

**Subject: New UK US Collaborative Funding Opportunities**

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**Dear Colleagues:**

We have received the following information about US- UK collaborative research opportunities.

Best regards,

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Dear colleagues,

I would like to draw your attention to several new, and about to be announced, UK-US collaborative research funding opportunities. Please circulate widely to interested faculty. I thought you'd be interested in seeing the range of new initiatives developed as a result of having a UK research councils office based in Washington. Our new science web site is: <http://ukinusa.fco.gov.uk/en/science/> which is now frequently updated with such information and other useful updates on collaboration;

Summary of funding calls (full details below and also on <http://ukinusa.fco.gov.uk/en/science/uk-us-collaboration/joint-funding-calls>):

1. NSF-NIH-Economic & Social Research Council joint call on the Ecology of Infectious Diseases (out now)
2. NSF-EPSRC joint call in chemistry (out now)
3. NSF-EPSRC joint call in materials science (out now)
4. BBSRC US Partnership Awards in the life sciences (out now)
5. NSF Partnerships in International Research & Education

6. NIH-BBSRC call in non-medical biosciences

7. NSF-EPSRC sandpit in synthetic biology

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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NSF-NIH-Economic & Social Research Council joint call on the Ecology of Infectious Diseases

NSF, NIH and ESRC have announced a joint call under the NSF Ecology of Infectious Diseases initiative. This is a broadly drawn solicitation which aims to support research on the development of predictive models and discovery of principles governing the transmission of infectious disease agents in humans, animals and/or plants.

NSF and ESRC will fund 2 UK-US collaborative projects, with NSF funding the US partners and ESRC funding the UK side. Applications should be submitted by the US partner to NSF who will undertake the review. Applications for collaborative projects must include a substantial focus on the roles socio-ecological factors and processes on disease transmission dynamics and involve UK social scientists.

The closing date is 10 December 2008. Details about eligibility criteria and the application and review processes are in the solicitation at: [http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm\\_summ.jsp?pims\\_id=5269](http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5269)

NSF – EPSRC joint call in chemistry

NSF and EPSRC have announced a joint call for collaborative research proposals in chemistry. This aims to create new partnerships between US researchers and those in the UK (as well as several other nations). The emphasis is on stimulating new and highly innovation research which breaks new ground and demonstrates a high-level of synergy between partners. Proposals must involve graduate students, postdoctoral researchers and early career researchers in extended visits abroad. US investigators should submit proposals to NSF and UK investigators are required to submit a proposal to EPSRC. NSF and EPSRC will jointly review the initial proposals. NSF will fund the US partners and EPSRC the UK side.

The closing date for outline proposals is 4 November 2008, with invited full proposals to be submitted by 30 January 2009. Details about eligibility criteria and the application and review processes are in the solicitation at:

<http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2008/nsf08602/nsf08602.htm>

NSF – EPSRC joint call in materials science

NSF and EPSRC have announced a joint call for collaborative research proposals in materials science. Proposals must be within condensed matter physics, solid state and materials chemistry, polymers, biomaterials, metals, ceramics, electronic materials or condensed matter and materials theory. US investigators should submit proposals to NSF and UK investigators are required to submit a proposal to EPSRC. NSF and EPSRC will jointly review proposals. NSF will fund the US partners and EPSRC the UK side.

The closing date for outline proposals is 17 November 2008. Details about eligibility criteria and the application and review processes are in the solicitation at:

<http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2008/nsf08590/nsf08590.htm>

BBSRC US Partnership Awards in the life sciences

BBSRC have just announced the new call for their US partnering awards in the life sciences. These awards are open only to existing UK BBSRC grant holders and Institutes and provide funding to build and expand partnerships with US collaborators, enable access to US facilities and promote the exchange of early career researchers. Funding can be used for travel, workshops and exchanges, but not research or salary costs. Applications must be submitted by the UK partners to BBSRC.

The closing date is 12 November 2008. More information about eligibility and the application process can be found at:

<http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/science/international/usa.html>

NSF Partnerships in International Research & Education (PIRE)

In the next 2 weeks we expect NSF to announce the third biennial call under its flagship international initiative “Partnerships In Research and Education” (PIRE). PIRE funds US universities to establish (or strengthen) international collaborations for research and education with world leading overseas universities and research groups; principally to push forward frontier research and to help the US develop a globally literate and engaged scientific workforce. The 2007 solicitation and information on successful awards can be found at [http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm\\_summ.jsp?pims\\_id=12819&org=NSF](http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=12819&org=NSF) although we understand that the focus and emphasis of the 2009 competition will be different.

No US-UK collaborations have been funded under previous calls in 2005 and 2007 (although Oxford is a minor partner in one award) and we would like to encourage US applicants to put forward proposals with a strong UK component this time around. We have asked Research Councils to consider which UK research groups might benefit

most from this opportunity and to invite them to start discussions with their US partners. We have also arranged for the call to be promoted in the UK via UUK.

#### NIH – BBSRC call in non-medical biosciences

NIH (National Institute of Ageing) and BBSRC will shortly announce a joint funding call in non-medical biosciences.

#### NSF-EPSCRC sandpit in synthetic biology

NSF and EPSCRC will shortly announce a call for participants in their joint “sandpit” on synthetic biology. Sandpits are intensive, week-long multidisciplinary workshops which bring together people from different disciplines and perspectives to define research challenges and devise research agendas in specific areas. At the end of the process a decision is made on which research projects to fund. More information on sandpits is at:

<http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/ResearchFunding/Opportunities/Networking/IDEASFactory/WhatIsASandpit.htm>

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