

Fellowship Academy Newsletter – Issue 1

This is the first of a planned regular quarterly newsletter from the FBMH Fellowship Academy. The aim of these newsletters will be to announce successful fellowships and to highlight upcoming funding deadlines and events.

The Fellowship Academy offers advice to all early career researchers seeking advice on Fellowships. Please contact us as early as possible to discuss options and opportunities. We work closely together with Schools and Divisions who are the staff line managers.

Professor Mike White
Associate Dean for Fellowships and Talent Development

Recently Awarded Fellowships

Congratulations!

We would like to particularly congratulate the following researchers who have been awarded Fellowships in the first three months of this year:

Ximena Soto in the Division of Developmental Biology has won a five year Career Development Award from the MRC for a project entitled “Understanding spinal cord regeneration: the role of dynamic gene expression”.

Sarah Ryan from the Division of Neuroscience has won a five year Dementia Research Leaders Fellowship from the Alzheimer’s Society on “The role of microglia in fronto-temporal dementia.”

Lianne Kearsley-Fleet from the Division of Musculoskeletal & Dermatological Sciences has won a five year Career Development Fellowship from Versus Arthritis for a project entitled “Planning for a future without fear: Epidemiological investigations of long-term health-related outcomes in adults with JIA”

Svitlana Kurinna from the Division of Cell Matrix Biology & Regenerative Medicine has won a two year Transition Award from the MRC, with a project entitled “Targeting miR-29 to improve wound matrix”

Upcoming Fellowship Opportunities

Internal calls:

Upcoming deadlines include our recently announced internal call the [Deans Prize Fellowships](#).

External calls

The following major calls for Fellowships are coming up in the next three months:

[Wellcome Early-Career Fellowship](#)
[Wellcome Career Development Fellowship](#)
[BBSRC Discovery Fellowships](#)
[UKRI FLF](#) (subject to internal triage)

If you are planning an application please [contact the Fellowship Academy](#).

Fellows Forum

A key network that we support is the Fellows forum. This is a cross-faculty network of Fellows chaired by Mato Lagator and Meghna Jani.

The Fellows forum organise networking events and discussions on key issues that affect fellows and early career researchers. They regularly organise opportunities for Fellows to meet with senior staff.

Please contact Mato (Mato.Lagator@manchester.ac.uk) or Meghna (Meghna.Jani@manchester.ac.uk) if you would like to join the Fellows forum. We encourage all independently funded Fellows to join this network.

Academic Representatives to support the Fellowship Academy

We want your support!

We work closely with Schools and Divisions, who are the line managers of Research Fellows. A key part of our work depends on a range of academic staff who support the Fellowship Academy through clinics and provide links with Divisions.

- We are always keen to hear from **staff who would be willing to help with our activities**, including fellowship clinics, practice interviews and other support for groups of Fellows.
- We would be particularly interested to identify **(a) clinical representative for the Fellowship Academy** to liaise with [ICAT](#) and

advise on clinical careers and Fellowships. When there are upcoming fellowship calls, we expect this role to take around half a day per week.

- We also wish to identify a **School of Medical Sciences representative for the Fellowship Academy**. This person would liaise with Divisions in SMS to support Fellows. We expect this role to take less than half a day per week, with an occasional increase in activity depending on upcoming calls.

Please contact Mike White (Mike.White@manchester.ac.uk) if you are interested in either of these roles to support the activities of the Fellowship Academy.

Please [contact us](#) about any content within the FBMH Fellowship Academy Newsletter that you would like to discuss