

## ***Eligibility criteria/overview and eligible organisations***

The following is intended as an overview on which organisations and the personnel within them may be eligible to apply for the research grant funding of BBSRC. The full set of rules on eligibility is to be found in Section 3 of the BBSRC Guide to Research Grants which may be located on our website at <http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/funding/apply/grants-guide.aspx>

### **What is an eligible institution?**

For BBSRC this would be one of the following

- Universities and Colleges of Higher Education in the UK which are funded by either one of the Higher Education Funding Councils or the Department of Education Northern Ireland and in which research is being undertaken within the BBSRC remit. These institutions have access to both Managed and Responsive Mode research grant funding. Institutions which are currently known to work within the BBSRC remit are listed at [annex 1](#) to this document
- Research organisation which have been granted the status of Independent Research Organisations (IRO) by BBSRC. Access to BBSRC funding by such organisations is by default limited to Managed Mode research grants only. A list of the current BBSRC IROs is at [annex 2](#) to this document
- The institutes of BBSRC and of the other Research Councils. These and all of which have access to both Managed and Responsive Mode Funding, are listed on the RCUK website at <http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/funding/eligibilityforrcs>.

### **Am I eligible to apply as either a Principal or Co-Applicant?**

You must be resident in the UK at the time you submit your application which would normally be the closing date for submission to the grants round in which your application will be assessed. Closing dates are listed on the following page of our website, <http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/funding/apply/apply-index.aspx>

You should have or are about to take up, an appointment at one of the three BBSRC categories of eligible institutions acceptable to BBSRC the tenure of which if not indefinite, must, in the event of the application being successful be guaranteed to outlast the period of the grant funding being applied for. Further, appointments must be funded from an Institutions central resources e.g. HEFC. If on a short term or fixed contract please bear in mind the possible impact that any slippage in the start date of your proposed grant might have on your position.

By acceptable appointment we mean that you have one of the following

- a full time or part-time post at an eligible institution at lecturer, reader, or professorial level
- a research post at an eligible institution which is at least of equivalent standing to that of a lecturer. You will need though, to be able to demonstrate that you are carrying out the full range of staff academic duties as well as any laboratory research activities you are engaged in or are responsible for and you are carrying a level of responsibility and a range of duties appropriate to a person with substantial research experiences

- a post as in either of the two bullet points above that is funded by a non-eligible organisation, but where you are actually employed on an open-ended contract by the eligible institution, and that institution accepts long-term liability for you
- a post as in either of the first two bullet points above that is held in retirement
- a post at lecturer, reader, or professorial level at an eligible institution held on a self funded basis and where you are also not in paid employment with a non eligible organisation such as the NHS
- an RCUK Academic Fellowship or a postdoctoral fellowship awarded in open competition that has a status equating to at least lecturer level. However if your fellowship does not extend beyond the duration of your proposed grant you must have the guarantee from your host institution that if your grant application is successful they will provide you with an employment contract covering the outstanding period. If you are a RCUK Academic Fellow who is initially supported as a Post Doctoral Research Assistant (PDRA) on a research grant please be aware that you cannot start any successful award until you have completed your PDRA duties, on your original research grant.
- a staff post at a Research Council Institute at the BBSRC Band 5 (E) equivalent grade or above.

Please be aware that eligibility to apply does not automatically infer that BBSRC funding of the post automatically follows. For example as in the case of eligible fellowship holders whose awards may cover both salary and estates costs and retired eligible researchers who have honorary positions.

**Is there any documentation that should accompany my application to support my eligibility?**

- If you are applying for a grant in advance of actually taking up an appointment you need to include a letter confirming this from the institution you are joining
- If you are applying as a holder of a fellowship then, with the exception of RCUK fellowship holders, you must supply details of your fellowship and the funding it provides you with
- If applying as a fellowship holder but the time remaining on your fellowship does not outlast the duration of the grant you are applying for then, with the exception of RCUK fellowship holders, you must provide confirmation that in the event of your application for funding being successful you will have a salaried appointment with the institution covering that outstanding period
- If you are retired or will retire during the lifetime of the grant being applied for or you are the holder of a honorary or visitor appointment, you must provide written confirmation that in the event of your application for funding being successful you will have a contractual arrangement with the institution covering your stay there to undertake the proposed research.

**What is the New Investigator Scheme and can I apply for a grant under it?**

The New Investigator (NI) scheme is intended to assist newly appointed university lecturers, their equivalents in Research Council Institutes and IROs, and lecturer level equivalent fellows to secure their first major research grant. Although part of the

Responsive Mode research grant scheme there are additional specific eligibility criteria applicants must be able to satisfy over and above those for ordinary responsive mode. You can for example only apply for a grant under the NI scheme if you have no more than three years equivalent full-time employment in total (taking periods of part-timeworking, career breaks, maternity leave etc. into account), as one or a combination of the following appointments

- a university lecturer
- an equivalent appointment in a Research Council Institute or Independent Research Organisation
- the holder of a lecturer equivalent fellowship awarded in open competition

Also applicants must not have held or currently hold grants that included/includes funding for Post Doctoral Research Assistants (PDRAs) and they would normally be expected to be the sole applicant on any application.

Some further information about the New Investigator scheme may be found on our website at <http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/funding/grants/new-investigator.aspx> and the full eligibility criteria for it can be found in the latter part of Section 3 of the Guide to Research Grants which may be located on our website at <http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/funding/apply/grants-guide.aspx>.

## [Annex 1](#)

### **BBSRC RESEARCH GRANT FUNDING - ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS**

#### **INSTITUTIONS ELIGIBLE FOR BBSRC RESPONSIVE RESEARCH GRANTS AND RESPONSIVE AND MANAGED RESEARCH INITIATIVES**

##### **Institutions funded by the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE)**

Anglia Ruskin University  
 Aston University  
 University of Bath  
 Bath Spa University College  
 University of Bedfordshire  
 University of Birmingham  
 University of Bolton  
 University of Bournemouth  
 University of Bradford  
 University of Brighton (*Includes Brighton & Sussex Medical School based at Sussex*)  
 University of Bristol  
 Brunel University  
 Buckinghamshire Chilton University College  
 Canterbury Christ Church University College  
 University of Cambridge (*including the Institute of Zoology*)  
 University of Central England  
 University of Central Lancashire  
 University of Chester  
 University of Chichester  
 Coventry University  
 University of Cumbria  
 Cranfield University  
 De Montfort University  
 University of Derby  
 University of Durham  
 University of East Anglia (*includes the Sainsbury Laboratory located at the John Innes Centre*) #1  
 University of East London  
 Edge Hill University  
 University of Essex  
 University of Exeter (*incorporating Peninsula College of medicine and dentistry jointly with Plymouth University*)  
 University of Gloucestershire  
 Harper Adams University College  
 University of Hertfordshire  
 Heythrop College  
 University of Huddersfield  
 University of Hull  
 University of Humberside  
 Keele University

University of Kent at Canterbury  
Kingston University  
Lancaster University  
University of Leeds  
Leeds Metropolitan University  
University of Leicester  
University of Lincoln  
University of Liverpool  
Liverpool John Moores University  
Loughborough University  
University of Luton  
University of Manchester  
Manchester Metropolitan University  
University of Newcastle upon Tyne  
University of Northampton  
University of Northumbria at Newcastle  
University of Nottingham  
Nottingham Trent University  
The Open University  
University of Oxford  
Oxford Brookes University  
University of Plymouth (*incorporating Peninsula College of medicine and dentistry jointly with University of Exeter*)  
University of Portsmouth  
University of Reading  
University of Salford  
University of Sheffield  
Sheffield Hallam University  
University of Southampton (*incorporating La Sainte Union College of Higher Education*)  
Staffordshire University  
University of Sunderland  
University of Surrey  
University of Sussex (*Includes Brighton & Sussex Medical school*)  
University of Teesside  
University of Warwick (*including HRI Wellesbourne*)  
University of the West of England, Bristol  
University of Winchester  
University of Wolverhampton  
University of Worcester  
University of York

## **LONDON**

City University  
University of East London  
University of London: Colleges and Institutes of the University  
    Birkbeck College  
    Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School (dept. of ICST School of  
    Medicine)  
    Eastman Dental Institute (dept. of UCL)  
    Goldsmiths College  
    Imperial College  
    Institute of Cancer Research  
    Institute of Child Health (dept. of UCL)  
    Institute of Education

Institute of Neurology (dept. of UCL)  
 Institute of Ophthalmology (dept. of UCL)  
 Institute of Psychiatry (dept. of KCL)  
 King's College London  
 London Business School  
 London Hospital Medical College  
 London School of Economics and Political Science  
 London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine  
 National Heart and Lung Institute (dept. of ICST)  
 Queen Mary  
 Royal Free and Univ.College medical school (part of UCL)  
 Royal Holloway  
 Royal Institution of Great Britain ( dept. of UCL with which it merged in 2007)  
 Royal Postgraduate Medical School (dept. of ICST)  
 Royal Veterinary College  
 St Bartholomew's & the Royal London school of medicine and dentistry (dept of Queen Mary)  
 St George's  
 School of Pharmacy  
 United Medical and Dental Schools of Guys and St Thomas Hospital (part of KCL)  
 University College London (*including The Wolfson Institute for Biomedical Research*)  
 University Marine Biological Station Millport  
 Wye College (dept. of Imperial College).

University of Greenwich  
 London Metropolitan University  
 Middlesex University  
 London South Bank University  
 Thames Valley University  
 University of Westminster  
 Roehampton University

### **Colleges of Higher Education with HEFCE Funding**

Royal Agricultural College  
 St Martin's College  
 Salford College of Technology  
 Trinity and All Saints  
 Writtle College

### **Institutions funded by the Scottish Higher Education Funding Council (SHEFC)**

University of Aberdeen (includes the Rowett Institute which has now merged with the University)  
 University of Abertay Dundee  
 University of Dundee  
 University of Edinburgh *incorporating Roslin Institute*  
 University of Glasgow  
 Scottish Universities Environmental Research Centre (SUERC) - Joint centre of Edinburgh & Glasgow universities  
 Glasgow Caledonian University

Glasgow School of Art (generally only eligible where their particular expertise is required as part of a multidisciplinary proposal)

Heriott-Watt University  
Napier University  
Queen Margaret University  
The Robert Gordon University  
University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI)  
University of St Andrews  
University of Stirling  
University of Strathclyde  
Scottish Agricultural College (SAC)  
University of the West of Scotland

**Institutions funded by the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales (HEFCW)**

University of Wales Institute, Cardiff  
University of Wales College of Medicine  
University of Wales, Lampeter  
University of Wales College, Newport  
Aberystwyth University *incorporating IGER to form the Institute of Biological, Environmental and Rural Science*  
Bangor University  
Cardiff University  
Swansea University  
University of Glamorgan

**Institutions funded through the Department of Employment and Learning Northern Ireland (DELNI)**

The Queen's University of Belfast  
University of Ulster

**#1 Applications from the Sainsbury Laboratory come via the University of East Anglia.**

*This is not a complete list of institutions in receipt of funding from the Higher Education Funding Councils, only those with possible BBSRC interests or evidence of an appropriate research base. Please email [eligibility@bbsrc.ac.uk](mailto:eligibility@bbsrc.ac.uk) in respect of institutions not on this list.*

## [Annex 2](#)

### INDEPENDENT RESEARCH ORGANISATIONS

#### *Eligible for Calls for Proposals only*

NCSR  
University of Buckingham  
Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine

#### *Eligible for Calls for Proposals and Responsive Mode*

Animal Health Trust  
CABI  
East Malling Research  
European Bioinformatics Institute  
The Natural History Museum  
NIAB  
Marine Biological Association  
Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh  
Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew  
Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute  
Institute of Zoology

**Lists of all the Research Councils IROs and Research Council Institutes are available on the Research Councils UK (RCUK) website at <http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/funding/eligibilityforrcs>**