

Research Update Archive – October-December 2009

Thursday 17 December

- **Association for the Study of Medical Education – Small Grants. Deadline: 29 January 2010.**

The Association for the Study of Medical Education, which includes in its goals, the promotion of high quality research into medical education, invites Members (including undergraduate medical student members) to submit a description of a research study or evaluation of an innovation in teaching in the field of medical and healthcare education. Some educational research projects or teaching innovations often require modest amounts of funding to cover expenses such as focus group attendance, travel, and simulated patient fees and these grants are intended to assist these projects. The grants are not intended to supplement the natural support that institutions should give to individuals and therefore cannot be used to fund PhD studies, computing equipment, overheads, research assistants/associates and similar. The grants can be used for transcription costs however, these must not exceed £16.00 per hour. Small Grant funding must not be used for conference attendance (including ASME's ASM). ASME welcomes submissions from new researchers. Please visit <http://www.asme.org.uk/grants/105-small-grants-scheme-2010.html> for more information.
- **The Prehistoric Society (UK), Conference Fund. Deadline: 31 January 2010.**

This fund aims to further the development of prehistory as an international discipline. Two scholarships of £200 to £300 each are available per annum. <http://www.prehistoricsociety.org/>
- **Modern Humanities Research Association, Conference Grant Fund. Deadline: 31 January 2010.**

This supports conferences or colloquia within the field of medieval and modern European languages and literatures planned for the academic session 2010-11 and held in the UK or the RoI. Up to £1,500 is available. <http://mhra.org.uk/Funding/>
- **British Ecological Society (BES), Early Career Research Project Grants. Deadline: 31 January 2010.**

These support promising ecologists early in their careers who wish to carry out innovative or important research of a pure or applied nature. Awards will not exceed £20,000. The competition is open to BES members. <http://www.britishecologicalsociety.org/grants/research/ecpg.php>
- **Trans-Antarctic Association (UK), Grants for Researchers in Australia, South Africa and the UK. Deadline: 31 January 2010.**

This provides financial assistance of up to £1,500 in support of field work or travel to Antarctica, as well as equipment and other research activities directly related to Antarctica. <http://www.transantarctic.org.uk/application.htm>
- **Fashion Museum in Bath, K G Ponting Memorial Bursaries for Students. Deadline: 31 January 2010.**

Are you a full-time fashion student in higher education in the UK? Are you working on your dissertation or final collection? Do you need to see original artefacts for your work? If so, you may be eligible for a K G Ponting Memorial Bursary. These enable students in higher education working on a specific project to travel to Bath to visit the Fashion Museum in order to look at original artefacts in the museum study facilities related to their project.

Awards are worth up to £300.

http://www.fashionmuseum.co.uk/study_facilities/awards__bursaries.aspx

Thursday 10 December

Apologies for the recent disruption in service, which mirror delayed releases of *In Focus* during graduation season!

- **Science and Technologies Facilities Council (STFC), Innovation partnership scheme awards and Knowledge Exchange Follow-on fund.** **Deadline: 12 January 2010.**
The partership scheme is a knowledge exchange scheme that supports the development of effective, long term collaborations between UK universities and laboratories, CERN, the European Southern Observatory, UK industry and research sector organisations. Awards provide funding worth up to £150,000 per year for a maximum of three years. For more information visit <http://www.scitech.ac.uk/KE/FOpp/PIPSS/pipss.aspx>
The follow-on fund aims to support the commercialistaion of research ideas and provides funds to enable those ideas to be brought to a stage where commercial opportunities can be secured. Individual grants are awarded up to a maximum of £110,000 full economic costs over 12 months. STFC will provide 80 per cent of the total grant value. Please see <http://www.scitech.ac.uk/KE/FOpp/FoF/FOF.aspx>
- **Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC), New investigator scheme.** **Deadline: 13 January 2010.** This assists early-career researchers, ie newly employed university lecturers, fellows and researchers in institutes of BBSRC at band 5 or above (and their equivalents in Medical Research Council and Natural Environment Research Council institutes), to secure their first major element of funding for research. Visit http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/funding/grants/new_investigator.html
- **Department of Health including NIHR, Pre-pregnancy health and care in England: Exploring implementation and public health impact.** **Deadline: 13 January 2010.** The aim of this call is to generate evidence on the implementation and public health impact of pre-pregnancy health and care before and between pregnancies in England. A budget of up to £400,000, excluding VAT, has been allocated to this study. <http://www.nihr-ccf.org.uk/site/callsproposals/prp/default.cfm>
- **Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC), Partnerships for public engagement starter grants.** **Deadline: 14 January 2010.** EPSRC is particularly interested in projects that not only increase the public's awareness of science and engineering, but also include some level of dialogue between members of the public and scientists or engineers. Funding for starter grants will not exceed £20,000 full economic costs per award. <http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/CallsForProposals/ppstartergrant2.htm>
- **British Academy, Abbey fellowship and scholarships.** **Deadline: 15 January 2010.**
The nine-month Abbey scholarship is usually given to an exceptionally promising emergent painter, while the three-month Abbey fellowships are awarded to mid-career painters with an established record of achievement. Up to £700 per month is available. The British School is a residential community of some 35 people, academic researchers in the visual arts, humanities and architecture, as well as fine artists. It is centrally situated, close to the Borghese Gardens in Rome. <http://www.abbey.org.uk/page1.htm>

- **Bogliasco Foundation, US, Bogliasco Fellowships. Deadline: 15 January 2010.**

They are open to qualified individuals carrying out advanced creative work or scholarly research in the following disciplines: archaeology, architecture, classics, dance, film or video, history, landscape architecture, literature, music, philosophy, theater and visual arts.

<http://www.bfny.org/english/fellowships.cfm>

Thursday 19 November

- **Alcohol Education & Research Council (AERC), Research Project Opportunity. Deadline: 19 December 2009.** The AERC is seeking proposals to undertake a research study that will investigate 'National Drinking Cultures'. The study is being funded by the Drinkaware Trust, however, the AERC will manage the selection process and oversee the delivery of the project. A total of £100,000 will be available for the study, which is expected to be delivered by October 2010. Please visit www.aerc.org.uk
- **Society for Latin American Studies (SLAS), UK. Conference and Grant Organisation Grants. Deadline: 31 December 2009.** 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; in other ways reflect well on the society. The maximum allocation will be £1,000 per conference or event.
<http://www.slas.org.uk/grantsPrizes/confEventsGrants.htm>
- **Home Office, UK. CONTEST Science and Technology Research Call 2010. Deadline: 31 December 2009.** The aim of the call is to fund research and development proposals against particular broad unclassified chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear research requirements for commissioning projects early in financial year 2010/11.
<http://security.homeoffice.gov.uk/news-publications/publication-search/cbrn-guidance/technolog-research-call1/>
- **Modern Humanities Research Association, UK. Publications Fund. Deadline: 31 December 2009.** These provide assistance towards the costs of publishing scholarly works in the fields of the modern and medieval European literatures and languages which, by their nature, could not expect to be financially self-supporting. <http://mhra.org.uk/Funding/>
- **British Academy's the ASEASUK Research Committee On South East Asian Studies, Research Awards. Deadline: 31 December 2009.** Projects should examine the evolving contact, interaction and integration of southeast Asia and the wider Asian region. Awards are normally in the range of £1,000 to £5,000. <http://www.britac.ac.uk/institutes/cseas/>

Thursday 12 November

- **British Academy (BA), Postdoctoral Fellowships. Deadline for outline applications: 26 November 2009.** This scheme is designed to enable outstanding early career researchers to strengthen their experience of research and teaching in a university environment, which will develop their curriculum vitae and improve their prospects of obtaining permanent lecturing posts by the end of the Fellowship. Applicants are expected to be at an early stage of their academic career.
<http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/pdfells.cfm>
- **University of East Anglia, Visiting Research Fellowships. Deadline: 27 November 2009.** The Sainsbury Research Unit offers two Visiting Research

Fellowships in each academic year for the study of the arts of Africa, Oceania and the Americas. Normal duration is three months, coinciding with Autumn and Spring terms. Applications are welcomed from scholars of appropriate standing in such fields of the Humanities and Social Sciences as Anthropology, Art History, Archaeology, History and related disciplines. Applicants should be holders of a doctorate (or appropriate final degree) who are undertaking research for publication on the arts of Africa, Oceania and the Americas. In exceptional cases, advanced doctoral candidates may be considered. The fellowship stipend is £1,500 sterling per month, plus return travel costs from home to Norwich, up to a maximum of £750. Accommodation costs on campus range from £430 to £600 per month.
<http://www.sru.uea.ac.uk/fellowships-application.php>

- **AHRC/ Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft joint research grants.** **Deadline: 30 November 2009.** The Arts and Humanities Research Council and the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft of the Federal Republic of Germany (DFG) (www.dfg.de) are pleased to announce the second call under their bilateral agreement to facilitate collaborations between arts and humanities researchers in the UK and Germany. AHRC and DFG have agreed to a joint call for proposals for 2009/2010. AHRC and DFG welcome, encourage and support applications that cut across their national boundaries and involve collaborative teams of UK- and German-based researchers. This agreement will cover specifically those arts and humanities fields which are common to both AHRC and DFG. The total combined budget for this call is £2M/2.6M Euros. Those proposals approved for funding will be jointly supported by the AHRC and DFG. The UK element of the joint proposal will be funded by AHRC and the German element by DFG. AHRC and DFG shall fund the British and German components of successful applications respectively, in accordance with their existing financial and monitoring requirements. <http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/FundingOpportunities/Pages/dfg.aspx>
- **British Council, British-Polish Young Scientists Programme.** **Deadline: 30 November 2009.** The Programme was established in January 2003 by the Polish-British Joint Committee for the Research Partnership Programme in order to support joint scientific research and, in particular, to provide young scientists from Poland and the United Kingdom with enhanced study and research opportunities. The programme will enable participants to make one or more research visits to a partner institution(s) in the UK (for Polish participants) or to Polish institution(s) (for UK participants). The Programme is jointly financed and managed in Poland by the British Council and the **Ministry of Science and Higher Education** (Ministerstwo Nauki i Szkolnictwa Wyższego). The system of funding on the Polish side will be based on the existing mechanisms (statutory activity funds).
<http://www.britishcouncil.org/poland-young-scientists-programme.htm>

Thursday 5 November

- **Department of Health including NIHR, Programme Development Grants.** **Deadline: 30 November 2009.** The purpose of the development grants is to provide funding of £20,000 to £100,000, over a period of six to 18 months, to enable a research team to develop and refine its research ideas, obtain empirical justification for research plans, or acquire or further develop appropriate collaborative expertise. Please see <http://www.nihr-ccf.org.uk/site/callsproposals/developmentgrants/default.cfm>

- **Royal Society of Edinburgh, Research Visitors to Scotland.** **Deadline: 30 November 2009.**
Grants may be made to assist research visitors to Scotland from other centres in the United Kingdom or abroad to undertake collaborative research work with a Fellow of the Society for a period normally not exceeding one month. Grants may be used as a contribution towards travel and subsistence expenses subject to a maximum of £600 for any one research visitor from Europe and £900 for visitors from outside Europe. It will be acceptable for the grant to be supplemented by other organisations such as the British Council, and the parent or the host institution. Applications should be made by the Fellow who will collaborate with the research visitor. Please see http://www.rse.org.uk/research_fellowships/visitors_scot.htm
- **Women in German Studies, Small Travel Grants.** **Deadline: 1 December 2009.**
Awards are available to attend conferences in the field of German studies, in the UK, Ireland or German-speaking areas, at which the applicant is presenting a paper. Grants will not normally exceed £100. Please see <http://www.wigs.ac.uk/travelgrants.html>
- **British Academy (BA), Conference Support grants.** **Deadline: 1 December 2009.**
The scheme aims to promote the dissemination of the results of advanced research in the humanities and social sciences. Applications will not be considered for less than £1,000. The maximum award is £20,000. Please see <http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/confs.cfm>

Thursday 29 October

- **British Academy (BA), Overseas Conference Grants.** **Deadline: 16 November 2009.** These grants contribute to the travel expenses of UK scholars delivering a paper at a conference overseas. Awards are worth up to £900 each. Please see <http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/ocg.cfm>
- **BA, Small Research Grants.** **Deadline: 23 November 2009.** These are to cover the direct costs of primary research in the humanities and social sciences. Grants range between £500 and £7,500, for a duration of up to two years. Please see <http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/srg.cfm>
- **BBSRC, Partnering Awards with China, India, US and Japan.** **Deadline: 17 November 2009.** The main objectives are: to set up partnership links between UK and overseas countries life science laboratories; to promote the exchange of scientists, particularly early career scientists; to promote access to facilities. For each partnering country's terms and conditions, please follow <http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/science/international/index.html>
- **Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC), Discipline Hopping Grants.** **Deadline: 18 November 2009.** These offer short-term support to pump-prime new collaborations between engineers and physical scientists and life scientists, with the aim of fostering long-term interactions. It is expected that requests for funding will be in region of £125,000 full economic costs. Grants will be made at a rate of 80 per cent of Full Economic Costing value. Please see <http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Grants/Disciplinehoppinggrant/index.htm>
- **Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), First Grants Scheme.** **Deadline: 26 November 2009.** These grants enable new researchers and academics at the start of their careers gain to experience of managing and leading research projects. Awards are worth up to £400,000 full economic

costs, for a maximum duration of three years. ESRC will contribute 80 per cent of this cost, with the remaining balance being guaranteed by the research organisation. See http://www.esrc.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/opportunities/current_funding_opportunities/FG10.aspx#0

Thursday 22 October

- **Leverhulme Trust, Research Fellowships and Study Abroad Fellowships. Deadline: 10 November 2009.**
The Trust's **Research Fellowships** are open to most disciplines and are designed to enable experienced researchers, not only from academia, who are permanent members of UK scholarly community to undertake a research programme. Up to £45K is available for research expenses and/or reasonable replacement costs. The **Study Abroad Fellowships** enable UK academics to undertake a period overseas in a stimulating academic environment devoted to the exchange of ideas, the development of new lines of research and collaborations, the enhancement of links, etc. Awards are up to £22K. For more information, please visit http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/grants_awards
- **ESRC / AHRC, Opportunity for placement fellowship in the Department for Culture, Media and Sport. Deadline: 11 November 2009.**
As part of its Placement Fellowship Scheme the Economic and Social and Arts and Humanities Research Councils welcome applications from academics for a placement fellowship based in the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS). The Scheme encourages arts, humanities and social science researchers to spend time within a partner organisation to undertake policy relevant research and to develop the research skills of partner employees. The Fellowship will be jointly funded by the ESRC, AHRC and DCMS while the Fellow remains employed by his/her institution. For more information, please see http://www.esrc.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/opportunities/current_funding_opportunities/DCMS_09.aspx/
- **Joint Information Systems Committee (JISC), Rapid Innovation Grants. Deadline: 11 November 2009, 12:00 noon.**
Under this call, funding is available for technical rapid innovation projects addressing the following priority areas to support research (please see Annex E of the call documentation): **(1)** Discovering, Representing and Publishing Information and Results – new methods for representing research results and enabling other researchers, businesses and the general public to actively use and engage with research data and results; **(2)** Analysing Data and Performing Experiments – ICT tools and technologies for performing and capturing data-centric, simulation-centric and experimental-centric research; **(3)** Communication and Collaboration – tools and technologies for enabling communication, collaboration and remote working; **(4)** Managing Research and Research Projects – tools and technologies for administration, designing and managing of projects, modelling project resources; **(5)** Actively Engaging Businesses and the General Public (Business Community Engagement) - Business Community Engagement (BCE) comprises knowledge transfer/exchange; employer engagement; public engagement and lifelong learning. These are short technical projects, lasting up to 6 - 9 months. Grants of £20,000 to £75,000 are available for individual projects, for up to 8 - 15 projects, at a total funding of £600,000 for this call. http://www.jisc.ac.uk/fundingopportunities/funding_calls/2009/10/vreri.aspx

- **UK Home Office, Call for proposals for research projects under the European fund for the integration of third country national 2009.**
Deadline: 13 November 2009.
Proposals under this call should aim to research the effectiveness of the UK processes in promoting effective integration and the development of further indicators of integration. Funding of around £350,000 is available to support projects under this call. Proposals are invited from universities or private sector research organisations with the capacity to undertake this work in England and the devolved administrations.
<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/?requestType=form&view=Search+results&simpleOrAdvanced=simple&page=1&contentType=All&searchTerm=EIF&Submit=Go>

Thursday 15 October

- **Royal Society, Research Grants.** **Deadline: 09 November 2009.**
The Research Grants scheme provides seed corn' funding for new projects of timeliness and promise initiated by research scientists at an early stage of their career (within the first 5 years of the start date of their first permanent academic position). The objective of the scheme is to increase the availability of specialised equipment, essential consumable materials and services, and to support essential field research. The scheme also provides support for research in the history of science or to assist with publication of scholarly works in the history of science. <http://royalsociety.org/funding.asp?id=1128>
- **Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC), Research Fellowships.** **Deadline: 11 November 2009.**
The following awards are available: David Phillips fellowships; research development fellowships; professorial fellowships; institute career path fellowships; institute development fellowships. All fellowships will be awarded under full economic costing. **For more information please visit** <http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/funding/fellowships/index.html>
- **Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC), Knowledge Transfer Fellowship Scheme.** **Deadline: 12 November 2009.**
The scheme supports a well-defined programme of knowledge transfer activity founded upon existing, completed arts and humanities research. The knowledge transfer project should be planned around an existing piece of arts or humanities research which has the potential to make a significant difference beyond the world of academia. KT Fellows may work either on their own or as part of an academic team, to collaborate with, and bring tangible benefits to non-academic organisations through a process of knowledge exchange. These benefits may be economic, social or cultural in nature. Awards will last between four and 36 months and provide between £5,000 and £1 million on a full economic cost basis. See <http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/FundingOpportunities/Pages/KTFellowshipScheme.aspx>
- **EPSRC / MRC/ ESRC / AHRC – Digital Economy Research in the Wild research programme. Call for research proposals.** **Deadline: expressions of interest 5pm, 13 November 2009; invited full proposals 4pm, 7 January 2010.**
The Digital Economy Programme invites applicants to apply for short-term funding to perform their 'Research in the Wild'. This call is about allowing researchers in the Digital Economy to expose and test their research ideas with potential beneficiaries – for example, the individual, business and/or society – in order to get closer to achieving a viable proposition with potential

for transformational impact. Projects are limited to up to 18 months in duration and this call will be open for 12 months after which it will be subject to review. Proposals will go through an Expression of Interest stage before full proposals are invited. Please see <http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/CallsForProposals/RiTW.htm>

Thursday 8 October

- **Economic History Society, Initiatives and Conference Fund. Deadline: 01 November 2009.**

The Economic History Society maintains a fund to encourage otherwise unfunded workshops, special meetings and other interesting initiatives in economic and social history. Activities which might encourage wider participation in the Society, innovative research proposals (especially by those who are not full time university academics), or work that would lead to publication in the leading journals of our discipline will be particularly eligible for support. The Society is especially keen to encourage one-day workshops which might provide sessions at the annual conference, or generate articles for the *Review*. Grants are not more than £2,000 (£1,000 for a one-day workshop). <http://www.ehs.org.uk/ehs/GrantsAwardsPrizes/ICF.asp>

- **University of Cambridge (UK), Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and the Humanities (CRASSH), Visiting Fellowships. Deadline: 01 November 2009.**

CRASSH's Visiting Fellowships are designed to support the Centre's thematic activities. Visiting Fellowships can be awarded for periods of up to twelve weeks in any one Cambridge term ([term dates are available here](#)), during which Fellows are expected to be in residence in Cambridge. Visiting Fellows take regular part in and contribute to the Centre's programme of events, which consists of weekly work-in-progress seminars and a reading group. The current competition is for fellowships to be taken up during academic year 2010-11 when the theme will be The Future University. For more information please visit <http://www.crassh.cam.ac.uk/page/15/vf-competition-10-11.htm>

- **Royal Society, Wolfson Research Merit Awards. Deadline: 06 November 2009.**

The purpose of these awards is to give institutions support to attract to, or keep in the UK researchers of outstanding achievement and potential. Funding of £10,000 to £30,000 per annum in form of salary enhancements will be provided for up to five years.

<http://royalsociety.org/funding.asp?id=1127>