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Research initiative led by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in partnership with Tufts University and School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London. Co-funded by UK Aid and Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

Objectives are to:

1. Stimulate the development of innovative methodological approaches and novel metrics in agriculture and food systems for improved health and nutrition;
2. Build a cadre of emerging leaders skilled in developing and applying cutting-edge methods and metrics;
3. Facilitate learning, sharing and new interdisciplinary research collaborations;
4. Develop scientific evidence to inform policies and investments in agriculture and food systems for improved nutrition and health

Funding opportunities: (no open calls at present)

1. [Career Development Fellowships](#) in agriculture, nutrition and health research validating new methodological approaches in LMICs (Africa or Asia). No current call open.
2. [Competitive Research Grants Round 4](#) is now closed, future calls affected by covid-19. Directed at accelerating the development of new and innovative interdisciplinary metrics and methods, filling the key knowledge gaps including theory-driven impact evaluation

Deadline for concept notes:



Nestlé Nutrition Institute

The nutrition fellowships provided by the Nestlé Nutrition Institute enable young health professionals from developing countries to access postgraduate training through leading institutions. Since 1981, more than 500 doctors and scientists have benefited from our fellowships and clinical grants.

Clinical Fellowships

Clinical fellowships are offered to post-graduate health care professionals from developing countries working in the field of paediatric nutrition and gastroenterology. Fellowships are available in the leading partner institutions, CHU Sainte-Justine, Stellenbosch University, The Royal Children's Hospital. Duration of the training ranges from 12 to a maximum of 24 months. Applications have to be addressed directly to the training sites. The training sites submit the applications from selected candidates to the NNI. The NNI external Board of Advisors evaluates the applications and makes a decision for acceptance.

After completion of their training, candidates return to their home country to put in practice the knowledge gained and help to improve healthcare locally.

1. The NNI [fellowships application](#) process is under review and no applications are currently being accepted.

2. GLOBAL FOUNDATIONS

Nestlé Foundation

for the study of problems of nutrition in the world



The [Nestlé Foundation](#) initiates and supports research in human nutrition with public health relevance in low-income and lower middle-income countries. The results of the research projects should ideally provide a basis for implementation and action. They should also enable

institution strengthening and capacity building in a sustainable manner in the host country and further cooperation and collaboration between Institutions in developed and developing countries.

Research Topics

At present the Foundation's work is primarily concerned with human nutrition research issues dealing with:

1. maternal and child nutrition, including breastfeeding and complementary feeding,
2. macro- and micronutrient deficiencies and imbalances,
3. interactions between infection and nutrition, and
4. nutrition education and health promotion

Projects with a high potential for effective and sustainable improvement of the nutritional status as well as a high-capacity building component will be funded preferentially.

The Foundation does not normally fund:

1. projects with low public health relevance
2. projects with doubtful sustainability
3. projects lacking transfer of scientific, technical and educational knowledge, i.e. lacking a capacity-building component
4. large budget projects i.e. – projects that exceed US\$100,000 per year or US\$ 300,000 over the total duration of a 3 year project
5. nutrition surveys or surveillance studies
6. research on food policy, food production and food technology except when linked to an intervention with high potential for sustainable improvement of the nutritional status
7. in vitro and/or animal experiments.

Research Grants

Grant type	Description	Budget (USD)
Training Grant	Supports a small research project such as a MSc or PhD thesis project or another training endeavour.	Up to 20'000 in total
Pilot Grant	Supports pilot research that has a high potential to lead to a subsequent full research project grant. Usually, the Foundation does not support nutritional survey research. Often to be able to identify areas of problems for potential intervention one has to collect baseline data. A pilot study (pre-study or baseline study) will create the needed data for a larger research project. The PG program may assist this. The pilot-study and PG usually represent the starting point for a later full research grant application (i.e., a SRG or LRG) to the Foundation.	Up to 20'000 in total

Full Grant (small / large	The Small Research Grant (SRG) provides support of a small research study. This may even represent a continuation of a TG or also a PG.	Up to 50'000 in total
Large Research Grant (LRG)	Full grant application of a complete research proposal according to the guidelines.	Up to 100'000 per year to a maximum of 300'000 for 3 years
Re-Entry Grants (REG	To encourage the return and re-establishment of post-graduate students into their careers in their own countries, the Foundation will support a research program for eligible candidates. The host institution will need to guarantee a post for the returnee and ensure career development within the host institution. Contribution of support to the eligible candidate from the host institution is essential, while support and collaboration from the overseas institution where the candidate trained is helpful.	Up to 50,000 in total

Projects are normally 1-3 years duration.



Global Grand Challenges -

<https://gcgh.grandchallenges.org/grant-opportunities>

There are currently no open calls, general focus on

Covid 19, Leadership and management in health(malaria), generation equality

Grant opportunities - <https://submit.gatesfoundation.org/>

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation welcomes applications for our Requests for Proposal (RFPs) opportunities. However, tend to be by invitation/membership.

Grand Challenges Grant opportunities - <https://gcgh.grandchallenges.org/grant-opportunities>

The Grand Challenges family of initiatives fosters innovation to solve key health and development problems. Current grants are focusing on health (a lot on female health), crops and education, not so much on 'food/nutrition'.

Grand Challenges Initiatives: Grand Challenges is a family of initiatives fostering innovation to solve key global health and development problems. Each initiative is an experiment in the use of challenges to focus innovation on making an impact. <https://grandchallenges.org/about>

Examples of areas the foundation does not fund:

- Direct donations or grants to individuals
- Projects addressing health problems in developed countries
- Political campaigns and legislative lobbying efforts
- Building or capital campaigns
- Projects that exclusively serve religious purposes

Grand Challenge India - <http://www.birac.nic.in/grandchallengesindia/index.php> a lot of funded projects are health/medical

Grand Challenge Africa - <https://www.aasciences.africa/aesa/programmes/grand-challenges-africa>



The Templeton World Foundation Charity

Supports new scientific research on human flourishing and to translate related discoveries into practical tools. They hope that these resources will help a diverse group of researchers and innovators discover new knowledge, develop new tools, and launch new practices or interventions that make a lasting impact on human

flourishing. In line with the vision of Sir John Templeton, they want our efforts to focus on dimensions of human flourishing that are often neglected.

Strategic Framework:

Support projects that will form a robust pipeline of innovations aimed at improving key aspects of human flourishing. Our strategy is not just about having good ideas or making interesting new discoveries but also about translating discoveries into new practices that can be developed using rigorous testing and launched for the benefit of individuals and communities. To that end, we plan to support a range of activities across three different stages in the pipeline for new innovations: Discovery, Development, and Launch.

<https://www.templetonworldcharity.org/our-strategy>



Rockefeller Foundation

Mission

We improve lives and the planet, and unleash human potential, through innovation. We are dedicated to the principle that all men and women – dignified and resilient as they are – have the right to health, food, power and economic mobility. We seek to advance those goals with a better use of science and data and through collaboration with partners and grantees. By identifying and accelerating breakthrough solutions, ideas and conversations, The Rockefeller Foundation works to improve the well-being of people everywhere.

No current calls, did commit \$50m for covid-19 response activities

<https://www.rockefellerfoundation.org/>

EKHAGASTIFTELSEN Ekhaga Foundation

Not large, advisable to have a Swedish partner on board.

The purpose of Ekhaga Foundation s to promote human health by supporting the development of better food, natural medicines and healing practices, and to support research for a healthier way of life, which in itself may have a disease preventive effect.

A central idea is to focus more on preventive active care than reactive care to combat symptoms. The same applies to the agricultural and food areas where the focus should be to find methods that can prevent various problems instead of focusing on their manifestations.

The focus should not be on tackling problems, but rather finding ways to prevent their occurrence.

<http://www.ekhagastiftelsen.se/eng/stiftelsen.shtml>

Next call deadline 20th May 2022.

Funding amount: not specified but previous applications was in the region of £100-120K



The mission is to catalyse transformational change to improve the standard of living and quality of life, particularly for the world's most impoverished and marginalised populations. We use our resources to improve conditions and create change in the most difficult circumstances and geographies. We invest our funding in three main areas: food security, conflict mitigation, and public safety.

Focus Areas:

Food security

Our support for global food security is directed toward agricultural resource development and management for smallholder farmers in the developing world.

Conflict mitigation

Conflict remains a key barrier to achieving global food security and economic prosperity. We seek out investments to mitigate conflict in two ways: helping bring an end to active conflict or improve the conditions that fuel conflict; and supporting communities that have been affected by conflict.

Public safety

Public safety is the necessary underpinning for any community's prosperous development. We have come to understand how public safety concerns contribute to the success or failures of our investments in development outside the U.S.

Large funding opportunities available but no details about current calls.



The CFH Foundation seeks to protect natural resources, improve the production and distribution of food, and promote public health in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East.

Fields of Interest:

The foundation supports special projects and programs of non-governmental organisations in three areas: conservation, food, and health. The foundation does not provide general operating support. It favours research, training, and technical assistance projects. Requests for COVID-19 prevention projects and research are not a priority. There is no policy concerning a minimum or maximum grant size. The average grant is approximately \$20,000. Grants exceeding \$30,000 are rarely awarded.

These support primarily research in Low to Middle income countries (LMIC) but have supported work in Developed countries that have immediate impacts in LMICs. Calls twice per year, concept application deadlines January and July. <http://cfhfoundation.grantsmanagement08.com/>

3. UK CHARTIES & TRUSTS



In response to [Covid-19 pandemic](#), funding has been cut in half, from £100million to £50million

<https://www.bhf.org.uk/for-professionals/information-for-researchers/what-we-fund>

Summary of priorities:

- 1) Fund research to save and improve lives
 - All heart and circulatory diseases and their risk factors
 - Full spectrum from discovery science to innovation in practice
 - Attract, nurture and support the brightest minds and the best ideas
 - Make strategic investments to address unmet needs and seize new opportunities
 - Actively develop new national and international partnerships to maximise our impact
 - Use our position as a major research funder to influence the research environment
 - Measure and share the impact of the research we fund
- 2) We work with patients and the public for better health and care
 - Provide information and support to help patients and the public take control of their health
 - Develop innovative products and services
 - Engage people and communities affected by heart and circulatory diseases in new ways
 - Involve people affected by heart and circulatory diseases in the work of the BHF
 - Influence government bodies, regulators, educators and industry to tackle the major heart and circulatory health and care challenges

Project Grants

For research projects (basic science and clinical) costing up to £350,000.

There are no closing dates, submit the application when it is ready.

Special Project Grants

For research projects costing more than £350,000. This grant type supports funding for basic science research. Also, funding for certain observational studies and studies using datasets only.

There are no closing dates, submit the application when it is ready.

Programme Grants

For long term support on a five-year rolling basis.

There are no closing dates, submit the application when it is ready.

Clinical Study Grants

For clinical trials and some observational studies of specific patient groups, usually costing more than £350,000 or lasting more than 3 years.

Outline applications are accepted throughout the year

Personal Chairs

BHF Professors appointed to recognised UK centres of excellence should bring research leadership at an internationally competitive level and a commitment to training future cardiovascular scientists. There are no closing dates

New Horizons Grants

To encourage participation in cardiovascular research by scientists from outside traditional cardiovascular biology. To bring novel expertise to the field.

There are no closing dates, submit the application when it is ready.

Infrastructure Grants

To fund essential infrastructure to support cardiovascular research in an academic institution.

There are no closing dates, submit the application when it is ready.

Strategic Initiatives

To fund strategic capital needs or a strategic appointment.

Will enter into dialogue with major research institutions to identify potential large capital needs for their cardiovascular research strategy. By so doing, we hope that we will be able to indicate at an early stage to what extent the BHF may be able to contribute to the overall costs of the strategy, thereby allowing the institution to lever additional funds from other sources.

We are unlikely to make more than one such award to any institution in a five-year period.

There are no closing dates, submit the application when it is ready.

Translational Awards

To support the pre-clinical development of new cardiovascular medicines and technologies so that they are attractive for follow-on funding.

Deadline: September and March

Partner Funding

The BHF works together with other national and international funders to support innovative cardiovascular research.

- Clinical Study Grants with the Stroke Association
- Clinical Study Grants through the NIHR HTA Programme and the NIHR/MRC EME programme
- Joint funding for research involving diabetes and cardiovascular disease with Diabetes UK
- Joint funding with MRC

Clinical and non-clinical Fellowships

A number of different schemes available

Partnership Funding

Partnership funding is normally only suitable for high value awards, across the spectrum of our funding schemes. Major funders –

- Clinical study grants with the stroke association
- Clinical Study Grants through the NIHR HTA Programme and the NIHR/MRC EME programme
- Joint funding for research involving diabetes and cardiovascular disease with Diabetes UK

- Programme-level grants or clinical trials. Either large project grants from Diabetes UK or programme grants or clinical study grants from the BHF
- Diabetes UK Harry Keen Intermediate Clinical Fellowship or BHF Intermediate Clinical Research Fellowship
- Diabetes UK RD Lawrence Fellowship or BHF Intermediate Basic Science Research Fellowship.
- Joint funding with the MRC
- Joint funding with the British Israel Research Academic Exchange



Strategy 2020-2025 – Outcomes:

- 1) More people with type 1, type 2 and all other forms of diabetes will benefit from new treatments that cure or prevent the condition.
- 2) More people will be in remission from type 2 diabetes.
- 3) More people will get the quality of care they need to manage their diabetes well.
- 4) Fewer people will get type 2 and gestational diabetes.
- 5) More people will live better and more confident lives with diabetes, free from the condition.

<https://www.diabetes.org.uk/research/for-researchers/apply-for-a-grant>

Project grants

To provide support for diabetes research projects for up to five years. For high quality, hypothesis driven diabetes research projects, lasting up to five years and costing less than £500,000

Deadline: 1st June and 1st December

Early-Career Small grants

To enable early-career researchers to undertake small research projects or pilot studies.

Deadline: 1st June and 1st December

Harry Keen Intermediate Clinical Fellowship

To allow outstanding medically qualified professionals, and other clinically qualified professionals to establish themselves as independent researchers, with a view to a long-term career as a clinical research leader in the field of diabetes. This includes nurses, pharmacists and members of the Allied Health Professions, who have gained a PhD or equivalent (e.g. MD (Res)) to establish themselves as independent researchers with a view to a long-term career as a clinical research leader in the field of diabetes.

Deadline: 2021 under review

Sir George Alberti Research Training Fellowship

To enable graduates currently working in the NHS to study for a PhD or MD in diabetes research and develop a career in research. Applications are invited from individuals working in a patient-facing role including, but not limited to, doctors, nurses, midwives, psychologists and dietitians.

Deadline: 30th October

NIHR/Diabetes UK Doctoral Fellowship

To fund a Doctoral Fellowship which supports individuals to undertake a PhD in an area of diabetes related research.

Deadline: opens once a year in October, details on NIHR website.

RD Lawrence Fellowship

To provide personal support enabling postdoctoral researchers to establish their independence in diabetes research.

Deadline: 30th October

PhD Studentship

To enable experienced researchers to recruit outstanding science graduates to study for a PhD in the field of diabetes-related research.

Applications open in March, deadline 1st September

Co-funding opportunities

Kidney Research UK

British Heart Foundation - In particular, Diabetes UK and the BHF are prepared to consider co-funding applications for the following grant types:

- Programme-level grants or clinical trials (large project grants from Diabetes UK and programme grants or clinical study grants from the BHF)
- Diabetes UK Harry Keen Intermediate Clinical Fellowship or BHF Intermediate Clinical Research Fellowship
- Diabetes UK RD Lawrence Fellowship or BHF Intermediate Basic Science Research Fellowship.

No deadline, contact in first instance

Strategic research calls

Currently closed - specified call - NIHR Programme Grants for Applied Research – approaches to diabetes remission.

Diabetes UK and the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) are launching a second co-funding opportunity in 2020 through NIHR's Programme Grants for Applied Research (PGfAR) scheme.

Applications are invited to investigate new approaches to support people going into remission from type 2 diabetes or approaches that complement existing programmes in order to optimise engagement or effectiveness.

<https://www.diabetes.org.uk/research/for-researchers/apply-for-a-grant>

<https://www.nihr.ac.uk/documents/pgfar-partnering-with-diabetes-uk/24855>



Mission: Support discovery research into life, health and wellbeing, and we're taking on three worldwide health challenges: mental health, infectious disease and climate and health.

They've launched three new discovery research funding schemes in line with a [new strategy](#). These [schemes](#) will open for applications in late summer 2021:

- Wellcome Early-Career Awards
- Wellcome Career Development Awards
- Wellcome Discovery Awards

Eligible countries are UK and LMIC excluding India and China.

Funding Schemes in the following areas can be found [here](#), 41 calls in total.

- Biomedical science
- Population health
- Product development and applied research
- Humanities and social science
- Public engagement and creative industries

Application [deadlines](#) range from Aug 2021 to March 2022.

*Potential opportunities for international activity.



The Power of Nutrition is an independent charitable foundation, which was established in 2015 to catalyse greater investment in nutrition programmes and transform children's futures on a scale that few can achieve alone.

Aims and Objectives

Aims to support efforts to reduce undernutrition and stunting by pursuing the following core objectives:

- To mobilise new funds for nutrition and unlock \$1billion in new investment in nutrition by 2022.
- To scale up nutrition services to reach an additional 17 million children and 18 million women, and prevent 600,000 cases of stunting, 60,000 child deaths and 1.5 million cases of maternal anaemia.
- To increase national governments' prioritisation of nutrition through policy development, improved systems and practices and greater public financing of nutrition programmes.
- To generate a greater international focus on tackling undernutrition – encouraging greater action by donor governments, international NGOs and global institutions, through increased investment and programming.
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They have visited us the University (met John Hammond, Donal and no doubt others) organised by Shanti but nothing came of it back then. Their focus seemed to be on supplements as solving the problem. There has been a change in management as well as negative impact of covid-19, Shanti Windsor is picking up the relationship again on her return (end of August).



National Lottery Fund

<https://www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk/funding>

The National Lottery is funding projects in the arts, sport, heritage, charity, voluntary, health, education and environmental sectors.

Current focus is on sport, film and community projects with a strong 'benefiting the community' element as well as combating the impact of Covid-19 on local communities. Awards from £300 to £10,000/15,000.



AFCP's overall aim is to promote education and research in agriculture and food production by supporting charities, that are working in the discipline, to make better use of their funds

Vision: Increasing the impact of agri-food charities

Mission: To create opportunities to increase knowledge and expertise in the agri-food sector through collaboration and innovation via a network of charities and other funders.

Small scale funding, mainly for students focused on British food and farming -

<https://www.afcp.org.uk/>

The Douglas Bomford Trust

Funds to advance application of agricultural engineering, to achieve sustainable agricultural, food & biological systems to benefit the environment & mankind. The objective of the Trust is to advance knowledge, understanding, practice, and competence in the application of engineering and technology to achieve sustainable agricultural, food and biological systems for the benefit of the environment and mankind

Mainly funds studentships, student travel awards but will support other small research projects - more or less than £5000 (two schemes), including Postgraduate Research Funding.

<https://www.dbt.org.uk/apply>



Gatsby

Currently active in Plant Science, Neuroscience, Education, Africa, Public Policy and Arts as well as Mental Health (but no longer focusing on this area). They aim to be more than a funder. They act as an enabler for projects, designing, developing, overseeing and, in some cases, delivering activities.

<https://www.gatsby.org.uk/>

4. UK FOUNDATIONS



Promoting education and research connected with agriculture or food production for the benefit of the public. Mainly for PhDs but have funded research in the past as well as smaller awards (up to £5000) for other relevant projects. Covid-19 is affecting their current financial situation.

<https://www.perryfoundation.co.uk/>



Innocent Foundation

Goal 1 – Stop children dying of hunger
Goal 2 – Help the poorest families feed themselves
Call has not been announced in 2021

<https://www.innocentfoundation.org/>



Aims to improve our natural world, secure a fairer future and strengthen the bonds in communities in the UK. Spend around £40m a year on grants, support core and unrestricted costs, and make social investments. <https://esmeefairbairn.org.uk/>

New Strategy launched focusing on three interdependent aims:

- Improving Our Natural World
- Tackling injustice to deliver A Fairer Future
- Nurturing Creative, Confident Communities

Under the new strategy, they will be providing larger and longer-term grants as well as strategic support to organisations or initiatives with brilliant ideas working towards these aims. In addition to providing grants and social investments, they will also play a more active role using their influence, their position as an asset owner and the ability to broker alliances and remove barriers. This new approach will also mean making fewer grants but giving more support to help grants achieve better, and more lasting, results.

There are no deadlines, make a decision on a rolling basis. Don't accept grants of less than £30k. useful [FAQ here](#)



The [Wolfson Foundation](#) is an independent, grant-making charity, based in central London but funding across the UK. They have a wide range of funding programmes and activities. The fundamental aim is to improve the civic health of society mainly through education and research. Supports and promote excellence in

education, science & medicine, heritage, humanities & the arts and health & disability. Partnerships

lie at the heart of our grant-making. Across all of our funding areas, we seek to collaborate with other funders (the Wellcome Trust, British Academy etc.) or expert bodies.

Programmes can be grouped into funding for [places](#) (capital funding) and funding for [people](#).

Places -These grants are for capital initiatives, i.e. buildings (new build or refurbishment) and equipment. We fund a broad range of organisations working across the fields of education, science & medicine, health & disability, heritage, humanities & the arts. Funding for [Universities](#) - support research intensive universities and research institutions. Two rounds per year:

Round 1

Open to Stage 1 applications: 20 November

Stage 1 application deadline: 5 January

Stage 2 application deadline: 1 March

Funding decision: June

Round 2

Open to Stage 1 applications: 14 May

Stage 1 application deadline: 1 July

Stage 2 application deadline: 1 September

Funding decision: December

People - These grants are generally administered by partner organisations, who are better placed to select outstanding recipients and we rely on their expertise. The Wolfson Foundation therefore does not accept applications for these grants directly.