**Fellowship Schemes available 2015**

**Wellcome Trust Fellowship Schemes**

**1. Basic Biomedical Fellowships (early career researchers)**

[**http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Biomedical-science/Funding-schemes/Fellowships/Basic-biomedical-fellowships/index.htm**](http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Biomedical-science/Funding-schemes/Fellowships/Basic-biomedical-fellowships/index.htm)

**1.1. Henry Wellcome Postdoctoral fellowships**

This fellowship provides a unique opportunity for the most promising newly qualified postdoctoral researchers to make an early start in developing their independent research careers, working in the best laboratories in the UK and overseas.

Candidates must be in the final year of PhD or have no more than one year postdoctoral research experience from the date of the viva to full application submission deadline. They will be expected to identify an important biomedical research question and to develop and deliver a personal programme to achieve their research aims.

The fellowship is for **four years full-time**. Fellowships may be taken up on a part-time employment basis with the tenure of award lengthened accordingly.

The fellowship provides an award of £250 000. These funds provide support for:

* the basic salary as determined by the host institution, with an additional Trust enhancement for basic science fellows
* research expenses (materials and consumables; animals; travel and overseas subsistence; support to attend scientific meetings; small items of equipment, e.g. laptop; and fieldwork and data collection).

Support funds for research staff or equipment are not provided. It is expected that an appropriate laboratory will be selected and that the majority of the necessary equipment and facilities required for the proposed research be available to the candidate.

**Next Deadlines**

* Preliminary application deadline: **15 May 2015 (5pm)**
* Invited full application deadline: **17 July 2015 (5pm)**
* Shortlisted candidate interviews: **11-13 November 2015**

**1.2 Sir Henry Dale Fellowships**

For outstanding postdoctoral scientists wishing to build their own UK-based independent research career addressing an important biomedical question.

Research can range from the molecules and cells vital to life and their role in the global spread of disease, to clinical and public health research seeking to improve the quality of healthcare. It can be based in the laboratory, clinic or field, and may involve experimental or theoretical approaches. Fellowships are tenable for **five years** in the first instance, with the potential to apply for competitive renewal for an additional **three** years.

This Fellowship brings together the Royal Society and the Wellcome Trust, two of the world's most prestigious and influential scientific organisations, in their shared commitment to supporting the future leaders of biomedical research.

The scheme seeks to support individuals who would have previously applied for a 'biomedical' Royal Society University Research Fellowship or a Wellcome Trust Research Career Development Fellowship hosted by a UK academic organisation.

Candidates are expected to have relevant scientific or mathematical qualifications and, at the final decision point (i.e. at interview), be no more than seven years from the date of their PhD viva. They must be:

* a UK/EEA national
* a non-EEA national who either has a relevant degree from a UK university, or has worked in the UK for at least a continuous three-year period
* an exceptional biomedical scientist, who does not fall within the categories above, whose recruitment to the host organisation would be advantageous to both the applicant and the organisation.

Please note that prospective applicants who hold an established post are not eligible to apply for a fellowship to be held at their current employing organisation. However, in exceptional circumstances the Trust is willing to consider a preliminary application if a person wishes to move organisation and are able to make a strong scientific justification for the move.

Unless stated otherwise, the following costs may be requested:

* a basic salary for the Fellow, as determined by the host organisation; an additional Wellcome Trust enhancement of £7500 per annum will also be provided
* research expenses, including research assistance (normally one post which may be a postdoc or graduate RA or technician; requests for additional research staff may be considered where fieldwork or clinical studies in a low- or middle-income country are proposed)
* travel and subsistence for collaborative travel or scientifically justified overseas visits of normally up to one year
* overseas allowances, where appropriate, for applicants working in low- or middle-income countries for 12 months or more

http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Biomedical-science/Funding-schemes/Fellowships/Basic-biomedical-fellowships/WTDV031823.htm

**Next Deadlines**

* Preliminary application deadline: **17 April 2015 (5pm)**
* Invited full application deadline: **19 June 2015 (5pm)**
* Shortlisted candidate interviews: **21-23 October 2015**
* Next preliminary application deadline: **17 July 2015 (5pm)**
* Invited full application deadline: **9 October 2015 (5pm)**
* Shortlisted candidate interviews: **24-26 February 2016**

**2. Public Health Fellowships**

[**http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Biomedical-science/Funding-schemes/Fellowships/Public-health-and-tropical-medicine/index.htm**](http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Biomedical-science/Funding-schemes/Fellowships/Public-health-and-tropical-medicine/index.htm)

**2.1. Master's Fellowships in Public Health and Tropical Medicine**

This scheme strengthens scientific research capacity in low- and middle-income countries, by providing support for junior researchers to gain research experience and high-quality research training at Master's degree level.

Research should be aimed at understanding and improving public health and tropical medicine of local, national and global relevance. Public health and tropical medicine cover a wide range of health problems, including communicable and non-communicable diseases. Topics include:

* demographic, social science and health economic studies
* epidemiological, field and community-based studies
* healthcare systems and policy research
* measurement of infectious and chronic disease burden
* population studies
* clinical trials and case-control studies
* studies of disease mechanisms in the natural host
* determinants of disease susceptibility and resistance
* immunity or resistance in natural hosts or vectors.

This can include laboratory-based molecular analysis of field or clinical samples, but projects focused solely on studies in vitro or using animal models will not normally be considered under this scheme.

We are particularly interested in requests for research training support in the social sciences, demography, health economics, medical statistics and vector biology.

This Fellowship is part of a series of career awards aimed at building sustainable capacity in areas of research that have the potential for increasing health benefits for people and their livestock in low- and middle-income countries.

**Deadlines**

Applications are considered twice a year.

* Next application deadline: **2 March 2015 (5pm)**
* Final decision by Interview Committee: **June 2015**

**2.2. Training Fellowships in Public Health and Tropical Medicine**

This scheme provides researchers from [low- and middle-income countries](http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/International/WTX033620.htm) - who are at an early stage in the establishment of their research careers - with opportunities for research experience and high-quality research training in public health and tropical medicine.

Research should be aimed at understanding and improving public health and tropical medicine of local, national and global relevance. Public health and tropical medicine cover a wide range of health problems, including communicable and non-communicable diseases. Topics include:

* demographic, social science and health economic studies
* epidemiological, field and community based studies
* health care systems and policy research
* measurement of infectious and chronic disease burden
* population studies
* clinical trials and case control studies
* studies of disease mechanisms in the natural host
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This can include laboratory-based molecular analysis of field or clinical samples, but projects focused solely on studies in vitro or using animal models will not normally be considered under this scheme.

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**Next Deadlines**

Applications are considered twice a year. Details of the next round:

* Preliminary application deadline: **29 April 2015 (5pm)**
* Full application deadline: **8 July 2015 (5pm)**
* Shortlisted candidate interviews: **25-27 November 2015**

**3. Commonwealth Scholarships**

**What is available?**

**Masters and PhD scholarships to study in the UK** – nominated by Commonwealth national governments or universities (nearly all scholarships are for low and middle income countries).

**Split-site scholarships for PhD studies in the UK**. These provide up to 1 year of study at a UK university for PhD candidates registered at their home university. There must be an existing institutional link between the sending and receiving departments.

Information on 2016 Commonwealth Split-site Scholarships will be available on this page in August 2015.

**Commonwealth Academic Fellowships -** are offered to early career academics from developing Commonwealth countries, to enable them to spend between three and ten months undertaking research and updating their skills at a UK university. These fellowships are funded by the UK Department for International Development (DFID).

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<http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk/apply/academic-fellowships/>