**Cross-disciplinary workshops for the bio-medical, arts and humanities and social sciences**

Following a request from the Research Policy Committee (April 2015) the RSO agreed to run a call for workshops, directed at the Coordinators of the Strategic Research Initiatives and Networks, to catalyse activity between the bio-medical, arts and humanities and social sciences.

RSO has run one call (with a closing date of 17th July 2015). The details of the successful projects are below:

**Workshops funded (July 2015)**

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| * Anti-microbial resistance (Infectious Diseases) |
| * Developing biomedical policy and best practice for interdisciplinary working (NanoForum/Infectious Diseases) |
| * The Efficacy of Public Health Policies: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Standardised Tobacco Packaging (Public Health) |
| * Political Economy and Public Health (Public Health) |
| * Stem Cells and Society (Stem Cells/ Public Policy) |
| * Responsible and open innovation with large bioresources: goals, challenges and proposals (Synthetic Biology/Public Policy) * Bilingualism in Developmental Disorders (Language Sciences) * Code-switching: interdisciplinary perspectives (Language Sciences) |

**Call text**:

The Wellcome Trust/University of Cambridge Institutional Strategic Support Fund has funding available to support cross-disciplinary workshops to bring together bio-medical, arts and humanities and social sciences researchers. The aim is to support activities in those SRIs and SRNs with relevance to bio-medicine who wish to work with the arts, humanities and social sciences on cross-disciplinary themed workshop(s).

These workshop(s) should act as catalysts for new cross disciplinary activity and, it is hoped, lead to grant proposals to external bodies in the future.

**Composition of the workshop(s):**

* Researchers from all disciplines are welcome to participate in the workshops but each workshop(s) needs participants and input from across the bio-medical and arts, humanities and social sciences disciplines;
* Applications for both single workshops and a series of workshops are welcome;
* Workshop(s) can be open to both internal and external audiences, including users of research (industry, policy makers etc.).

**Funding available:**

**Up to £4,000 per proposal (in total)**

**Conditions of funding:**

**Note that all the funds under the Wellcome Trust Institutional Strategic Support Fund must be spent and reported upon by the end of December 2016.**

The ISSF works on a principle of matched funding on a 50:50 basis, so any successful proposals would have the money put in by the SRI/SRN (or more than one SRI/SRN working together on a joint proposal) matched by the central ISSF fund.

Successful awardees would be required to provide a short report on the workshop(s) and how it has provided a springboard for further collaborations.

**Eligible costs include:**

* The costs of running the workshop(s);
* Travel;
* A facilitator for the workshop(s).