

High Priority Behaviour and Social Research Networks

UK-US collaborative funding

Call status: Open

NIA application deadline: 1 November 2013

We are pleased to announce that we will contribute to the National Institute on Aging (NIA) and ESRC joint call for networks.

We will commit **up to £1M (over 5 years)** for UK components of applications submitted to this call.

Background

This call for funding will provide infrastructure support for advancing the development of interdisciplinary areas of biological, behavioural and social research of relevance to ageing. Ageing-relevant research is that which addresses issues of importance to the wellbeing and health of either mid-life or older adults, and can include data spanning the entire life course.

The infrastructure support will facilitate research networks through meetings, conferences, small scale pilots, training, and dissemination so that they can develop to the point where work in this area can be supported through standard research funding mechanisms. Development of research networks is critical to advance the science in high priority emerging areas, where integration across studies, disciplines and institutions is required.

Themes

This call covers a number of thematic areas, but we will only consider co-funding applications which involve, or are led by, UK partners in the following areas:

1. **Epigenetics:** Advance research from a life course perspective that elucidates how epigenetic processes translate the effects of social environments into behavioural or behaviourally mediated outcomes that may persist throughout life into middle and late adulthood. This builds on the ESRC/BBSRC International Symposium on Epigenetics (see external links)
2. **Reversibility:** Assessing the prospects for mid-late life reversibility of phenotypes associated with early life adversity and subsequent later life health and socioeconomic disparities. See the NIA website for further information (see external links)

Full call details are available on the National Institutes of Health (NIH) website (see external links).

Eligibility

Standard responsive mode eligibility rules apply. Full details of eligibility conditions can be found in our grants guide (see related links).

To be eligible for BBSRC co-funding, the UK component of applications must:

- include a biological science UK component
- include one or more UK investigator
- fall within our remit

We particularly encourage applications that address our **Ageing-Lifelong Health and Wellbeing strategic priority area**.

For further information on what constitutes a 'UK component' see the NIA network call FAQ document (see external links).

Contact

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