**The Medical Research Council (MRC), The Royal College of Ophthalmologists and Novartis Pharmaceuticals Ltd Clinical Research Training Fellowships**

***The Ophthalmology Clinical Research Training Fellowship Scheme Opens for Applications***

The second series of Clinical Research Training Fellowships, supported by the Medical Research Council (MRC), The Royal College of Ophthalmologists and Novartis Pharmaceuticals Ltd, focusing on ophthalmology research training within the United Kingdom, opens for applications from **15 November 2014.**

The programme is the first example of a prestigious research fellowship involving a royal college, an industry partner and the MRC, and aims to develop research leaders of the future, address strategic research skills and support talented individuals at critical points in their career as they develop and establish themselves.

Up to two fellowships may be made available per year and are open to all UK-based ophthalmologists. The MRC will manage the assessment of the fellowships on behalf of The RCOphth and Novartis, as part of the Clinical Research Training Fellowship programme. Ophthalmologists can apply for the fellowships via the MRC’s website.

The MRC’s Clinical Research Training Fellowships provide up to three years' support for clinically qualified, active professionals to undertake specialised or further research training in the bio-medical sciences within the UK.

The Clinical Research Training Fellowship programme has two rounds a year. Full details of forthcoming rounds are available here: <http://www.mrc.ac.uk/funding/deadlines/fellowships-application-submission-deadlines/>

Crucial dates

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| Opening Date | Closing Date | Shortlisting | Meeting/Interview Dates | Take Up Dates |
| 15 Nov 2014 | 14 Jan 2015 | May 2015 | 24-25 June 2015 | Aug 2015-Jan 2016 |
| 29 July 2015 | 9 Sept 2015 | Feb 2016 | 2-3 March 2016 | April 2016-Sept 2016 |

Ophthalmologists can apply for the fellowships via the Research Councils’ joint electronic submission system (Je-S): http://je-s.rcuk.ac.uk/

For more information please visit the MRC website: <http://www.mrc.ac.uk/skills-careers/fellowships/clinical-fellowships/clinical-research-training-fellowship-crtf/>