



Blue Zone Consortium

*Transcending traditional disciplinary boundaries to take
frontier Bioscience to Blue Zone outcomes*

The Blue Zone Consortium

Three transversal themes

- Metabolic health
- Health and ageing across the life course
- Transformative technologies to tackle health inequalities

Currently under development in collaboration with partner universities



BBSRC Flexible Talent Mobility Account

FTMA aim

- Enable cross-sector and interdisciplinary knowledge exchange within the biosciences by facilitating mobility between academic, business, public sector and third sector organisations
- Enhance sector porosity and allow movement between fields as well as providing professional development opportunities for bioscience research staff, and supporting staff, at all career stages



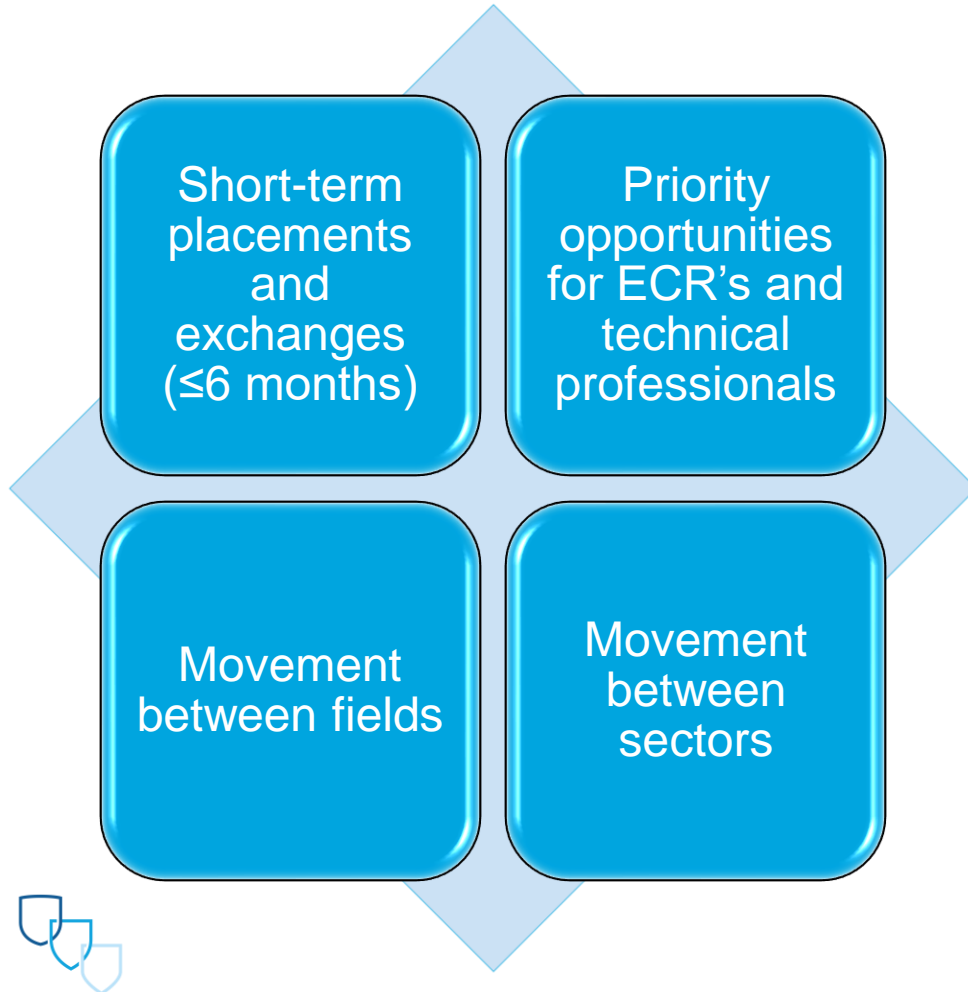
BBSRC Flexible Talent Mobility Account

Application process 2024

- This funding call will support a range of mobility and exchange activities including travel, exchanges, secondments, and placements between BBSRC funding-eligible organisations and other sectors or between significantly different disciplines.
- Focussed on the UKRI strategic theme: *securing better health, ageing, and wellbeing*



What is the consortium competition?



Up to £15K awards to enable cross-sector and interdisciplinary knowledge exchange within healthy ageing and biosciences by facilitating mobility between:

- Academics
- Business
- Public sector
- Third sector organisations

Annual rounds of funding competition will support ≥38 individual projects across three years

Activities we will support



- Public and third sector collaboration
- Inter-disciplinary exchange
- Technology transfer
- Secondments
- Training opportunities
- Day / short placements
- International placements
- Exchanges between academics and business



Project details

- Projects can be any duration up to a maximum of six months
- Projects must end no later than the 31st of May 2025



Who are the applicants?

- Lead
 - Project lead, must be BBSRC-eligible, can be academic, ECR, technical
- Co-applicant
 - Other named BBSRC-eligible applicants, can be academic, ECR, technical
- Collaborator
 - BBSRC non-eligible collaborators, e.g. industry partner
 - Cannot directly receive funding, but can indirectly benefit from funding
- All applicants, co-applicants and collaborators must be members of the consortium
- We can only fund staff on the FTMA call
- Staff contracts must run to the end of the project
- Letters of support from collaborators



Overall Project Summary (publicly available)

- Non-confidential summary of the activity or project
- Work to be undertaken
- Development opportunities
- Alignment to one or more Blue Zone Consortium themes
- Alignment to the UKRI strategic theme: securing better health, ageing, and wellbeing
- Use of images is permitted, reduces word count by 50 words



Project or activity: expected outcomes

- Describe the outputs and/or outcomes will result from this activity
 - new skills or knowledge
 - data production
 - immediate and future potential collaboration
 - joint publications
 - other societal or economic impact



Equality, diversity, and inclusion project considerations

- Please outline the EDI principles that were considered during the formulation of this project, as well as any that will be considered throughout its duration
- Consider institutional commitments to:
 - Athena Swann
 - Race Equality charter
 - Stonewall charter
 - Disability Confident Employer charter



Agreements

- Indicate what agreements will be put in place for your project
- It is the Lead applicant's responsibility to ensure that this is implemented
- Examples of agreements include:
 - licencing agreements
 - non-disclosure agreements (NDA)
 - collaboration agreements
 - material transfer agreements (MTA)



Funding

- Provide a breakdown and justification for the funding requested
- Specify any in-kind or financial contributions you will bring to the project
- Please note that *all funding must be spent, and activities completed within the time frame stated on the Award Letter* with the invoice sent to the Blue Zone Consortium
- You must also include with the application:
 - your *approved* institutional costing
 - confirmation that the application has been submitted with the agreement of the host institution who, if awarded, would administer the grant
 - Either documents or email communication signed-off by the appropriate institutional signatory are acceptable.



Funding requested and other funding source(s)

- Funding requested should be based on the estimate provided by your finance department
- If there are cash or in-kind contributions from the UKRI funding-eligible institutions or collaborators on the project (e.g. industry or other sector collaborators), provide an estimate of the value of these contributions
- Letter(s) of support should confirm any in-kind or cash contribution for the project.
- The funding is intended to be flexible but covers direct costs only (at 80% FEC) such as staff costs (full- or part-time), travel and subsistence, consumables and any other direct expenses
- Funds cannot be used for indirect or Estates costs



Links

- [Blue Zone Consortium website](#)
- [BBSRC eligibility criteria](#)
- [UKRI strategic themes](#)






Thank you

Interested in becoming part of the consortium? Joining is easy:

Visit the Blue Zone Consortium website, click "join us" and complete the form.

Find out more:

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