

# External Projects Team



## Enterprise and Commercial Development

Before making a funding application to an organisation it is worth getting to know the funder you are applying to. Grant providers always have targets for the types of projects they wish to support. The key to making successful bids is having a good understanding of what your grant provider wants to achieve and then making sure your funding application demonstrates how your project helps them achieve those targets

## Quick Facts

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| <b>Funding Body</b>          | Wellcome Trust   |
| <b>Overview of fund</b>      | The Wellcome Trust is a global charitable foundation dedicated to achieving extraordinary improvements in health by supporting the brightest minds. They offer a wide variety of funding schemes, including Investigator Awards, fellowships and Strategic Awards, and also support several major initiatives. |
| <b>How are they funded</b>   | Charity  |
| <b>Frequency of calls</b>    | Most of their calls run on regular cycles. Ranging from annually to quarterly.   |
| <b>Intervention Rate</b>     | They fund the direct costs at 100%. They do not fund indirect costs (i.e. estates and running costs).  |
| <b>Application Procedure</b> | Bids are made using their online application forms. For bids over £100,000 you will need Executive approval as well as faculty approval.   |

## More Details

Wellcome Trusts funding areas include:

**Biomedical Sciences** -Investigating health and disease in humans and animals.

**Innovations** -Helping the development of innovative, early-stage projects with potential medical applications.

**International** -Supporting research, capacity building and engagement activities in low- and middle-income countries.

**Public Engagement** -Imaginative and experimental projects that bring biology and medicine to new audiences.

**Medical Humanities** -Supporting research at the interface of medicine, health-related sciences and the wider humanities.

**Society and Ethics** -Supporting research that explores the social and ethical aspects of health and biomedical science.

### Focus Areas

Their funding focuses on supporting outstanding researchers, accelerating the application of research and exploring medicine in historical and cultural

contexts.

**Outstanding Researchers** –They believe that breakthroughs emerge when the most talented researchers are given the resources and freedom they need to pursue their goals.

**Application of research**—They are committed to maximising the application of research to improve health by focusing on new product development and the uptake of patient-oriented research advances into clinical practice.

**Medicine in culture** –They strive to embed biomedical science in the historical and cultural landscape, so that it is valued and there is mutual trust between researchers and the wider public. They have five major research challenges:

1. Maximising the health benefits of genetics and genomics
2. Understanding the brain
3. Combating infectious disease
4. Investigating development, ageing and chronic disease
5. Connecting environment, nutrition and health

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### Grants Awarded

The Wellcome Trust publishes data on the number and value of awards. This data can be useful to help you understand which schemes have the most funding. There is also data on the success rates of bids. On average the Wellcome Trust tends to fund around 25% of grant applications. The latest data can be accessed here:

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Managing-a-grant/Grants-awarded/General-funding-stats/index.htm>

Within each of the Wellcome Trusts funding areas you can find out what projects the trust has funded (see below for navigation to funded projects).

The screenshot shows the Wellcome Trust website navigation menu with 'Funding' highlighted. Below the menu, the 'Biomedical science' section is expanded, showing a list of links: 'Funding schemes', 'Funded projects' (highlighted in yellow), 'Application information', and 'Career Trackers'. The 'Biomedical science' section also contains descriptive text about the trust's support for research into all aspects of science, from molecules and cells to clinical research, and mentions support for undergraduate and doctorate students.

This can be extremely useful in helping to plan a

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bid. You can see if this is a new area of research for the trust, which could add weight to your application. You can also find other institutions doing similar work to you and it may be useful to ask if they would like to

be partners on your project. In planning your bid this is a good place to start your background research.

### Support from the Wellcome Trust

There is a [grants information desk](#) to provide support and guidance on queries such as eligibility, deadlines and the application process.

The Trust is keen for researchers work to engage with the public. They offer a wealth of support to help their funded projects to do this. It is worth keeping this in mind when preparing a bid as they will be keen to see how you will engage the public.

### Submission details

Applications are made using the eGrants online application system. When you submit your bid to the Wellcome Trust it is sent to the Universities External Projects Team for approval. The team are required to do this by the same deadline as the published call closing date. It is therefore important to notify the team that you are submitting in advance and vital to allow enough time for the team to read, comment and approve.

### University procedures for bidding

If your bid is over £100,000 you will need Executive approval in addition to the usual Faculty approval. Before you submit the project budget must be put into the Universities External Projects Form (EPF) and sent to the financial support staff in your faculty.

### Further Information

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| Website | <a href="http://www.wellcome.ac.uk">www.wellcome.ac.uk</a>  |
| Email   | Email addresses for various funding departments can be accessed here: <a href="http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/About-us/Contact-us/Email-contacts/index.htm">http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/About-us/Contact-us/Email-contacts/index.htm</a> |