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EU and International Research Funding Newsletter

Welcome! In this edition there is information on:

- **NEW!** Call for participation in UK-Japan RENKEI Climate Change Workshop
- **NEW!** Briefing for ERC Starting Grants and Synergy Grants , alongside Advanced Grants (EU)
- H2020 Work Programmes published - €11bn available (EU)
- Marie Sklodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships 2019 (EU)
- **NEW!** Who will be influencing Horizon Europe's Missions?
- Enabling Societal Transformation in the Face of Climate Change (EU)
- Global Challenges Urgency Grants (GCRF)
- **NEW!** Global Morbidity Seed Funding (GCRF/MRC)
- GCRF Clusters: Funds to link current/former GCRF projects (GCRF)
- Collaborative Humanitarian Research Programme (AHRC/DFID)
- Joint Global Health Trials -Call 10 (MRC/DFIF/UKAId/Wellcome/NIHR
- Wellcome International funds for Exchanges and Research Development

Awards in Humanities, Social Sciences and Bioethics

- **NEW!** UK-China Research-Industry Creative Partnerships Call incl. museum technologies and big data (FIC)
- Global Challenges Academy Rapid Response Funds for project development (internal)
- Events: including **NEW!** ERC Starting and Synergy briefing, EU Energy Efficiency Call webinar

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RENKEI Call for Expressions of Interest to participate in the RENKEI Climate Change workshop 02-04 Dec 2019

The internal call for Expressions of Interest' to participate in the RENKEI 'climate change' workshop on 02-04 Dec 2019 is now open , RENKEI (Research and Education Network for Knowledge Economy Initiatives) is a partnership between universities in Japan and the UK aiming at strengthening the knowledge exchange and research collaboration between the two countries particularly focusing on 'climate change' and 'health'.

Newcastle has been allocated 4 researcher places in total for the workshop (1 senior academic, 1 mid-career, 1 post-doc, 1 PhD). We will also be taking the following into consideration:

✓ At least 1 nominated researcher should be from social sciences and the humanities (related to 'climate change')
✓ At least 1 nominated researcher should be female
✓ Up to 1 nominated researcher can be Early Career Researcher/PhD
✓ Nominated researchers are expected to have interest/expertise in either of the subthemes listed (see the attached document 'RENKEI Researcher Workshop-ClimateChange2019_final').

Anyone interested in participating in the workshop should please complete the attached EoI from and email it to dajana.dzanovic@ncl.ac.uk by **01 September 2019 (12 noon).** If required please ensure that your supervisor/line manager is supportive of your participation.

ERC Starting Grants, Synergy Grants and Advanced Grants open for application

ERC funds high-risk, high-reward research in any discipline. It funds the kind of blue skies project that might not sit comfortably elsewhere, that might be considered off-the-wall, but is the intellectual challenge you've always wanted. Applicants should have an outstanding track-record, relevant to their career stage. Additional funds are available for relocation and equipment. Team members from any country are allowed.

Advanced Grant 2019: For researchers with significant research achievements over the last 10 years, awarded up to €2.5 million over 5 years. Deadline 29th August 2019.

Starting Grants 2020: For researchers 2-7 post PhD, awarded up to €1.5 million over 5 years. Deadline 16th October 2019.

ERC Starting Grant 2020 call briefing 09 Sep 2019, 12:30-14:00 registration by email to dajana.dzanovic@ncl.ac.uk

Synergy Grants 2020**:** For 2-4 PIs, leaders in their field appropriate to their career stage, one of whom may be based outside of the EU/Associated Countries. Award is up to €10 million over 6 years. Deadline 5th November 2019.

ERC Synergy Grant 2020 call briefing 10 Sep 2019 12:00-13:00 registration by email to dajana.dzanovic@ncl.ac.uk

Please note that some rules vary between the 2019 and 2020 calls so please ensure you read the correct Work Programme.
If you have any questions on the implications to this scheme of Brexit, please contact Dajana.Dzanovic@ncl.ac.uk / +44 191 208 5373.

Horizon 2020 Published Work Programmes for 2020

Many of these Work Programmes have now been formally adopted. Around €11bn is available in projects calls up to 2020.

- Societal Challenge 1: Health, Demographic Change and Wellbeing - Information Day materials now available, please contact the team if you are interested.
- Societal Challenge 2: Food Security, Sustainable Agriculture and Forestry, Marine, Maritime and Inland Water Research and the Bioeconomy
- Societal Challenge 3: Secure, Clean and Efficient Energy - Information Day web-stream now available, please contact the team if you are interested.
- Societal Challenge 4: Smart, Green and Integrated Transport
- Societal Challenge 5 : Climate Action, environment, Resource efficiency and raw materials
- Societal Challenge 6: Europe in a changing world - inclusive, innovative and reflective societies
- Societal Challenge 7: Secure societies – Protecting freedom and security of Europe and its citizens

- Nanotechnologies, Advanced Materials, Biotechnology and Advanced Manufacturing and Processing (NMBP)
- ICT Work Programme
- Space Work Programme Pre-Published
- Future and Emerging Technologies
- European Innovation Council
- Research Infrastructures
- Marie Curie Actions, including Staff Exchange and Doctoral Training
- Science with and for Society
- Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation

Marie Sklodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships 2019

Provides opportunities to work on research within Europe or outside Europe.

- European Fellowships take place in host institutions in EU Member States or Associated Countries and are open to researchers either coming to Europe or moving within Europe
- Global Fellowships are based on a secondment to a host institution in a country outside Europe followed by a mandatory return period to a European host institution.

Deadline for applications is 11th September 2019.
For more information please see here: MSCA-IF-2019

If you have any questions on the implications to this scheme of Brexit, please contact

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Who will be influencing Horizon Europe's Missions?

The next European research programme, Horizon Europe, will introduce Missions to stimulate research which will capture the public's attention through solving tangible global problems.

Each Mission relates to a theme: Adaptation to climate change including societal transformation; Cancer; Healthy oceans, seas, coastal and inland waters; Climate-neutral and smart cities; Soil health and food.

Each has a Board of 15 members to steer its direction.

More information on the composition of these boards is here.

Pre-Announcement for JPI Climate Call on Enabling Societal Transformation in the Face of Climate Change (SOLSTICE)

The Call will address the following three themes:

1. Social justice and participation
2. Sense making, cultural meaning and risk perceptions
3. Transformative finance and economy

Interdisciplinary contributions will be welcomed from consortia led by Social Sciences and Humanities who will address societal aspects of climate change.

Consortia submitting proposals to the Call should consist of scientists from at least three participating countries from (subject to change): Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Norway and United Kingdom.

The Call also seeks to attract scientists who work in disciplines that are typically not associated with climate change research in order to develop innovative approaches and combinations of disciplines.

Call due to open October 2019.
Deadline expected Jan 2020 and more information here.

Global Challenges Urgency Grants

Funds from this pilot scheme, delivered by AHRC, could fall under either of these two main categories:

- Research (including the collection, analysis or critical interpretation of data) into the short term impacts of / informing responses or resilience to or recovery from a range of specific events affecting LMICs which could not have been planned for in advance.
- An unexpected opportunity to conduct substantive research over a period of months informing, observing or collecting data at, or to participate in (e.g. placements) a one-off time-limited major policy or practice event (e.g. a peacebuilding / reconciliation process, public inquiry, policy review process) which offer a substantial and unique opportunity for innovative research, research synthesis and/or knowledge exchange relating to international development and/or directly relating to development in one or more LMIC.

The maximum funding that may be sought is £150,000 for a period of up to 12 months is available.

Expressions of interest may be submitted at any time during the period of the pilot scheme. If the expression of interest is considered to fall within the scope of the scheme, applicants will then be invited to submit a full application.

This Pilot Scheme will close to new expressions of interest on **31 October 2020** after

which AHRC will review the pilot and may consider extending or revising the scheme.

For more information please see here.

Global Morbidity Seed Funding

This MRC call has been developed in collaboration with Wellcome, NIHR and the Academy of Medical Sciences.

The call will support seed-funding projects that develop and test innovative ideas, foster interdisciplinary collaboration, build capacity, and lay the groundwork for future large-scale activity aimed at understanding and tackling multimorbidity in LMICs. This call adopts the definition of multimorbidity recommended in the AMS report.

Where the application is led by a UK PI, it should include effective, sustainable and equitable partnerships with researchers based in the LMIC location(s) where the research will take place, with strong governance and management processes in place. Research into multimorbidity and health systems/health services should be rooted in the context where it will take place with strong engagement with policy makers to maximise potential uptake of the research findings.

Applicants are welcome to contact the office (international@mrc.ukri.org) in advance of submitting an application to discuss remit or eligibility.

Grants of up to £200,000 will be made for projects up to 18 months in duration.

Example subject areas are articulated on the main call page.

Deadline: 10 September 2019, 11pm, Mandatory Expression of Interest
9 October 2019, 4pm, Seed-funding application

Call information is here.
Additionally please contact gwen.averley@ncl.ac.uk or darren.airey@ncl.ac.uk for assistance with the Pathways to Impact, Dajana.Dzanovic@newcastle.ac.uk or Elisa.Lawson@newcastle.ac.uk for assistance with the ODA Compliance Statement Please, rdm@ncl.ac.uk for assistance with your Data Management Plan

GCRF Clusters: Funds to link current/former GCRF projects

Former and current GCRF award holders are invited to bid for funds for Challenge Clusters that will increase the impact on SDGs by linking together related projects.

Proposals can be led by any current of former GCRF grant holder (based in the UK or abroad), based in a Research Organisation, who is named either as a PI or a Co-I. Clusters should include at least two related GCRF funded projects and other UK or internationally funded development projects.

Initially around 20 projects will be awarded up to £150K for work over a 12 month period. These will then be evaluated with a subsequent opportunity to apply for £1-2 million over 3 years.

Call deadline: 24th September, 2019
More information is available here.

AHRC-DFID Collaborative Humanitarian Protection Research Programme

This programme supports a portfolio of research projects to better understand the causes of humanitarian protection risks/violations and to gather evidence about which interventions are most effective in improving humanitarian protection outcomes.

Consortia must be multi-disciplinary and involve collaboration with non-academic partners. Consortia must also include partners based in DAC countries, eligible for official development assistance (ODA).

Research must be on one of the following themes: Impact of violations of international humanitarian law, Impact of protection programming, Impact of restraint, Impact of local protection mechanisms, Impact of recognition on protection and Impact of targeting,

Project budgets can be up to £480,000 plus an additional £100,000 for capacity building.
Deadline: 5th September, 2019. 16:00.
For more information please see here.

Joint Global Health Trials - Call 10

Call 10 specifically invites applications for definitive RCTs that provide generalisable data, beyond a single country. The evidence generated should be robust and relevant to international and regional policy makers and directly answer questions to change policy and guidance. Trials should address the major causes of mortality or morbidity in low and middle income countries, particularly those that affect the most vulnerable populations.

£20 million is available. They are open to funding a smaller number of more ambitious trials than in previous years.
Around £1 million of the total amount is expected to be spent on several trial development grants.

Deadline: 17th October, 2019, 16:00 for outline proposal. Invited full proposals by Feb 2020.

International Exchange Programmes in Humanities, Social Science and Bioethics

This funding will help researcher to run international exchange programmes and gain in-depth experience of working and teaching outside their home countries.
Level of funding: Up to £1.5 million
Duration of funding: 3 to 5 years
Preliminary applications deadline: 3 March 2020

For more information please see here.

Research Development Awards in Humanities, Social Science and Bioethics

For groups of researchers who want the time and resources to shape the direction of their future work. The development programmes will lay the foundation for research that takes risks and pushes academic boundaries
Host organisation: Anywhere in the world
Level of funding: Up to £1 million
Duration: 3 to 5 years
Preliminary applications deadline: 3 March 2020

For more information please see here.

UK-China Research-Industry Creative Partnerships Call

This call is to facilitate a rapid scaling-up of engagements between the UK and China, with a specific focus on Shanghai as China's cultural and creative industries powerhouse. The call aims to facilitate new collaborations in the creative industries that deliver sustained economic, cultural and intellectual benefits in both countries.

Partnerships should be framed around R&D activity in one of the following areas:

- Creative Design: particularly in relation to the creation of new products and services at the intersection of design and big data.
- Theatre and the performing arts: particularly in relation to mixed reality experiences.
- Fashion and textiles.
- Story-telling and animation.
- The use of interactive and immersive technologies in museums and cultural institutions.
- Gaming.

The Partnerships will be balanced in the division of roles, responsibilities and activities between the two countries and comprise an appropriate mix of academic expertise and creative industry representation both from the UK and China.

Interdisciplinary activity is strongly encouraged, both within the arts and humanities and, more widely, through the integration of the social sciences and STEM disciplines. However, proposals should be mainly grounded within AHRC's remit;

those that are not will be deemed ineligible.

Applications to this call must be made by a PI who is contracted to a UK University or Independent Research Organisation (IRO) and meets the eligibility requirements set out in the AHRC Research Funding Guide. The same criteria applies to Co-Is. It is expected that there will also be a lead HEI and PI in China, and the Chinese component of projects should be principally focused on the Shanghai region.

Funding of up to £500,000 is available per project on a full economic cost (fEC) basis with AHRC meeting 80% of the fEC. Projects should last for a maximum of 36 months and start by 1 February 2020.

Deadline: 24th October 2019, 16:00 UK time.
More information here.

Global Challenges Academy Rapid Response Funds

Newcastle University's Global Challenges Academy can provide agile, quick turnaround funding to support research-related activity directly benefiting DAC list countries.

To be eligible your proposed activity must directly and primarily promote the economic development and social welfare of partner countries on the DAC list.

Activity will need to align to at least one United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (UNSDG). Applicants are encouraged to discuss/co-create their ideas with their international partners ahead of submission.

Examples of eligible activity include:
• International networking and partnership building activity, addressing specific global challenges, which will lead to GCRF or Newton style funding proposals
• Preliminary data collection, pilot projects or other preparatory work needed ahead of making a external research funding application
• Activity as a response to an urgent research need in a DAC list country or a critical policy moment in a sustainable development related area
• Activity that builds on previous ODA research and might add impact (social,

economic or academic capacity) or extend benefits to further geographic regions/demographic groups

There is no minimum application value, but it is expected that requests will not usually exceed £2k.

If you would like to discuss an application prior to submission, please contact Dr Elisa Lawson Research Funding Development Manager and Co-Director of Global Challenges Academy

Application form**.** This scheme operates with no deadlines. Submit a request at any time and decisions will be made within 5 working days. Awarded funds must be spent within 3 months of the decision notification. There is no limit on the number of applications which can be submitted for the same project/relationship but its expected only one will be active at any time. Short reports will be requested 1 month after completion.

H2020 Information Days

- Space Information Day: 12-13 September in Prague
- Societal Challenge 5 Info Day: 16-17 September in Brussels
- ICT Proposers' Day 2019 : 19-20 September 2019 in Helsinki

AI and Health Brokerage, 16-17 Sept, Oslo

See event page for details of supported H2020 calls.

Briefing for ERC Starting Grants 2020

ERC Starting Grant 2020 call briefing: 09 Sep 2019, 12:30-14:00. Registration by email to dajana.dzanovic@ncl.ac.uk

Venue will be confirmed after registration.

Briefing for ERC Synergy Grants 2020

ERC Synergy Grant 2020 call briefing: 10 Sep 2019 12:00-13:00 registration by email to dajana.dzanovic@ncl.ac.uk

European Big Data Value Forum (EBDVF) 2019

EBDVF is the main event of the European Big Data and Data-Driven AI Research and Innovation community. It will take place on **14-16 October in Helsinki**, Finland

Venue will be confirmed after registration.

UK and EU Programmes Update

The Treasury has announced that UK organisations that secure funding through EU programmes, between now and the end of 2020, will be underwritten by the UK government. Read the full statement here.
If anyone requires any further information please contact Dajana.Dzanovic

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