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# UK/US Funding Opportunities

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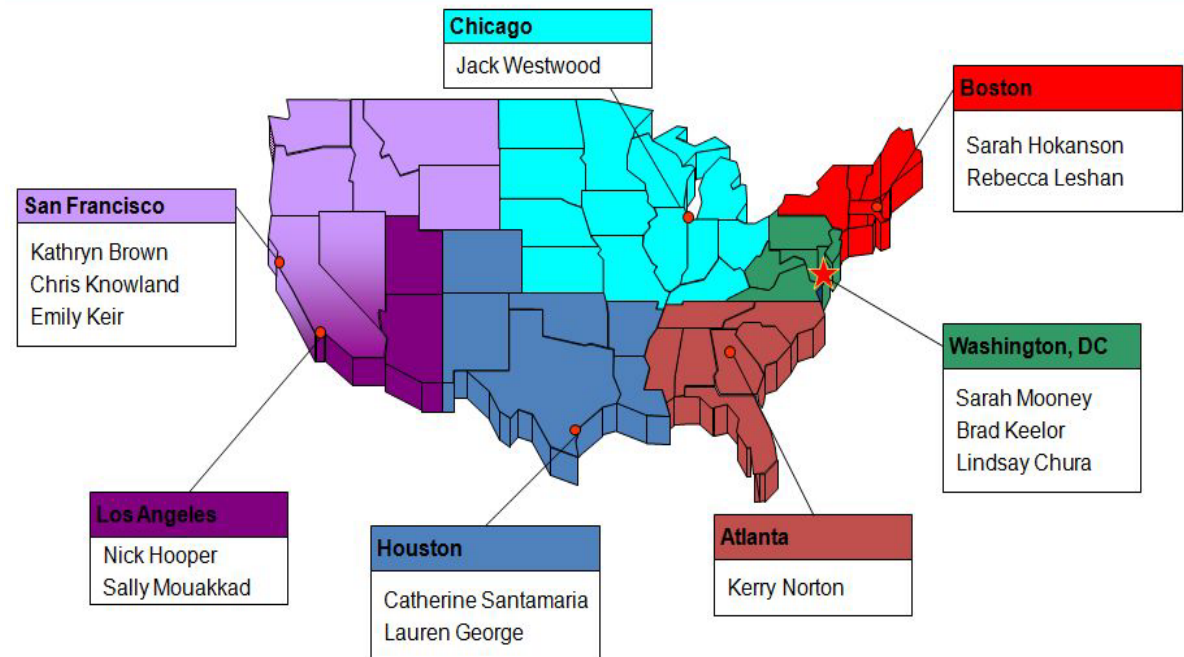
# UK Science and Innovation Network: the US & globally



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14 people in 7 cities:

- Washington DC (3)
- Boston (2)
- Atlanta (1)
- Houston (2)
- Los Angeles (2)
- San Francisco (3)
- Chicago (1)



**Globally:** c. 90 officers in 40 cities in 25 countries.

# Seven Research Councils covering all academic disciplines



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Arts & Humanities  
Research Council

**EPSRC**

Engineering and Physical Sciences  
Research Council

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RESEARCH COUNCIL**



**Science & Technology  
Facilities Council**

# International Funding opportunities – research (1)



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## **Research Grants:**

- > Response mode (unsolicited calls)
- > Strategic mode calls (solicited calls)
  - MRC, AHRC and ESRC allow co-applicants
- All Research Councils permit overseas collaborators on grants



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# International Funding opportunities – research (2)

## Research Grants:

### > Joint solicitations

- Joint calls for proposals involving UK and US research funders
- Recent examples include:
  - NSF and BBSRC – Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Diseases
  - NIH and ESRC – Mid-life Reversibility of Early-Established Behavioural Risk Factors

## International Funding opportunities – travel and networking (3)



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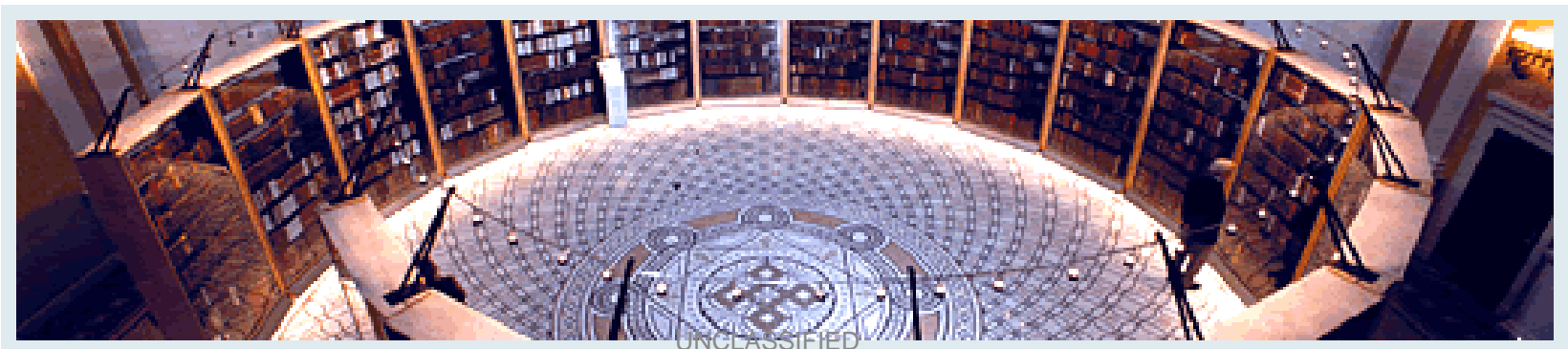
- > UK/US partnering schemes
- > Schemes for short overseas visits for UK researchers
- > Schemes to bring international experts to UK
- > Schemes aimed at early career researchers and students
- > Funding for workshops, seminars, networks
- > Fellowships to attract world leading researchers to UK



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# Arts and Humanities Research Council

- > **Research Networking – up to £30K for 2 years, international research networks or workshops**
- > **Fellowship Scheme – support career development of outstanding researchers, permits time overseas**
- > **AHRC/NSF Lead Agency Pilot - single UK-US application to either agency for single peer review (disciplines covered by NSF SBE only)**
- > **Overseas co-investigators**



# Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council



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- > **David Phillips Fellowship – supports early stage researchers to study/research in the UK. Next call opens 1 July 2014.**
- > **International Scientific Interchange Scheme (ISIS) – travel awards to develop international collaborations. Apply any time.**
- > **International Workshops – i.r.o. £10K. Next call opens 15 September 2014.**
- > **BBSRC United States Partnering Awards – up to £50K over 4 years to foster long term relationships. Next call 15 September 2014.**
- > **BBSRC / NSF Lead Agency Pilot**

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# Economic & Social Research Council



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- > **Research Seminars – create multidisciplinary international networks, up to £30K. Annual call.**
- > **Overseas Co-Investigators**
- > **Open Research Area – UK, US, Germany, France, Netherlands, coordinated peer review. Annual call.**
- > **ESRC/DfID International Development research calls – open to all.**
- > **NSF Lead Agency Pilot - single UK-US application to either agency for single peer review (disciplines covered by NSF SBE only)**



# Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council



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- > **Overseas Travel Grants** – short periods of time, UK to US only, apply anytime
- > **Bilateral Research Workshops (N+N meetings)** - apply anytime
- > **Network Grants** –interdisciplinary networks over three years, includes visits by or to experts overseas
- > **Responsive mode research grants** – may include costs to support international collaboration e.g. working in overseas lab, or filling post doc positions with overseas candidates
- > **Platform Grants** – underpinning funding for well established research groups. Includes provision for international networking

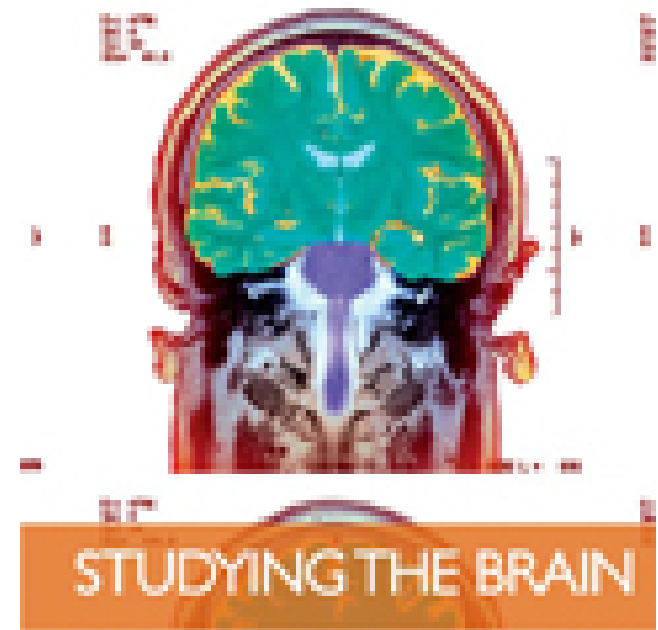


# Medical Research Council



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- > **Overseas co-investigators**
- > **MRC Fellowships – 12 different schemes, clinical and non-clinical, different career stages. Open to overseas applicants.**



# Natural Environment Research Council



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- > **International Opportunities Fund - £40K over 2 years to forge long term partnerships with overseas scientists. Annual call. Closed 22 April 2014.**

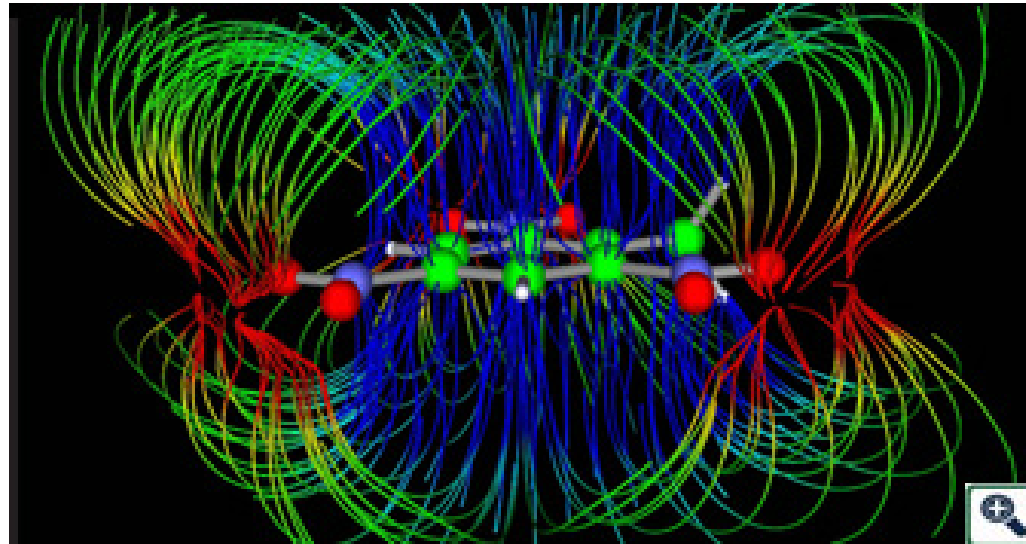


# Science and Technology Facilities Council



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- > **STFC Visiting Researchers – support for visits to international facilities for up to 12 months.**



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# UK-US Global Innovation Initiative



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- > Funded UK Department of Business Innovation and Skills (BIS) and US Department of State
- > Strengthening multilateral research collaborations between universities in the U.S., UK, and Brazil, China, India and Indonesia
- > \$150,000-\$250,000 grants to university consortia focusing on STEM-related issues of global significance
- > Closed 16<sup>th</sup> December 2013, sign up for alerts for next call
- > <http://global-innovation-initiative.org/>

# Thank you



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Find out more:

<http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/documents/international/opportunities.pdf>

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