

WELLCOME TRUST/NIH IMPLEMENT NEW STUDENTSHIP FOR UK/EU PHD STUDENTS

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Purpose

The [Wellcome Trust](#) and the [National Institutes of Health](#) have developed a new partnership that will provide opportunities for the most promising post-graduate students to undertake international, collaborative four-year PhD training based in both a UK/Republic of Ireland academic institution and the [intramural campus of the NIH at Bethesda](#).

About the scheme

This new partnership between the [Trust](#) and the [National Institutes of Health](#) unites the two organisations through their shared interest in promoting the training of exceptional students in international collaborative biomedical research. The programme will provide successful candidates with scientific and financial support that will enable selected individuals to train in some of the best laboratories in academic institutions in the UK/RoI and the NIH. The partnership and **will fund up to five studentships per annum**.

Students will undertake a collaborative project and be co-mentored by supervisors at both locations. It is envisioned that the student will spend an equal amount of time in both laboratories, although the specific division of time will be dictated by the nature of the research project. Students funded under this scheme will become part of the [NIH Graduate Partnership Community](#) and will have access to the excellent support and benefits that the GPP programme provides.

Who can apply?

UK/[EEA](#) nationals who have, or are in their final year and are expected to obtain a 1st or upper 2nd class honours degree or an equivalent EEA graduate qualification may apply.

Candidates must have identified a suitable doctoral supervisor at an eligible academic host institution in the UK or Republic of Ireland. The host institution must be able to confer doctoral degrees.

An NIH supervisor need not necessarily be identified for the purposes of the application but the candidate and proposed supervisor should bear in mind the scientific remit of the NIH when submitting an application.

What does the scheme provide?

The studentship will be awarded for a four year period with support provided by the Trust (in the UK/Republic of Ireland), and the NIH (in the USA). The Trust funding will provide support for the student's [stipend](#), PhD fees, college fees if required, and a contribution towards research costs. NIH will provide awards to students which include a level of financial support and applicable travel stipend commensurate with that provided to other graduate students consistent with the customary practice for NIH training programmes.

How does one to apply?

This is an annual competition. The application form should be completed and submitted no later than **Monday 3, December 2007**. Applicants must send an electronic copy (as a Word document) of the completed application form to wtnih@wellcome.ac.uk and a signed original to:

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Important Application Guidelines

- Late applications will not be accepted.
- Candidates will be short-listed for interview by the end of **January, 2008**.
- Interviews will be held at the NIH campus at Bethesda in early **February, 2008**.
- Successful candidates will be expected to formally accept their award prior to attending an induction ceremony at the NIH in **July/August of 2008**.