

## **Wellcome Trust Institutional Strategic Support Fund [WT ISSF] (2014/16)**

### **Research Training Opportunities**

The University has been awarded a Wellcome Trust Institutional Strategic Support Fund (ISSF) to support a portfolio of biomedical research activities that harmonises with our research strategy and provides added value to our research activities. A proportion of this grant will be spent on funding **training** opportunities on **essential new techniques and capabilities**. This scheme is open to all principal investigators (PIs) in FBMH who are working on biomedical research projects to attend high-level external training courses that offer the very latest research approaches. The scheme supports PI or post-doc training opportunities visits (N.B. post-doc applications **must** be submitted by the post-doc's PI). The scheme does not support attendance of conferences.

The award may be used for training/workshop fees, travel, accommodation, and reasonable subsistence costs. The maximum award value is £2,500 per application. **Funds must be spent by 30 September 2017.**

- **Deadline date:** **applications are accepted throughout the year and reviewed at monthly ISSF committee meetings (final deadline 31 May 2017)**
- **Application format:** maximum 1 page of A4
- **Application content** (must contain the following sub-headings):
  - Applicant's name and Faculty/School
  - Supervisor's name (if applicable)
  - Details of training course/workshop
  - Amount requested and justification for request
  - Training dates
  - Brief overview of research area
  - Justification of why this training is essential and an outline of the research that will be enhanced as a result of the training
- **Submission:** applications should be submitted to: [issf@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:issf@manchester.ac.uk)
- **Further details:** for further details of all ISSF calls see:  
<http://www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/bmh/research/funding-opportunities/wellcome-trust/>

### **Assessment procedure and post award process**

Applications will be assessed by the ISSF Committee (Matthew Lambon-Ralph, Mike Dixon, Chris Thompson, Ian Roberts, Rebecca Elliott, Neil Hanley, David Ray and Jane Worthington). **Funds must be spent before 30 September 2017.**

Awardees will be required to submit a progress report at the end of the bridging period to inform the UoM annual report to the Wellcome Trust. All publications benefitting from ISSF funding will be required to acknowledge ISSF funding in the publication. The outcome of all ISSF calls will be published on the intranet at:

<http://www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/bmh/research/funding-opportunities/wellcome-trust/>

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