

## Research Update Archive – July-September 2009

### Thursday 24 September

- **Society of Architectural Historians of Great Britain, Awards for Publication and Research.** **Deadline: 31 October 2009.**  
Grants are made in support of research and publications in architectural history. Grants will not normally exceed £500, but in exceptional circumstances up to £1,000 may be awarded. Applicants must either be resident in the British Isles or working on the history of British architecture. (a) Awards are open to members of the Society, and non-members, in any category. (b) Candidates may apply for a second award, but in cases of equal merit priority will be given to the first-time applicant. No one may receive more than two awards. (c) The topic in the application may relate to any aspect of the history of architecture. (d) Applicants must either be resident in the British Isles, or working on the history of British architecture.  
[http://www.sahgb.org.uk/index.cfm/display\\_page/research\\_bursaries](http://www.sahgb.org.uk/index.cfm/display_page/research_bursaries)
- **Whitley Fund for Nature, Whitley Prize.** **Deadline: 31 October 2009.**  
The awards are presented in recognition of conservation leaders from around the world who are applying sustained effort to conserve the natural environment. It is expected that nine awards, including one Whitley gold award, will be made at a value of £30,000 each. The gold award is worth £60,000. [http://www.whitley-award.org/the\\_awards.php](http://www.whitley-award.org/the_awards.php)
- **North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO), Advanced Networking Workshops.** **Deadline: 01 November 2009.**  
Grants are offered to organize Advanced Networking Workshops, which are policy workshops, training workshops or experts meetings. The Advanced Networking Workshop (Policy) is aimed at increasing the level of harmony among the various network policies at national and international levels and at facilitating coordination in the planning and development of research networks. The Advanced Networking Workshop (Training) is aimed at facilitating the transfer of knowledge and the exchange of experiences between qualified network managers coming from different environments and backgrounds. This type of workshop also serves to promote distance learning. The Advanced Networking Workshop (Expert meeting) aims at bringing together experts in a field to optimize the use of electronic communication in that field.  
[http://www.nato.int/science/nato\\_funded\\_activities/grant\\_mechanisms/anw-nfa.htm](http://www.nato.int/science/nato_funded_activities/grant_mechanisms/anw-nfa.htm)
- **National Maritime Museum, Caird Short-Term Research Fellowship.** **Deadline: 01 November 2009.**  
These fund advanced research into the museum's collections. Fellows will be awarded £1,600 per month to cover travel, accommodation and subsistence costs for a predetermined two or three month period.  
<http://www.nmm.ac.uk/caird-short-term-research-fellowship>

### Thursday 17 September

- **Engineering and Physical Sciences Council (EPSRC), Healthcare Partnerships, Call for Expression of Interest.** **Deadline: 20 October 2009.**  
The main purpose of the new Healthcare Partnerships scheme is to establish a joint funding stream for high quality engineering and physical science research within academe that provides a potential route for exploitation within the UK healthcare arena. This call invites Expressions of Interest for

collaborative research proposals which address an important healthcare issue, and must include a non-academic partner (e.g. small charity or SME). Submissions to this call will be initially assessed through Expressions of Interest, those that are successful will be invited to submit a full, more detailed proposal. Subject to the quality of the submissions received, up to £8 million is available for this call, where we expect to support 5-15 projects.

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

- **Wellcome Trust, History of Medicine Public Engagement Awards.**

**Deadline: 20 October 2009.**

This scheme enables the history of medicine to reach wider audiences such as schools, the public and the media. Proposals may involve a wide range of approaches, such as television, radio, exhibitions, theatre, websites, educational resources, lecture and debate series so long as the overriding principle is either: (a) to provide greater contributions to general history coverage and the promotion of history of medicine); or (b) to promote historical research in a manner that stimulates an informed dialogue between researchers, policy makers and the wider public with the aim of raising awareness and understanding of biomedical science. Funding will normally exceed £30,000 per award. <http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Medical-humanities/Grants/History-of-medicine/Public-engagement/WTD003791.htm>

- **Wellcome Trust, Engaging Science: Arts Awards – Small to medium sized projects.** **Deadline: 23 October 2009.**

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. Funding of up to £30,000 is available.

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

- **Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) / Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) – Rural Economy and Land Use Programme (RELU). Call for Project Applications.** **Deadline: 28 October 2009.**

The call has two objectives:

- The first objective is to build networks and capacity for creative knowledge exchange and learning between researchers and policy makers, businesses, practitioners, local communities and the wider public, with a view to strengthening adaptive capacities, primarily within the UK.
- The second objective is to explore and promote novel approaches and partnerships for interdisciplinary research and analysis on living with environmental change in rural contexts. This may include synthesis of previous research activity in this field and identification of new research needs.

Funded projects must give full regard to both objectives of the call. Any research and analysis undertaken will be small scale and supportive of the primary objectives. All applications must integrate natural and social science components. The natural science component may be drawn from the biological or environmental sciences or both.

[http://www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/opportunities/current\\_funding\\_opportunities/RELU.aspx#0](http://www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/opportunities/current_funding_opportunities/RELU.aspx#0)

**Thursday 10 September**

- **BBSRC, Industry Exchange Programme. Deadline: 13 October 2009.**  
 Supporting the flow of researchers, in either direction, between the science base and industry. The scheme aims to support short-term exchanges that provide strategic advantage to the UK science base and industry arising from reciprocal access to facilities, expertise and/or knowledge, and an increased understanding of scientific issues of common concern. Awards are typically up to £50k. The interchange may be full- or part-time, or taken in tranches. Financial support is dependent on the requirements of the proposed project and a significant cash or in-kind contribution from the industrial and/or academic partner is required.  
[http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/business/people\\_information/industry\\_interchange.html](http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/business/people_information/industry_interchange.html)
- **British Institute for the Study of Iraq (Gertrude Bell Memorial), Development Grants. Deadline: 15 October 2009.**  
 Grants are available to support development events and projects, such as lectures, study days, and popular publications that relate to Iraq and neighbouring countries and to the areas of interest covered by BISI. A Development Grant application should normally be for an amount up to £500 but more substantial grants may be made. Applicants need to submit an application form and two references to the BISI Administrator. Applicants must be residents of the UK and preference is given to activities taking place in the UK, or in Iraq or a neighbouring country.  
<http://www.britac.ac.uk/INSTITUTES/IRAQ/grants.htm>
- **Science and Technology Facilities Council, Science in Society Small Awards Scheme. Deadline: 15 October 2009.**  
 The Science in Society programme Small Awards Scheme provides funds for small, local or 'pilot' projects promoting STFC science and technology. Anyone can apply, including grant-funded research groups, STFC research facility users, schools, museums, etc. Awards range from £500 to £7,500 and the expenditure can go towards materials, salaries and travel & subsistence.  
<http://www.scitech.ac.uk/PandS/Fund/Sml/contents2.aspx>
- **The Japan Foundation Endowment Committee (UK), Small Grants. Deadline: 15 October 2009.**  
 Projects may cover research on any aspect of Japan within the humanities and social sciences, including comparative studies. Awards will usually be for up to £5,000 and may fund travel, subsistence, research materials and the partial support of doctoral research students.  
<http://www.bajs.org.uk/JFEC.html#DETAILS%20OF%20THE%20RESEARCH%20GRANT%20SCHEME>

#### Thursday 3 September

- **Engineering and Physical Sciences Council (EPSRC), Leadership Fellowships. Deadline: 6 October 2009.**  
 EPSRC is offering these fellowships to provide up to five years funding to talented researchers with the most potential to develop into the UK's international research leaders of tomorrow. They provide an opportunity to concentrate on research for the period of the award, as well as supporting all the costs of the associated research for the full duration of the fellowship. The expectation is that fellows will have established themselves as leading researchers of international standing in their area by the end of the award, as well as demonstrating leadership within their institution and research community. <http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/CallsForProposals/lfcall09.htm>

- **CfBT Education Trust, Research Funding.** Deadline for expression of interest: 5 October 2009. Full proposals: 26 October 2009.  
The Trust aims to fund research projects that match the educational themes agreed each year. Current areas of interest include organisation and improvement of schools, the learner perspective, language and communication, and integrating education with other services. For more information please visit  
<http://www.cfbt.com/evidenceforeducation/getinvolved/applyforfunding.aspx>
- **EPSRC, Partnerships for Public Engagement Starter Grants.** Deadline: 27 October 2009.  
The Partnerships for Public Engagement (PPE) scheme provides opportunities for researchers to undertake public engagement projects related to their research interests. Awards are aimed at active researchers, and their research groups, in partnership with outside specialists or partner organisations that can provide the necessary expertise. The objectives of the scheme are: (a) To enable researchers to carry out high-quality public engagement projects related to their research interests; (b) To provide learning and training opportunities in aspects of public engagement, and to build the capacity and capability for researchers to be active in public engagement; (c) To stimulate the general public's interest in, and engagement with, research and its potential impact on society. Please see  
<http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/CallsForProposals/ppestartergrant.htm>

#### Thursday 20 August

- **Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) – Software for Science Town Meeting – Call for Expressions of Interest.** Deadline for expressions of interest to attend the Town Meeting: 4pm Friday 11 September 2009.  
Computational Science and Engineering is increasingly recognised as a vital component of scientific enquiry, alongside experiment and theory. EPSRC's Research Infrastructure Programme recognises the importance of having the necessary software in place to enable computational science and engineering. In recent years, EPSRC has been able to increase the level of support available for software development, and intends to continue to build on this. With the advice of advisory committees, we have developed a strategy for software (see below). We would now like to give the computational science and engineering community the opportunity to input on how best to implement this strategy. We will be holding a one day meeting to discuss priorities for funding in software to enable computational science and engineering in Bristol on 27 October 2009.  
<http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/CallsForProposals/software-science.htm>
- **Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and EPSRC- Contributions to Next Generation Resilience – Sandpit.** Deadline: 4pm Thursday 17 September 2009.  
A sandpit supported by EPSRC and ESRC under the Global Uncertainties programme to develop innovative approaches to enhancing the resilience to disruptive events of all aspects of infrastructure, including the interactions and interdependencies between areas of infrastructure. There is at least £3m available for research resulting from this sandpit, if suitable outstanding quality proposals are developed. The sandpit will be held across 16 – 20 November 2009, venue to be confirmed.  
<http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/CallsForProposals/nextgenresilience.htm>

- **Engineering and Physical Science Research Council (EPSRC) - Career Acceleration Fellowships.** **Deadline for outline applications: 4 pm, 29 September 2009.**  
Career Acceleration Fellowships provide up to five years funding to talented researchers at an early stage of their career. They provide an opportunity to concentrate on research for the period of the award, as well as supporting all the costs of the associated research for the full duration of the fellowship. The expectation is that fellows will have established an independent career of international standing by the end of the award.  
<http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/CallsForProposals/cafcall09.htm>
- **The Royal Society, International Joint Project Grants – China.** **Deadline: 1 October 2009.**  
The Royal Society Joint Project 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 including two teams or individuals: one based in the UK and the other based outside the UK. A relationship between both parties should already be established prior to making an application. The collaboration should involve bilateral visits between the UK and the country with which the overseas collaborator is based. Please visit  
<http://royalsociety.org/page.asp?id=2344>

#### Thursday 30 July

There is a "bumper crop" of funding updates this week, as our colleagues at *In Focus* are not releasing further email bulletins until the week commencing Monday, August 17th. *Research Update* will be taking a similar break.

- **Paul Mellon Centre for Studies in British Art – Curatorial Research Grants.** **Deadline: 15 September 2009.**  
These grants are normally made to help institutions undertake research for a particular exhibition or installation of British art by appointing a research curator. The award will not exceed £20,000 per annum, for up to three years. The Centre also issues Educational Programme Grants (for lectures, symposia, seminars on British Art); Publication Grants for authors or publishers; and Research Support Grants. For more information please visit  
<http://www.paul-mellon-centre.ac.uk/19/>
- **The Commonwealth Fund, US – Harkness Fellowships in Healthcare Policy and Practice.** **Deadline: 15 September 2009.**  
These enable mid-career professionals from the UK, Germany, Australia, New Zealand, the Netherlands and Switzerland to conduct a research project in the US and to work with leading US health policy experts, in order to study how the US approaches health policy issues. Fellowships last for nine to 12 months, and are worth up to \$107,000.  
<http://www.commonwealthfund.org/Fellowships/Harkness-Fellowships.aspx>
- **Online Library Computer Centre/ALISE, US- Library and Information Science Research Grants.** **Deadline: 15 September 2009.**  
These support independent research that helps librarians integrate new technologies into areas of traditional competence and contributes to a better understanding of the library environment. Grants are worth up to \$15,000.  
<http://www.oclc.org/programsandresearch/grants/default.htm>
- **European Science Foundation (ESF)– Research Conferences Scheme Network.** **Deadline: 15 September.**  
The ESF Research Conferences Scheme provides the opportunity for leading scientists and younger researchers to meet for discussions on the most

recent developments in their fields of research. It acts as a catalyst for creating new synergistic contacts throughout Europe and the rest of the world. ESF Research Conferences are open to scientists world-wide, whether from academia or industry. These grants support high-level research conferences for between four and five days in ESF member organisation countries. <http://www.esf.org/activities/esf-conferences/call-for-proposals/framework-call-for-proposals.html>

- **Canon Foundation in Europe, NL – Research Fellowships. Deadline: 15 September 2009.**

Annually, the Canon Foundation in Europe grants up to 15 Fellowships to highly qualified European and Japanese researchers. The candidates hold a doctorate or at least a Master's degree. They are eligible during the ten-year period following the successful completion of their PhD or MA degree. Extensions to the ten-year rule are possible in principle in case of exceptional circumstances which should be explained in the application and supporting documents are required. 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.

[http://www.canonfoundation.org/programmes\\_1\\_fellow.html](http://www.canonfoundation.org/programmes_1_fellow.html)

- **Design History Society, UK – Research Grants. Deadline: 15 September and 15 January annually.**

The Research Grant is awarded twice each year to encourage debate and research activity in design history. This grant is open to postgraduates and professional scholars in the field of design history. To be eligible to apply postgraduate candidates must be registered with an institution to undertake a MPhil or PhD degree in design history of any period; there is no age limit for applicants. Independent scholars affiliated with, as well as those in the employ of, academic and cultural institutions are also eligible. No application should exceed £1,500.

[http://www.designhistorysociety.org/awards/research\\_grant/index.html](http://www.designhistorysociety.org/awards/research_grant/index.html)

- **The Association of Dance of the African Diaspora – Trailblazer Fellowships. Deadline: 15 September 2009.**

These Fellowships provide dance artists working on dance forms of the African Diaspora the opportunity to develop their careers. The bursaries can be used to contribute the cost of classes, training, equipment, research trips and other professional development needs. Fellows will also be assigned a mentor and will follow a programme of skills training. Fellowships provide bursaries worth up to £2,000 each.

<http://www.adad.org.uk/metadot/index.pl?id=23268&isa=Category&op=show>

- **Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC), Bridging the gaps. Deadline for outline proposals: 4.00 pm, 16 September 2009.**

EPSRC encourages a multi-disciplinary approach to research especially when tackling major research challenges that will have societal and economic impacts. The aim of Bridging the Gaps (BTG) is to enable Research Organisations to build a programme of activities that will stimulate creative thinking, across disciplines, which reflect institutional strengths and strategies. This year EPSRC's Cross-Disciplinary Interfaces Programme (C-DIP) would like to encourage applications that bridge the gap between engineering and physical sciences (EPS) and other non-EPS research area. In particular EPSRC would welcome proposals that include interfacing with the **social sciences as well as the arts and humanities**. The call is aimed at supporting the development of a multidisciplinary working environment at

individual research organisations. Only **one application per institution** is allowed, so if you wish to apply, please alert us asap. See <http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/CallsForProposals/btgcall.htm>

#### Thursday 23 July

- **EPSRC Collaboration Fund – Expressions of Interest.** **Deadline: 14 August 2009.**  
The Collaboration Fund offers support to researchers wishing to work with a commercialising partner in taking forward business opportunities generated from EPSRC funded research. Support will combine grant funding with the opportunity of project mentoring and access to business planning advice. <http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/CallsForProposals/collaborationfund.htm>
- **Leverhulme Trust, Research Project Grants.** **Deadline: 1 September 2009.**  
These are primarily intended to provide the salary costs of one or more researchers working on a specific and discrete project proposed by the applicant. The great majority of awards involve a spend of up to £250,000 over a duration of two to three years. [http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/grants\\_awards/grants/research\\_project\\_grants/](http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/grants_awards/grants/research_project_grants/)
- **Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research, Rubicon Scholarship Programme.** **Deadline: 1 September 2009.**  
Grants enable researchers from abroad to spend one year conducting research in the Netherlands. Awards are worth 55,000 euros each. [http://www.nwo.nl/nwohome.nsf/pages/NWOP\\_6H2G7R\\_Eng](http://www.nwo.nl/nwohome.nsf/pages/NWOP_6H2G7R_Eng)

#### Thursday 16 July

- **SPARKS - The Children's Medical Research Charity, Grants.** **Deadline: outline applications 28 August; invited full applications 16 October 2009.**  
Sparks funds high quality medical research related to the prenatal, perinatal and early childhood years aimed at providing a therapeutic intervention that will make a significant contribution to reducing mortality or relieving the condition, disease or disability in question. Grants rarely exceed £200,000 per year for a period of up to three years. <http://www.sparks.org.uk/NetCommunity/Page.aspx?pid=348&srcid=425>
- **Leverhulme Trust, Artist in Residence scheme and International Networks.** **Deadline: 1 September 2009.**  
This scheme is intended to support a one-year residency of an artist of any kind or nationality at an institution of higher education or a museum in the UK. Grants provide a stipend for the resident artist, plus up to £2,500 for costs associated with the artist's activity, such as consumables or materials. The maximum total allowance per residency will be £12,500. [http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/grants\\_awards/grants/artists\\_in\\_residence/](http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/grants_awards/grants/artists_in_residence/)  
The **Leverhulme International Networks** collaborations enable a principal investigator based in the UK to lead a research project where its successful completion is dependent on the participation of relevant overseas institutions. The value of a network award is normally up to £125,000, and a grant can last for up to three years. [http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/grants\\_awards/grants/international\\_networks/](http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/grants_awards/grants/international_networks/)
- **Natural Environment Research Council (NERC), Non-thematic funding (Small grants).** **Deadline: 1 September 2009.**  
This supports curiosity-motivated basic, strategic or applied research, providing funding for small discrete projects, proof-of-concept studies, pump-priming exercises, or other activities. The maximum funding that may be

sought is £25,000 for the directly incurred costs. In addition NERC will pay the standard proportion of directly allocated and indirect costs.

<http://www.nerc.ac.uk/funding/available/researchgrants/typesofaward/smalls.asp>

#### Thursday 9 July

- **Innovative Electronics Manufacturing Centre (IEMRC), Loughborough University. Call for Flagship Proposals. Deadline for expression of interests: 7 August 2009.**  
IEMRC's first call is to solicit proposals to establish major Flagship research projects to commence March 2010. The scale of these projects and the multi-stage process of prioritisation and peer review are such that the call has been launched on 1 July 2009 for Outline Proposals for Flagship Projects. For more information please visit <http://www.lboro.ac.uk/research/iemrc/proposals.html>
- **Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC), Postdoctoral fellowships at the crossdisciplinary interfaces. Deadline: 26 August 2009.**  
These offer young researchers working in the physical sciences or any engineering discipline the opportunity to develop an independent cross-disciplinary career. Awards will have a duration of three years and will cover the fellow's salary, as well as costs for incidental equipment, travel and subsistence. <http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/CallsForProposals/pdfcall2009.htm>
- **Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), Comparative cross-national research methods. Deadline: 25 August 2009.**  
ESRC invites applications for projects that should aim to generate expertise and knowledge relevant to methodological development in comparative cross-national research; generate methodological advancement or advance understanding of the implementation of best practice. The budget available for this Initiative is £1.2 million. Projects should last no longer than two years. Please visit [http://www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/opportunities/current\\_funding\\_opportunities/CCNRM.aspx](http://www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/opportunities/current_funding_opportunities/CCNRM.aspx)

#### Thursday 2 July

- **EPSRC, Strategic Japanese-UK Cooperative Program on Oxide Electronics, Organic Electronics and Spintronics. Deadline: 11 August 2009.**  
Projects in this round should aim to promote networking and contacts between researchers in both countries in the area of "Oxide Electronics, Organic Electronics and Spintronics". Funds are available to enable travel and research as part of a collaborative programme. EPSRC would not be expecting to fund major equipment bids, but concentrate on people exchange. <http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/CallsForProposals/jst.htm>
- **Department of Health including NIHR, Research for patient benefit programme. Deadline: registrations of intention to submit 5pm, 14 August; applications 5pm, 25 September 2009.**  
The scheme aims to provide high quality research that will be of direct benefit to users of the NHS in England. Projects are likely to fall into the areas of health service research and public health research, although other areas are not excluded from the programme. Project grants will last up to 36 months, with a total maximum cost of £250,000 including overheads. Please [click here](#) for more information.

- **Wellcome Trust, Translation Awards.** **Deadline: 14 August 2009.**  
Translation awards are response-mode grants designed to bridge the funding gap in the commercialisation of new technologies in the biomedical area.  
<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Technology-transfer/Awards/Translation-Awards/>