

Wellcome Institutional Strategic Support Fund (ISSF): Early career researcher calls, fellowships and travel bursaries

The University has been awarded Institutional Strategic Support Funding (ISSF) from Wellcome.

In addition to supporting research, there is currently funding available for pump-priming research fellowships.

Wellcome ISSF Pump Priming Fellowships

We recognise that at an early stage of a research career, it can be challenging to get dedicated time and resource to enable you to gain research independence. This has been made all the more difficult due to the disruption many have faced due to COVID-19.

Through our Wellcome Institutional Strategic Support Fund, we are keen to provide support to researchers with an excellent track record of outputs and clear evidence of an upward trajectory comparable to peers in their field at a similar career stage.

The aim of these awards is to enhance competitiveness at external competition, and to address any imbalances that may have been exacerbated by the pandemic. As a university, we can provide an exciting, vibrant and supportive environment for you to pursue your research career.

The ISSF award provides between 12 and 16 months of funding for excellent researchers to work towards securing prestigious externally funded fellowships or investigator awards. Applicants must have an exceptional track record of outputs in their field, **and be within the remit for Wellcome research funding.**

Successful candidates will benefit from being a part of an excellent research environment and from having the dedicated time, resource and mentorship to enhance their competitiveness for external awards.

The award provides the salary of the awardee for between 12-16 months, with limited essential research costs, which will need to be justified.

All fellowships must have an end date of no later than 31 March 2023.

The award is open to both internal candidates and those applying from outside of The University of Manchester. Not everyone will be able to complete every part of the form. We acknowledge that custom and practice differs according to discipline and that all applications will be reviewed by a pan-university panel, with input from area specialists.

Questions regarding this call should be directed to the FBMH Fellowship Academy by email:
FBMHfellowshipacademy@manchester.ac.uk

How to apply

Download and complete our [application form](#) (Word).

Please submit your completed application form to FBMHfellowshipacademy@manchester.ac.uk. Please **do not** submit a CV – all CV aspects are covered within the form.

- **Deadline for applications:** Tuesday 14 September 2021
- **Review of applications, including panel meeting:** 14-30 September 2021
- **Interviews:** Week commencing 11 October 2021

It is acknowledged that having a call for applications over the summer holiday period is not optimal, but this is due to the funding restrictions for the ISSF award in terms of the end date of the award.

We have given as much time as is possible to give candidates sufficient time to develop and submit an application.

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