



## Current Funding Opportunities: EBI Global Public Health Strand

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- MRC current
- NIHR and Wellcome current
- Horizon Europe

### **Internal**

- PARC
- International Strategic Fund (ISF)
- Worldwide Universities Network (WUN)
- Benjamin Meakers schemes

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### NIHR/MRC: Better methods, better research

- Supports research that improves research methods being applied by others anywhere within the remit of MRC or the NIHR.
- Research themes in scope includes global health
- Apply under: research grants; new investigator research grants; or partnership grants.
- **Up to £500,000 at 80 % of fEC. Deadline 11 November**

### Public health intervention development (PHIND) scheme

Early stages of development of interventions that address an important UK or global public health issue.

- **Up to £150,000 for a maximum of 18 months. Overseas costs at 100% fEC. Runs twice a year.**
- **Deadlines are Jan 22 and Sept 22**



## NIHR global health research opportunities

Programme	Type of funding	Frequency of funding opportunities	Funding amounts	Funding period
<a href="#">Global Health Policy and Systems Research programme</a>	Funding for research	One a year	£2-4 million	Up to 4 years
	Funding for research development	One a year	Up to £100,000	Up to 9 months
<a href="#">Global Health Research Centres</a>	Funding for consortia of research institutions	One every three years	Up to £10 million	5 years
<a href="#">Global Health Research Groups</a>	Funding for groups of researchers	One every three years	Up to £2 million	Up to 3 years
<a href="#">Global Health Research Presentation and Training Travel Award Pilot</a>	Career development travel award	Rolling	Up to £3,500	Up to 2 weeks
<a href="#">Global Research Professorships</a>	Career development funding	One a year	Up to £2 million	5 years
<a href="#">Global Health Research Short Placement Award for Research Collaboration</a>	Career development travel award	Rolling	Up to £10,000	2-6 months
<a href="#">Global Health Research Units</a>	Funding for groups of researchers	One every three years	Up to £7 million	Up to 4 years
<a href="#">Research and Innovation for Global Health Transformation programme</a>	Funding for research	One a year	£3-5 million	3-4 years
<a href="#">Workshop Fund</a>	Career development funding	One a year	Up to £10,000	One workshop over a 12 month period

NIHR Global Health funding opportunities:  
<https://www.nihr.ac.uk/researchers/apply-for-funding/how-to-apply-for-global-health-funding/funding-programmes.htm>

## Wellcome global health research opportunities

- Wellcome published a new research strategy at the end of 2020 and has implemented new funding opportunities in support of this.
- Response-mode opportunities are now a streamlined set of just three schemes in **Discovery Research**
  - Early Career Awards – for early career researchers
  - Career Development Awards – for mid career researchers
  - Discovery Awards - for established researchers

Wellcome will fund applicants based in the UK, the Republic of Ireland **and low- and middle-income countries**, and **coapplicants from the rest of the world** if applying as part of a team

*“The research we’ll support through these schemes must have a primary focus on the **pursuit of new knowledge** and discovery that has the potential to improve human life, health and wellbeing. **We won’t fund purely translational research** aimed at developing, testing or implementing interventions or treatments.”*

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## Wellcome global health research opportunities

In addition to the Discovery Research response-mode opportunities, Wellcome will be working on three ‘Health Challenges’:

- Mental health
- Infectious disease
- Climate and health

Each health challenge programme will fund research and other activities in any country according to its goals and defined set of outcomes. This may be through directed funding or through one-off open calls from time to time.

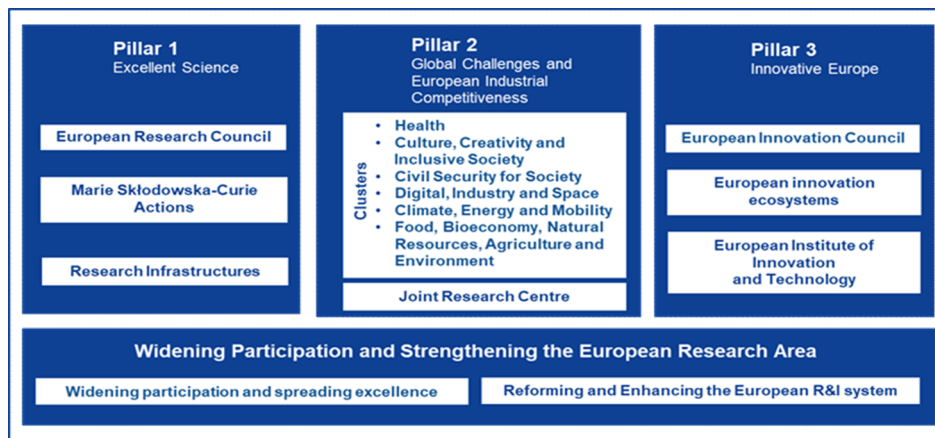
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## What is Horizon Europe?

- The EU's flagship programme for research and innovation running from 2021-2027.
- **Overall budget of €95.5 billion.**
- **Ambition:** To shape the future of Europe and making Horizon Europe the most ambitious research and innovation programme ever introduced.

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## Overall Structure



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## PARC: Strategy

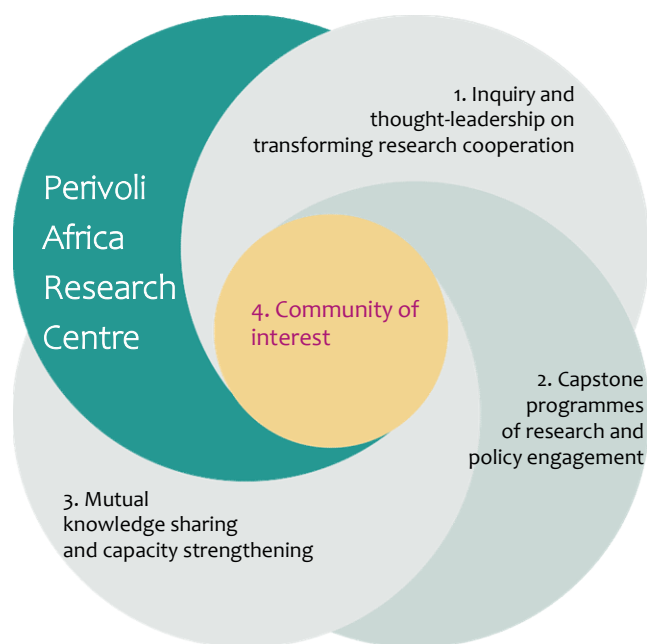
### Vision

Championing transformation in research and partnership to advance Africa's achievement of its own development aspirations

### Role

- A **connector** of people and constituencies within the University, the continent and globally who are invested in the generation and use of knowledge to accomplish Africa's priority agendas.
- A **catalyst** and **forum** for interdisciplinary inquiry, practice and learning predicated on mutual respect and inclusion.

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## PARC Partnerships Fund

**Closing date: 7 January 2022**

Open to applications from Africa-based researchers to lead Africa-centred projects in collaboration with colleagues at the University of Bristol.

Research areas may be empirical or theoretical, from any discipline, and related to local and/or national, sub-regional or continental, African Union aspirations for social progress.

### Call budget

- £200,000 in total, approximately 3-5 awards
- No precise upper limit for individual awards BUT significant requests must be outstanding value for money. Lower value bids also welcome
- Projects can last up to 12 months, commencing Spring 2022.

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## International Strategic Fund (ISF)

Academic Year	Number of Successful Awards	Amount of funds awarded
2014-2015	26	£67,694
2015-2016	21	£52,562
2016-2017	20	£51,854
2017-2018	26	£67,894
2018- 2019	38	£84,015
2019-2020	23	£32,565*

- ~50% of these awards did not take place due to the pandemic
- Note: No ISF activity in 2020/2021

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- Annual budget of £100k per year, reduced to £50k per year in 2019/2020.
- Consistently oversubscribed, high level of engagement from researchers.
- Leverage the ISF in external international networking funding bids as institutional commitment.
- 2021/2022 call will initially promote engagement with European partners and encourage consortia building opportunities through Horizon Europe.

## The Worldwide Universities Network ([wun.ac.uk](http://wun.ac.uk))

- 22 WUN partner universities, spanning 14 countries on 6 continents ([wun.ac.uk/wun/members](http://wun.ac.uk/wun/members))
- Catalyzing international research collaborations that address issues of global significance ([wun.ac.uk/wun/research](http://wun.ac.uk/wun/research))
- Bristol is engaged in 22/22 WUN International Research Groups ([wun.ac.uk/wun/members/view/university-Bristol](http://wun.ac.uk/wun/members/view/university-Bristol))



- **Research Development Fund**
  - Central seed funding scheme (£10K from WUN Central with “matched-funds” from partners)
  - Annual call for applications



## Benjamin Meaker Distinguished Visiting Professorships (BBMDVP)

- Bring high-profile global scholars to UoB
- Visits of 1-3months
- World-leading curiosity-driven research

## Bristol Next Generation Visiting Researchers

- Next generation of research **and/or** next generation of researchers
- Visits of <6weeks

## Bristol International Online Research Collaborations Awards (BIORCA)

- Supports a range of virtual collaborative activities for example: bid development workshops, focus groups, stakeholder consultations and more.

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## Practicalities

- **BBMDVP and Next Gen schemes cover:**
  - Economy return travel to Bristol
  - <£200/week subsistence
  - Accommodation in Bristol
- **Additional details**
  - Next deadline January 2022
  - Follow-on Fund available
- **BIORCA:**
  - Applications reviewed on a monthly rolling basis



## Bristol Illustrious Visiting Professorships

- Designed to bring eminent global research leaders of the highest calibre to UoB
- Public lectures, recorded and shared online
- <3 visits over a calendar year (not continuous)
- By invitation only

## Bristol International Research Workshops

- Designed to stimulate new ideas, themes and interdisciplinary synergies
- Must involve international partners
- Knowledge exchange not dissemination
- Up to 4 awards of <£5000 per year

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