals/DEResearchHubs.htm>
- **MRC Programme Grants.** **Deadline: 27 November 2008.** The Medical Research Council invites outline applications for its programme grants. These provide larger, longer term (five years) and renewable programme funding. A programme is defined as a coordinated and coherent group of related projects, which may be to answer an inter-related set of questions across a broad scientific area. The expectation is that not all the questions will necessarily be answered within the tenure of the award. The programme may be a continuation of a current activity. Any UK-based researcher who can demonstrate that they will direct the proposed research and be actively engaged in carrying it through. The minimum academic qualification required is a graduate degree, although usually a PhD is required. The principal investigator should have a substantial record of research. Programme grants will usually be based within an academic institution which has the variety of expertise and disciplines to undertake the programme. <http://www.mrc.ac.uk/ApplyingforaGrant/AvailableGrants/ProgrammeGrants/index.htm>
- **Royal Geographical Society, British Airways RGS-IBG travel bursaries.** **Deadline: 30 November 2008.** These bursaries are offered to provide assistance to researchers undertaking tourism-related research (or fieldwork) outside the UK. These provide free flights to successful applicants, thereby enabling crucial funds to be redirected and spent on other important aspects of a project. The applicant must be undertaking a research project at postgraduate level or be an established researcher (under 35 years of age). The applicant may be from any nation, but must be registered with, or an active researcher in a UK higher education institute. <http://www.rgs.org/HomePage.htm>

Thursday 16 October

- **BBSRC/EPSRC, Diet and Health Research Industry Club call for proposals. Deadline for Outline applications: 14 November 2008.**

The Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council, together with the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council, has issued a call for outline proposals under its diet and health research industry club funding programme. The aim of DRINC is to support high quality research into diet and health within UK universities and research institutes and to obtain underpinning knowledge that will provide valuable results in the long-term, enabling the UK food industry to develop and deliver new foods of benefit to the consumer. Under this call, proposals are sought in the following areas: •improved understanding of how food and drink can contribute to a healthy diet in ways that are acceptable to the consumer; •bioactives for health benefit. Eligible topics include: production, formation and separation of bioactives; processing and delivery; efficacy, mechanism and best practice for proving action. Proposals must fall within the remit of BBSRC, but may also include aspects of MRC's or EPSRC's remit. The call is open to UK higher education institutions, independent research organisations and BBSRC sponsored institutes. A total funding amount of £3.5 million has been allocated to this round to support a portfolio of projects. Grants will have a maximum duration of five years. Please visit http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/business/collaborative_research/industry_clubs/drinc/apply.html
- **British Academy/Leverhulme Trust, Senior Research Fellowships and Thank-Offering to Britain Fellowship. Deadline: 14 November 2008.**

The British Academy, in partnership with the Leverhulme Trust, invites applications for its senior research fellowships. These provide a period of research leave for one year for established scholars during which they will be able to complete a major piece of research while their normal teaching and administrative duties are covered by a full-time replacement. Any field of study within the humanities or social sciences is eligible under the scheme. Applicants must be members of academic staff employed in UK universities or other scholarly institutions. Please visit <http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/srf.cfm>
- **Medical Research Council, Addiction Research Funding Strategy- first call for research proposals. Deadline: 19 November 2008.**

The Medical Research Council invites applications for its addiction research funding strategy-first call for research proposals. This call is for pilot/ proof-of-principle funding and focuses on making better use of the infrastructure that already exists and which could be further exploited to support innovative addiction research. Infrastructure in this case refers to surveys, databases, cohorts, clinical networks and the like; also genotyping and brain imaging facilities. In the context of this call, addiction applies to illicit drug use, addiction to nicotine and abuse of alcohol and problem gambling. Applications are welcome from all members of established university-based staff and NIHR faculty members. Funding will be in the region of £100,000 to £300,000 on a full economic cost basis for up to two years. Please visit <http://www.mrc.ac.uk/ApplyingforaGrant/CallsForProposals/Addiction/Callspecification/index.htm>

Thursday 9 October

- **ESRC – Irish Collaborative Grants. Deadline: 07 November 2008.** The Economic and Social Research Council and the Irish Research Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences invite applications under their bilateral agreement programme aimed at facilitating collaboration between social science researchers in Ireland and the UK. Proposals will be accepted on any subject within the remit of both councils, this includes: economics, economics and social history, management and business studies, political science, socio-legal studies, education, psychology, cognitive studies, linguistics, human geography, environmental planning, international studies, area and development studies, social statistics, demography, social science computing, social anthropology, social policy and social work. ESRC applications must be submitted under the normal standard or small grants scheme. Proposed projects may be between one and three years in length, and projects must start no later than 1 October 2009. The maximum sum awarded per grant will be 300,000 euros from the IRCHSS and £200,000 from the ESRC. <http://www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/opportunities/international/ESRCIrelandbilateral.aspx?ComponentId=12631>
- **Royal Society, Partnership Grants. Deadline: 07 November 2008.** The Royal Society invites applications under its partnership grants scheme to enhance science education in the UK. The scheme offers up to £3,000 for teachers and scientists/engineers to work in partnership on activities involving students from five to 18 years old. Applications are welcomed from UK primary or secondary school teacher or practising scientists or engineers (ie above graduate

level in university or with appropriate industrial experience). The grant is awarded directly to the participating school, enabling it to pay for any specialist equipment needed for the investigation, travel expenses for the scientist or engineer or the school group and possibly teacher supply cover. <http://royalsociety.org/page.asp?id=1948>

- **Leverhulme Trust, Research Fellowships.** **Deadline: 07 November 2008.** The Leverhulme Trust invites applications for its research fellowships. These support experienced researchers, particularly those who are or have been prevented by routine duties from completing a programme of original research. There are no restrictions on academic discipline, and awards are not limited to those holding appointments in higher education. Eligible applicants must: be resident in the UK; be able to demonstrate experience and academic background sufficient to confirm their ability to complete the proposed research; not be registered for a degree, for doctoral studies, or for profession or vocational qualifications. Fellowships will last between three and 24 months and have a maximum value of £35,000. Awards may cover research expenses or a contribution towards replacement costs or loss of earnings. http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/grants_awards/grants/research_fellowships/
- **Royal Society, Research Grants.** **Deadline: 07 November 2007 and 3 April 2009.** The Royal Society invites applications for its research grants. The scheme provides seed corn funding for new projects of timeliness and promise initiated by young scientists at an early stage of their career or by established scientists wishing to change the direction of their research. The grants cover all subjects within the remit of the Royal Society, including physics, chemistry, mathematics, engineering science, agricultural and medical research, the scientific aspects of archaeology, geography, experimental psychology and the history of science. Applicants should have postdoctoral level or equivalent status and have a permanent or limited-tenure position in a UK university or non-profit organisation. In addition, non-tenured researchers and retired scientists resident in the UK and working in association with an eligible institution may apply for support for research in the history of science and for assistance with the publication of scholarly works in that field. The grants provide funding of up to £15,000 to cover specialised equipment, essential consumable materials and services. Grants of up to £5,000 are awarded to assist with the publication of scholarly works in the history of science. <http://royalsociety.org/funding.asp?id=1128>

Thursday 2 October

- **The Folger Shakespeare Library (US), Andrew W Mellon Foundation long-term fellowships.** **Deadline: 1 November 2008.** The Folger Shakespeare Library invites applications for the Andrew W Mellon Foundation long-term fellowship program. Fellowships encourage access to the library's collections and encourage ongoing cross-disciplinary dialogue among scholars of the early modern period. Fellowships are open to traditional as well as innovative scholarly methodologies and agendas. Long-term fellowships are supported by the Andrew W Mellon Foundation and the Folger. Two fellowships will be awarded, each carrying a maximum stipend of \$50,000. Fellowships are open to scholars from any country. Please visit <http://www.folger.edu/template.cfm?cid=298>
- **The National Maritime Museum, Short-term and Long-term Fellowships.** **Deadline: 1 November 2008.** The NMM offers fellowships to support research into its collections, maritime history and the marine environment. The Museum is keen to encourage proposals from both maritime historians and scholars from other disciplines who are interested in exploring the cultural, social and political aspects of maritime history. Eligibility varies according to each fellowship. For more information please go to <http://www.nmm.ac.uk/researchers/fellowships-and-internships/>
- **The J Paul Getty Trust (US), Conservation Guest Scholar Grants.** **Deadline: 1 November 2008.** The J Paul Getty Trust invites applications for its conservation guest scholar grants. This program supports new ideas and perspectives in the field of conservation, with an emphasis on the visual arts, including sites, buildings and objects, and the theoretical underpinning of the field. These grants are for established conservators, scientists and professionals who have attained distinction in conservation and allied fields and who wish to pursue scholarly research in an interdisciplinary manner across traditional boundaries. Scholars are in residence at the Getty Center for three to nine consecutive months. A monthly stipend of \$3,500 is awarded, up to a maximum of \$31,500. Applications are welcome from researchers of all nationalities. Please visit <http://www.getty.edu/grants/research/scholars/researchGCI.html>
- **Biochemical Society - Guildford bench methodology fund grants.** **Deadline: 1 November and 1 April annually.** The Biochemical Society invites applications for its Guildford bench methodology fund grants. Support is available for bench work with an emphasis on methodology in cellular or bioanalytical work. Examples include: feasibility studies by new staff before they apply to a

major award granting body; developing a new technique; checking the application of a technique in new circumstances. Sample preparation aspects are appropriate, as in isolating reputable cellular material for biochemical study, or extracting plasma to determine drugs or other compounds relevant to health. Awards may finance special materials, and vacation help from a student (up to £160 per week). Grants may be for up to £1,000, or £1,600 if they include vacation help. Applicants should be members of the society or another suitable organisation. <http://www.biochemistry.org/admin/guildford.htm>