

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

Bridging Support in Biomedical Research

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 the provision of bridging support for key research staff in areas supported by the Wellcome Trust.

This scheme will fund proposals from any FBMH academic member of staff (including externally funded Fellows), and will be based on the following criteria:

1. To provide bridging funds for the salary of a post-doctoral scientist while a submitted grant or fellowship application is pending.
2. To provide the salary of key research staff of any level, who are already in post, between periods of funding. (PhD students cannot be classed as key members of staff)
3. To enable research staff who have had a family break to return to UoM in advance of grant funding being obtained.

Clear evidence of candidates' excellence must be provided.

Funds of up to £15,000 will be available per application, and must be spent by 30 September 2017. Only salary costs can be requested, bridging support cannot be used for consumables, animal costs, equipment or travel. All applications should be budgeted accurately and fully for staff costs by consulting the relevant Research Offices. Funds **cannot** be used to support undergraduates, PhD students, or technical staff.

Bridging support will only be provided for applicants applying for substantive new grants (e.g. minimum of 24 months). **The grant application must have been submitted before the ISSF application deadline and the person being bridged must be named on that grant. Details of the panel to which the grant application has already been submitted, must be provided as part of the application.** For criteria 1 above, applicants for bridging support must be being bridged from a grant that is coming to an end to a substantive new grant on which they are named. Evidence of this will be requested, where necessary.

- **Deadline dates: applications are accepted throughout the year and reviewed at monthly ISSF committee meetings (final deadline 31 May 2017)**
- **Submission:** applications should be submitted to: 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/>

Application content (must contain the following sub-headings):

- **Overview details:**
 - Name and contact details of academic staff member(s) involved
 - Institute(s) (FMHS only)
 - Name of person to be funded
 - Start date of award
 - End date of award
 - Salary costs requested (to be checked with the Research Office)
 - Details of grant being bridged to (i.e. funder and panel submitted to, length of grant and start date if awarded)
- **Grant title**
- **Grant abstract** – abstract of the grant being bridged to (max 500 words)
- **Amount of funding requested** – accurate costs must be provided, please confirm costs with your Research Office
- **Details of why retention of this person is essential** – (max 200 words)
- **Current funding of person being bridged** - (max 100 words)
- **CV of researcher to be funded** – short summary CV (1-2 page max)

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/>

Enquiries

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