The Medical Research Foundation National PhD Training Programme in AMR Research

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How we Came to be Here.

- June 2016 – MRF held scoping meeting.
- July – Guiding principles/expectations agreed by MRF trustees.
- November – First draft of programme application submitted.
- December – Review by academic advisory group; interview; invitation to submit revised application; feedback provided.
- January 2018 – Revised application submitted and approved.
The Programme Leadership Team.

- Theme 1: Chris Dowson (Warwick); Mark Holmes (Cambridge).
- Theme 2: David Dockrell (Edinburgh); Christoph Walti (Leeds); Andy Bailey (Bristol).
- Theme 3: Dov Stekel (Nottingham); Derrick Crook (Oxford); Andrew Singer (CEH); Matthew Avison (Bristol).
- Theme 4: To be confirmed....
The Investment.

• £2.8 million over 5 years.
• Dedicated programme manager.
• 18 fully funded 4-year PhD studentships.
• Cohort building events for these 18 students.
• Additional cohort building/training events for 180 students.
• Online learning environment open to all cohort members.
The Core Cohort of 18 Fully Funded Students.

- PhD projects will be interdisciplinary.
- One based within each funded consortium.
- Projects that face out of the consortia will be favoured.
- Recruitment in late 2017; central advertising, local recruitment.
- Students embedded within existing RC DTP/C at host institution.
- Projects start Autumn 2018; cohort building from summer 2018.
The Wider Cohort.

• Membership open to any PhD student registered in the UK.
• Applications sought early 2018; first training week, Summer 2018.
• Applications assessed on AMR relevance and supervisor support.
• Any discipline, any type of project, any background of student.
• 150 recruited in the first instance and then “topped up” annually.
• Funded to attend three day-conferences and one training week.

• Identifying skills training gaps.
• Offering to provide/suggesting providers of training components.
• Publicising to students/supporting applications.
• Suggestions/offers to host 3 month interdisciplinary projects.
• Opportunities for re-using or expanding training events for additional cohorts.
Thank you
Programme Leadership Team.
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