Fellowship and Career Development Schemes

Early Career Researchers		
Scheme	**Funder**	**Closing Date**
Wellcome Early-Career Awards	Wellcome Trust	No deadline – applications can be submitted anytime
Post-doctoral fellowship	Brain Research UK	Details available in late 2026
NIHR Future Leaders Fellowship	NIHR	Opening in October 2026
Non-clinical post-doctoral fellowships	Brain: The Charity	27th October 2026
Dorothy Hodgkin Fellowship	Royal Society	29th October 2026
Development and Skills Enhancement (DSE) Award (Cohort 11)	NIHR	4th November 2026
Career Development Fellowship	Royal Society	18th November 2026
The Branco Weiss Fellowship – Society in Science	ETH Zürich	15th January 2027
Postdoctoral Fellowships	EMBO	22nd January 2027
John Goldman Fellowships	Leukaemia UK	January 2027 (expected)
Early Career Fellowships	Leverhulme Trust	18th February 2027

Jacobs Foundation Research Fellowship Program	Jacobs Foundation	February 2027
Huo Early-Career Fellowships	The Huo Family Foundation	More details expected in February 2027
Early Career Fellowships	MS Society	Applications due to open in March 2027
Discovery Research Early Career Fellowship	British Heart Foundation	3rd March 2027
Discovery Research Future Leaders Fellowship	British Heart Foundation	3rd March 2027
Career Foundation Fellowships	Pancreatic Cancer UK	March 2027
Career development grant	Alzheimer's Society	March 2027 (expected)
Postdoctoral Fellowships	Alzheimer's Society	March 2027 (expected)
Fellowship Scheme	RNID	April 2027 (expected)
Fellowship: early independence: career development award	MRC	20th April 2027 14th September 2027
Springboard Awards – N.B. an internal selection process will apply – details to following the spring	Academy of Medical Sciences	April (internal selection), June for submission deadline
Guts UK Derek Butler Fellowship	Guts UK	Opens in June 2027
Early Career Fellowships	Blood Cancer UK	July 2027 (expected)

Mid and/or Senior Researchers		
Scheme	**Funder**	**Closing Date**
Wellcome Discovery Awards	Wellcome Trust	No closing date - Applications are accepted year-round
Wellcome Career Development Awards	Wellcome Trust	No closing date - Applications are accepted year-round
Harkness Fellowships in Health Care Policy and Practice 2027-28	The Commonwealth Fund	1st November 2026
Royal Society Leverhulme Trust Senior Research Fellowship	Royal Society and Leverhulme Trust	4th November 2026
Professorship Scheme	Academy of Medical Sciences	January 2027
Jacobs Foundation Research Fellowship Program	Jacobs Foundation	February 2027
Discovery Research Senior Fellowship	British Heart Foundation	3rd March 2027
Discovery Research Future Leaders Fellowship	British Heart Foundation	3rd March 2027
Dementia Research Leader Fellowship	Alzheimer's Society	March 2027 (expected)
Career Development Fellowship 2027	Arthritis UK	May/June 2026 (expected)
Research Leadership Awards (N.B. institutional limit applies)	Leverhulme Trust	May 2028

All Career Stages		
Scheme	**Funder**	**Closing Date**
MS Society funded Research Daphne Jackson Fellowship – for those who have had a career break	Daphne Jackson Trust	19th October 2026
British Heart Foundation funded Daphne Jackson Research Fellowships - for those who have had a career break	Daphne Jackson Trust	17th November 2026
Pre-Application Support Fund (Cohort 10)	NIHR	19th November 2026
Innovate Now with Wellcome – to support the research careers of Black Heritage and Mixed Black Heritage people in the UK	Wellcome Trust	27th November 2026
Regular Research Fellowships - for those who have had a career break	Daphne Jackson Trust	No closing date
ESRC applicant-led: grow awards	ESRC	No closing date

Clinical Academics/Lecturers		
Scheme	**Funder**	**Closing Date**
Advanced Clinical Fellowship	Alzheimer's Research UK	15th October 2026
Post doctoral clinical fellowships	Brain The Charity	27th October 2026
NIHR Future Leaders Fellowship	NIHR	Opening in October 2026
Clinical PhD fellowships	Brain Research UK	Details to be shared in late 2026
Clinical Future Leaders Fellowship	British Heart Foundation	13th January 2027 16th June 2027
Early independence: clinician scientist fellowship	MRC	13th January 2027 7th April 2027 September 2027
Clinical Early Career Research Fellowship	British Heart Foundation	13th January 2027
Clinical Senior Research Fellowship	British Heart Foundation	13th January 2027 16th June 2027
Starter Grants for Clinical Lecturers	The Academy of Medical Sciences	March 2027
Post-CCT career development grant	Alzheimer's Society	March 2027 (expected)
Postdoctoral clinical fellows	The Francis Crick Institute	30th April 2027