

## Wellcome Institutional Strategic Support Fund [W-ISSF] Researcher visits, training, workshops and discipline-hopping opportunities

The University has been awarded a Wellcome Institutional Strategic Support Fund (ISSF) to support a portfolio of biomedical and health 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 researcher visits, training, workshops and discipline-hopping.

The purpose of these awards is to provide researchers with an opportunity to experience different research environments, assimilate new technologies, or develop new skills/collaborations with other disciplines in research and/or Public Engagement.

This scheme is open to all principal investigators (PIs) from all Faculties (Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health; Faculty of Science and Engineering; and Faculty of Humanities) who are working on research projects within [Wellcome scientific remit](#).

The scheme supports PI or post-doc opportunities (N.B. post-doc applications **must** be submitted by the post-doc's PI). **The scheme does not support attendance at conferences.** Examples of the types of opportunities supported through this fund are:

- Attendance at high-level training courses/workshops that offer the very latest research approaches or allow a researcher to develop new skills in a different discipline, which can be brought back to The University of Manchester for the benefit of the wider research community. Please note that a formal presentation will be expected on your return.
- Short-term research visits (national or international) to acquire new techniques and technologies as part of a wider collaboration in research within Wellcome remit, or that allow discipline hopping.

The award may be used for training/workshop fees, travel, accommodation, and reasonable subsistence costs. The maximum award value is £2,500 per application. Applications must be submitted a minimum of 8 weeks prior to the activity. **Funds must be spent by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.**

- **Submission:** Applications can be submitted on a rolling basis  
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- **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/collaboration
  - Amount requested and justification for request (please advise why the training cannot be provided via [UoM core facilities](#)).
  - Training/planned travel dates
  - Brief overview of research area
  - Justification of why this opportunity is essential and an outline of the research that will be enhanced as a result of the training and how this will benefit your future career development

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

Applications will be assessed by the by the Cross Faculty ISSF Oversight Committee (Melissa Westwood (Chair; UoM Associate Vice-President for Research), Mike Dixon (ISSF co-PI and Associate Dean for Platform Technologies & Infrastructure; FBMH), Neil Hanley (Head of Faculty Fellowship Academy; FBMH), Nigel Hooper (Vice Dean for Research & Innovation; FBMH), Wendy Flavell (Vice Dean for Research; FSE), Gerald Hodgkinson (Vice Dean for Research; FH).

Awardees will be required to submit a progress report at the end of the funding 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-and-applications/funding-opportunities/wellcome-trust/>

### **Enquiries**

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