



Funding Opportunities

Joint Malawi-Liverpool-Wellcome Trust Clinical Research Programme (MLW)/ College of Medicine (CoM) Training Programme
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The training programme has the following funding opportunities:

1. Small grants

To support current trainees at MLW and COM to become competitive for their next training /fellowship applications. Over the coming year the Training Committee (TC) will award up to 5 small grants of up to £5,000. Small grants can be used to help the collate preliminary data for subsequent funding applications. Applications can be submitted any time of the year and will be reviewed by the TC once every two months.

2. Travel bursaries

To support current trainees at MLW and COM to travel to attend conferences to disseminate their research or undertake visits to external collaborators or trainings. Over the coming year five travel bursaries for up to £2,800 will be awarded. Applications can be submitted any time of the year and will be reviewed by the TC once every two months.

3. PhD top-up funding

To support current PhD candidates at MLW and COM (or upcoming candidates who have secured PhD funding) to help maximise their PhD experience and output. Over the coming year up to five scholarships for up to £20,000 will be awarded.

4. Joint Call for one-year Post-doctoral Research Associate Bridging Fellowships

To support post-doctoral candidates who are within 2 years after receiving their PhD degree award, and who aim to work in MLW or COM relevant research areas. Over the coming year we will award up to three, one-year fellowships. These will cover the salary of the candidate plus £10,000 funding for eligible research costs or relevant personal development activities including short courses and travel. Applications are considered as part of dedicated calls and will be subject to panel review and interview and need to show how they will help the candidate bridge them towards developing a competitive full PDRA application that aligns with the MLW or COM research agenda. The next closing date for PDRA applications is 16th August 2019.

Application requirements and screening process

Interested candidates should contact the training team for guidance on eligibility and application requirements. In brief, small grants and travel bursary applications need an application letter detailing your eligibility, motivation and career ambition; a 1-pager with the proposed plan, a letter of support from a supervisor, a detailed CV, and a budget. They will be awarded based on peer-review process. PhD and PDRA candidates will go through a two-step screening process, and shortlisted candidates will be interviewed by a joint MLW/COM panel, which will review applications up to three times a year. Full application requirements can be found on the MLW website or requested from the training team.

For questions and clarifications, please contact the MLW Training & Development team via training@mlw.mw or COM RSC Training Coordinator via rsctrainingcoordination@medcol.mw respectively. Please send applications to: training@mlw.mw with CC to rsctrainingcoordination@medcol.mw.