



UK-India Research Collaboration Funding Opportunities: December 2014

Organisation	Funding	Closing Date
Innovate UK(Technology Strategy Board)	India-UK Collaborative Industrial R&D Programme New!	15 April 2015 Closing soon!
ICMR -MRC	Aetiology and life-course of substance misuse and relationship with mental illness	30 November 2014
British Council	Newton-Bhabha PhD Placements Programme New!	15 January 2015
ESRC	The EU-India Platform for Social Sciences and Humanities (EqUIP)	See website
University of Liverpool	Liverpool India Fellowships New!	18 December 2014
Chevening	Chevening Gurukul Programme New!	06 February 2015
Newton Fund	The UK's Newton Fund for building science and innovation capacity in developing countries	See website
European Commission	H2020 calls with relevance to India	Click here
The Royal Society	Brian Mercer Feasibility Award	Applications are accepted year - round
University of Cambridge	The Cambridge-India Partnership Fund (CIPF)	Applications are reviewed three times in each academic year - review dates will be announced on the Cambridge-India website
The University of Manchester	Faculty of Humanities Overseas Research Scholarship	Please contact the School in which you intend to register for advice on closing dates.
The Leverhulme Trust	The Leverhulme Trust: Visiting Professorships	Outline Applications can be submitted at any time. Assessment is normally completed within three months.
Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council - BBSRC	Summary of BBSRC funding for International activities	Apply at any time (at least 6 weeks before travel)
Engineering and Physic Sciences Research Council -EPSRC	Summary of EPSRC funding for International activities	Please refer to the website
Science and Technology Facilities Council - STFC	Summary of Science & Technology Facilities Council (STFC) for International activities	Please refer to the website
Medical Research Council - MRC	Summary of MRC funding for International activities (for medical researchers)	Please refer to the website
The Economic and Social Research Council -ESRC	ECONOMIC & SOCIAL RESEARCH COUNCIL (ESRC) funding	Please refer to the website

European Commission – H2020 & other calls

*Please click on the topic for further information

H2020 calls with relevance to India

Work programme	Topic	Deadline
Societies	Europe's contribution to a value-based global order and its contestants INT-03-2015	January 7, 2015

India-UK Collaborative Industrial R&D Programme

Closing Date: 15 Apr 2015 (Please Note Registration closes 8 April 2014)

Description

The India-UK Collaborative Industrial R&D Programme aims to support business-led collaborative R&D projects between Indian and UK companies, working with academic organisations from both countries where appropriate.

The programme is jointly delivered by the **Global Innovation & Technology Alliance (GITA)**, on behalf of the **Department of Science & Technology (DST)**, Government of India and by Innovate UK in the UK. The programme will provide grant funding to help participants to build sustainable research partnerships and increase bilateral R&D collaboration with the aim of generating new Intellectual Property (IP) and developing technology prototypes/processes leading to economic growth and societal benefit.

Applications invited for Collaborative industrial R&D projects up to 2 years in duration – with the aim of future commercialisation.

This RFP/competition invites proposals in 4 areas:

- Cleantech Energy
- Affordable healthcare
- Advanced Manufacturing
- Use of Information & Communication Technologies (ICT) in any of the above focus areas.

Funding Type
Industrial R&D Programme

Focus Areas

- Cleantech Energy
- Affordable healthcare
- Advanced Manufacturing
- Use of Information & Communication Technologies (ICT) in any of the above focus areas.

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Competition

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ICMR-MRC joint initiative: aetiology and life-course of substance misuse and relationship with mental illness

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Closing Date: 30 November 2014 (intention to submit), 09 January 2015 (closing date)

Description

The UK Medical Research Council (MRC) and the Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR) invite proposals for collaborative research projects, primarily for the development of longitudinal and clinical studies of substance misuse and associated consequences. This call is open for joint proposals from high quality research teams based in the UK and India. The UK component of this initiative will be funded under the [Newton Fund](#) (up to £2million). The Indian component of this initiative will be funded by ICMR.

The Call aims to promote research collaboration between Indian and UK investigators in the area of substance misuse and mental health for exploiting the mutual strengths of the two communities. Examples of key issues agreed under this research partnership included investigations into the determinants and community-wide secondary consequences of alcohol addiction in India and the UK, including Indian communities in the UK. Research proposals are particularly welcomed that enable development of cohort studies and incorporate capacity building. Where appropriate, the work could build on existing partnerships/networks/cohorts. All studies should aim to enhance our understanding of the theme of the Call for Proposals and should demonstrate potential benefits to the UK and India.

Funding Type
Research Funding

Area
Mental Health

Contact:
[India](#)
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Brian Mercer Feasibility Award

Closing Date: These awards now operate on a rolling basis. There is no closing date as such, and applications will be assessed as and when they are submitted

Description

This scheme is for scientists who wish to investigate the feasibility of commercialising an aspect of their research.

Scope

The scheme provides initial support of up to £30,000 to test the feasibility of a project, enabling applicants to investigate the technical and economic feasibility of commercialising an aspect of their scientific research, possibly in conjunction with a third party.

Eligibility

Award is open to all the applicants of any nationality who have a PHD(or) one of the equivalent standing in their profession, who hold a substantial post in the UK university or not-for-profit research organisation and who will be in the post for at least the duration of the project. The project must commence within the three months of the date of notification.

Funding
Feasibility studies

Area
The general areas of electrotechnology and biomedical sciences

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The Cambridge-India Partnership Fund (CIPF)

Closing Date: Applications are reviewed three times in each academic year - review dates will be announced on the Cambridge-India website

Description

The Cambridge-India Partnership Fund has been established with a lead gift from the University and will provide funding to further academic interaction between Cambridge and India. The Cambridge-India Partnership Fund (CIPF) seeks to provide support to Cambridge students, scholars and researchers at every level from undergraduate to professor to build and strengthen relationships and facilitate the exchange and development of scientific knowledge, expertise and practice between collaborating groups in Cambridge & India.

Scope

The Fund will provide small amounts to contribute towards travel and incidental costs to enable two way exchange of people and ideas; to support cooperative and collaborative activities, including those covered by MoUs, study and/or development of new programmes of work.

Eligibility: Click [here](#) .

Funding Type

Academic
Collaboration

Area

Various

Contact

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Newton-Bhabha PhD Placements Programme

Closing Date: 15 January 2015

Description

On behalf of the Department of Business, Innovation and Skills, UK and the Ministry of Science and Technology, India, British Council- India and the Department of Science and Technology, India are pleased to invite applications for funding to support short-term PhD placements between UK and Indian institutions.

The programme will sponsor UK and Indian PhD students to spend a period of their study (3 to 6 months) in Indian and UK higher education institutions taking place between March 2015 and March 2016.

Costs covered

- Visa fee, Economy class international airfares and overseas medical insurance incurred by PhD students.
- In-country costs including accommodation and stipend for PhD students.

Funding Type

Research
Scholarship

Area

PhD Training

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Faculty of Humanities Overseas Research Scholarship

Closing Date: Please contact the School in which you intend to register for advice on closing dates.

Description

The Faculty of Humanities has available a research scholarship for an overseas candidate with exceptional academic merit and research potential

Scope

This scholarship will pay full time postgraduate research (PGR) students from outside the UK and European Union the difference between the international student tuition fees and the home/EU student tuition fees charged by the University.

Eligibility : The candidate must:

- Be liable for international tuition fees
- Be able to demonstrate outstanding merit and research potential
- Not have previously studied at PhD or equivalent level
- Not have held an Overseas Research Studentship (ORS) award before
- Be supported by the prospective School

Funding Type

Research
Scholarship

Area

Humanities

Contact

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Liverpool India Fellowships

Closing Date: 18 December 2014

Description

The University of Liverpool invites applications for the India Fellowships Programme 2015.

The Fellowship Programme offers opportunities for both outstanding early career and established researchers from India to strengthen their experience of research and teaching in an international research-enriched environment. Up to 10 fellowships will be awarded annually.

Fellowships are tenable for periods from three to six months. Fellows are expected to be in residence in Liverpool throughout the tenure of their fellowship and to play a full part in the activities of the University. An allowance of £1,200 per month to cover accommodation and living costs will be provided. In addition a one-off travel grant of £1,000 will be paid.

Fellowships are expected to take place from September 2015, however there may be flexibility to start the fellowships at an earlier date.

Funding Type

Fellowship

Area

Research

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Chevening Gurukul Scholarships

Closing Date: 06 February 2015

The Chevening Gurukul Programme is the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office's flagship fellowship scheme for India and it is aimed at mid-career and high-flying young professionals from diverse backgrounds with a strong and demonstrable leadership potential.

Applications are invited from exceptional candidate from public, private and non-governmental organisations:

- Independent and creative thinker
- Able to demonstrate the ability to develop collaboration between India and the UK, often in complex and fast-moving areas.
- Able to work in diverse teams as well as individually, above all have the motivation to contribute constructively to the programme.
- Have had at least ten years' professional experience.

Every year twelve selected Gurukul Fellows will be offered an intensive, all expenses paid, twelve-week residential course at King's College London. We have curated a stellar programme which familiarizes India's future leaders with best practice case-studies of leadership in the fields of government, innovation, health, and industry in the UK through a variety of standard and heterodox methods, ranging from seminars, role-playing scenarios, shadowing, and site visits. Some of the themes included in the twelve-week programme are:

- The Challenge of Sustainability: Public Policy and Institutions in the 21st Century
- Stages of Democracy: Devolving Power and Governance in the 21st Century
- From Finance to Facebook: New Economies of Technology
- Regulating public life: New Rights and Judicial Activism
- Culture matters: The place of the arts in society
- Science, Technology, Industry: The Symbiotic Relationship in Practice
- Indo-UK Business and Trade Relations in the New Era

Funding Type
Scholarships

Area
Multiple

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The Leverhulme Trust: Visiting Professorships

Closing Date: Please refer to the website [here](#).

Description

The objective of these awards is to enable distinguished academics based overseas to spend between three and twelve months inclusive at a UK university, primarily in order to enhance the skills of academic staff or the student body within the host institution. It is recognised that Visiting Professors may also wish to use the opportunity to further their own academic interests. The over-riding criteria for selection are first the academic standing and achievements of the visitor in terms of research and teaching, and secondly the ability of the receiving institution to benefit from the imported skills and expertise. Priority will be given to new or recent collaborative ventures.

Scope

The sum requested should reflect the individual circumstances of the visitor and the nature and duration of the proposed activities. A maintenance grant up to a level commensurate with the salary of a professor in the relevant field at the receiving institution may be requested. Economy travel costs to and from the UK will also be met. Requests for associated costs, if justified by the programme, may include, for example, travel within the UK, laboratory consumables, and essential technical assistance.

Please ensure that applications do not include any of the ineligible costs listed [here](#).

Eligibility :

Applications must be made by a member of academic staff, based in a UK university or other higher education institution, who will be responsible for co-ordinating the visit. The host academic's employing institution must also agree to administer the grant, if awarded, and to provide appropriate facilities for the Visiting Professor.

Visit here <http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/funding/VP/eligibility.cfm>

Funding Type

Visiting
Professorship

Area

Research and
teaching

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Summary of BBSRC funding for International activities

Closing Date: Apply at any time (at least 6 weeks before travel)

Description

To help scientists add an international dimension to their BBSRC funded research by making and establishing new contacts with international counterparts

Scope

Funding is available for:

- Short Term Travel Award: Normally intended as a first contact-type meeting. Allows researchers to travel outside the UK to initiate collaboration or prepare proposals with partners for international programmes (e.g. EU Framework, Human Frontier Science Program)
- Long Term Travel Award: For researchers to travel outside the UK for periods of up to 12 months
- Access Award: For stays of up to one month in another country to undertake a specific piece of work, access facilities not available in the UK or gain access to new techniques or materials, which would be of benefit to the BBSRC project or the UK research team

Funding is limited to travel and subsistence costs only, and does not usually exceed ~£5k.

Eligibility :

- BBSRC-supported researchers are eligible – research grantholders and staff employed at institutes of BBSRC
- The application must be made by the PI, but it does not have to be the PI undertaking the travel (students are not eligible for travel)

Funding Type

Travel Award

Area

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Summary of EPSRC funding for International activities

Closing Date: Open calls- No closing date

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[Standard Research Grants, including Platform and Programme Grants](#)

Support for international collaboration can be in any research application to EPSRC, including travel, and subsistence and consumables for research staff to visit or have extended work placements to a partner's laboratory overseas. This is as well as the usual UK-based costs like staff, equipment, UK travel, and subsistence and consumables. This funding is flexible, so could be used to fill UK postdoctoral researcher positions with candidates from an international partner's laboratory subject to university recruitment guidance and visa requirements.

[Overseas Travel Grants](#)

Support for travel and subsistence, and salary costs of the Principal Investigator. These can be used for international travel to learn new techniques, visit overseas laboratories, gauge the state-of-the-art, or to start new collaborations. For example, they can be used to travel to European centres to develop collaborations with their researchers for bids to Horizon 2020.

[Bilateral Research Workshops](#)

N + N meetings can be held to exchange international ideas and expertise, with the hope of developing future collaboration. Roughly equal numbers of participants attend from each country. EPSRC fund travel and accommodation expenses of UK participants and, for UK meetings, core meeting costs.

It is preferred that a single UK participant coordinates the UK side and submits a single standard research grant proposal to cover all the UK side's costs. It is strongly advised that a discussion be held with the relevant EPSRC Theme Lead before submitting a proposal.

[Networks](#)

These UK-based activities link research groups and industrial organizations, often across disciplines, to develop new or enhanced collaborations. Funding is available to support workshops, visits, travel and part-time coordinators. Networks can include overseas partners.

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Summary of MRC funding for International activities (for medical researchers)

Closing Date: Please refer to the website [here](#).

[MRC Career development award in biostatistics](#)

MRC fellowships enable outstanding individuals to undertake challenging projects in excellent research and training environments. An MRC award is there to enable you to do something truly out of the ordinary in training and developing you as a potential research leader.

The MRC has identified advanced biostatistics as a methodology of strategic importance to UK science. This fellowship aims to support outstanding individuals who have recently completed their PhDs and who are working in -or seeking to move into – statistically based, health-related research. It provides up to four years of support for the development and investigation of innovative statistical methods and their application in health research. The award also provides the opportunity to enhance the research training through placement in an overseas research centre, a second UK research centre or in UK industry. We expect to make up to three awards a year.

[MRC Fellowships](#)

MRC offers a wide range of non-clinical and clinical fellowships to support researchers at different stages of their scientific careers.

Lead applicant must be supported/ based at a UK university but can be Indian national.

[Including overseas co-applicants and collaborators on MRC Grants](#)

MRC permits co-applicants and collaborators on MRC grants to be based outside the UK where the nature of the research makes this necessary. Costs for non-UK based researchers **can** be included in such proposals, where necessary and justified, but lead applicant must be UK based.

[Working at an overseas research organisation as part of an MRC fellowship](#)

MRC will support the costs of up to one year of an MRC fellowship spent outside the UK for the purpose of research training (up to two years in the case of [career development awards](#)).

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Summary of Science & Technology Facilities Council (STFC) for International activities

Closing Date: Please refer to website [here](#).

Allows UK & overseas individuals to participate in the principle investigators institute for a period of up to 12 months.

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ECONOMIC & SOCIAL RESEARCH COUNCIL (ESRC) funding

Closing Date: Please refer to website [here](#).

[ESRC - India academics can be co-investigators on applications for funding from ESRC](#)
Overseas co-investigators from almost anywhere in the world can be included on ESRC research applications. Costs for non-UK researchers can be requested from ESRC as part of these proposals, but lead applicant must be UK based.

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