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/eligibilityforc.

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 Fellows who is initially supported as a Post Doctoral Research Assistant (PDRA) on a research grant please be aware they 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](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](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)

Heriot-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 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](http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/funding/eligibilityforrcs)