

FBMH Internationalisation Quarterly Briefing – Issue 1

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Introduction

We are delighted to launch our quarterly FBMH Internationalisation Newsletter.

Our newsletters aim to highlight pertinent International Teaching & Research Partnerships and Collaboration Opportunities, keep you up to date with funding changes and opportunities, and items we consider will be important and beneficial to your teaching and research.

We welcome any suggestions or comments regarding our newsletter or any other aspect of our Internationalisation work.

Professor Keith Brennan

Previous Events 20/21

Shanghai Jiao Tong University School of Medicine (SJTUSM) In October 2020, a research symposium took place with SJTUSM. The themes were: Cancer Research / Early Detection / Radiotherapy; Neuro-imaging; Infection / Genomic Sciences / AMR; Developmental Biology / Early Life Development; Rheumatology; and Musculoskeletal Science. Following the symposium, both parties expressed strong interest in submitting a joint application for a China Scholarship Council (CSC) Innovation Platform in September 2021. The Innovation Platform will enable granular research collaborations predominantly through the co-supervision of dual PhD students. SJTUSM is also keen to become an approved institution to host FBMH students through the Turing Scheme.

The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) In December 2020, a [Virtual Symposium on regenerative Immunology](#) was held with CUHK. The themes were Inflammation/Immunology and Regenerative Medicine.



CUHK-University of Manchester Virtual Symposium on Regenerative Immunology
2 December 2020



Manchester – Melbourne Collaborative Neuroscience Symposia With in-person visits interrupted in 2020 and 2021, Melbourne and Manchester initiated a virtual research symposium series to link up researchers and inspire collaborative research between the universities. A working group with members from Manchester and Melbourne came together to develop and coordinate a focused online symposia series for February 2021 on 2 key identified themes: Mental Health, and Neuroinflammation & Neurodegeneration. Nearly 50 people attended the two symposia and 27 matching requests were made.

Recordings:

[Symposium 1](#)
[Symposium 2](#)

• A further Virtual symposium/workshop between the immunology groups in Manchester/Melbourne is scheduled for 1st and 2nd June 2021. For further details please contact [Professor Mark Travis](#)

Peking University Health Science Center (PKUHSC) In January & March 2021 we ran a successful series of themed workshops with PKUHSC. The Themes were [Health Informatics](#), [Genomics](#), [Stroke & Small Vessel Disease](#), [Dementia](#) & [Pain](#). Earlier this month, we have started the process of renewing our collaboration agreement for another 5 years to strengthen as well as broaden the research collaboration between two institutions. We have also started to prepare a joint submission for a CSC Innovation Platform.

Recent Events 2021

5th UK EAST AFRICA Health Improvement and Investment Summit 2021 hosted by FBMH on the 27th April 2021. With the 75th anniversary of the 1945 African Summit just last year, an event which laid the foundations for Kenyan independence, this Virtual Health Summit brought together stakeholders from across sub-Saharan Africa and the UK, including politicians, academics and policy makers, to discuss COVID and other significant challenges to global health.

[Videos](#) & [Presentations](#) of the sessions throughout the day.

The new Toronto-Manchester Joint Translational Centre for Digital Health was launched on April 15th in conjunction with industry partners MIDAS and Toronto Global. The mission of The Centre is to advance the field of Digital Health in Canada and the UK, through the development, implementation, and translation of new technologies, policies, and service delivery models. The Centre brings together experts from a broad range of disciplines from each institution to share and develop knowledge, engage in collaborative activity, and leverage each other's distinct national research environments. Its impact is the creation and commercialization of new technologies, the translation of theory into more effective public policy, and the strengthening of health services delivery.

[The Centre](#) is led by Profs Niels Peek and Will Dixon in Manchester and Dione Aleman and Emily Seto in Toronto and has 3 key areas of activity: (1) Remote Monitoring, consultation and virtual care, (2) Health Policy implementation and (3) Data Science and AI. Core Activities of The Centre are Research and Training, Business Engagement, Translation, and Innovation which will be achieved through joint Canada-UK research projects; funding opportunities; researcher and industry network exchange; and lectures, workshops, and symposia.

For more information and for how to get involved, please follow this link which takes you to a recording of the [Launch event](#).

Further information can be found on the [Centre's](#) webpage.

Current and Forthcoming International Funding Calls

University of Manchester-University of Melbourne Research Partnership Development Fund

Our joint research fund with Melbourne is now open. The call has been refocused to target Early Career Researchers, although members of academic staff at all levels are welcome to apply.

Call opens: 17 May 2021

Deadline for submission of proposal: 28 June 2021

Communication of results to applicants: mid-August 2021

Start date of Awards: October 2021

The fund is open for proposals across all research areas. Proposals with the potential to provide opportunities for [dual award PhDs](#) at a future stage are encouraged.

We would support three-way partnerships as part of this fund, where the third party could be included at their own expense. We would particularly encourage proposals which include a three-way partnership between Manchester, Melbourne and Toronto.

The full details of the call are on the [Manchester-Melbourne](#) webpage.

[International Exchanges Schemes](#) offered by the Royal Society are now calling for applications. The schemes offer funding support for visits to stimulate collaborations in natural sciences (including biological research, chemistry, engineering). The deadline is 10 June 2021.

Further International Funding:

[Hong Kong](#)

[China](#)

[Australia](#)

[Canada](#)

Research Summaries

The International Team has also prepared summaries of the areas of research strength at the Faculty's strategic partners, [University of Toronto](#), [University of Melbourne](#), [Peking University Health Science Center](#) and [Shanghai Jiao Tong School of Medicine](#). The International Team would be very happy to help you make contact with a potential collaborator at one of these partner universities. Please contact [Annette Barber](#) in the first instance if you would like further details.

New Teaching Arrangements

A new 2+2+1 BSc Clinical Pharmacy programme between the Division of Pharmacy and Optometry and China Pharmaceutical University, the leading pharmaceutical university in China, was approved by the Chinese Ministry of Education in November 2020. This agreement will see 60+ Chinese students per year undertaking their 3rd and 4th years in Manchester, taking the 2nd and 3rd years of our MPharm programme, before returning to China to complete their clinical training. This CPU-UoM programme (with 5 years agreement initially) aims to train community pharmacists currently lacking in the Chinese healthcare system. CPU will recruit students for September 2021 and this cohort will then come to the UK in September 2023.

Agreement has been reached to deliver a new joint MB ChB programme at Alexandria University. The first cohort of students will be recruited in September 2021 with a target of 120 students per year. Students will be registered at both Alexandria University and UoM and will receive a joint degree certificate. This programme will allow the University to recruit additional international medical students.

Meet the Team:

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Owing to ongoing Covid-19 Travel Restrictions Summer Schools for 2021 are cancelled