

Funding available for Trust and University research collaborations

St George's, University of London has been awarded Institutional Strategic Support Funding (ISSF) from the Wellcome Trust. It has allocated £132k of this grant to encourage Trust staff to engage in academic research in collaboration with research staff in the University. This investment seeks to ensure continuity of clinical input and collaboration in our research portfolio, which has historically been one of the University's main areas of strength. Up to 11 awards will be available over the five years of the fund from 2016 to 2021.

The second call for the Academic Collaboration Fund is now open. Staff are invited to apply for funding for one to two sessions per week for up to six months to carry out a defined piece of research work. In 2018-19 up to three awards are available. The support must be used to develop a research collaboration with a Principal Investigator in the University in one of the Research Institutes (Infection and Immunity, Molecular and Clinical Sciences, or Population Health). Examples include performing a pilot study, writing a high impact paper, or preparing a collaborative research grant. A requirement of ISSF investment is that research areas of importance to the Wellcome Trust will be prioritised, particularly those that are currently being funded at St George's.

Applicants are required to confirm approval from the relevant Care Group lead as part of the application process. Applications should be submitted by email to Yvonne Castle, Research Strategy & Development Manager (ycastle@sgul.ac.uk). The closing date for the current round of applications is **12pm on Monday 20 May 2019**.

Selection of candidates will be determined by a committee comprising senior academics in both institutions, primarily on the basis of fit with our research strategies and the research potential.