**Early Career Researcher (ECR) Research Visit Funding Call 1 | March 2024**

**Guidelines**

**Background**

NEUROMOD+ brings together neurotechnology stakeholders to focus on the co-creation of next generation, minimally invasive brain stimulation technologies. The network focuses on transformative research, new collaborations, and facilitating responsible innovation, encouraging partnership with bioethicists and policy makers throughout the technological development process. Read more about our aims and vision at <https://neuromodplus.org/>.

The **Neuromod+ Early Career Researcher (ECR) Research Visit awards** aim to support ECR training and development and encourage further collaboration between Neuromod+ members across the UK and beyond. ECRs can apply for awards of up to £2,000 to fund a visit to another Neuromod+ affiliated research group or organisation, to conduct research in pursuit of network goals, and to acquire new skills or use techniques that they would not normally be able to use at their home research group.

**Eligibility**

The scheme is open to ECR members of Neuromod+ who are based at a UK organisation that meets the [UKRI criteria to receive funding](https://www.ukri.org/apply-for-funding/how-to-apply/check-if-you-are-eligible-for-research-and-innovation-funding/eligibility-as-an-organisation/#contents-list). For this funding call, Neuromod+ considers an ECR as a member who is:

* a student, or
* within eight years of their PhD viva, or
* within six years of their first academic appointment (where research or teaching is the primary role)

Host organisations can be in the UK or overseas. Organisations do not have to be academic institutions – in fact we encourage applicants to consider visits with industry or other partners – but must be affiliated with Neuromod+.

**Funding**

* Awards are for up to £1,000 for visits within the UK, or up to £2,000 for overseas visits
* Funding will cover economy travel & subsistence at your organisation’s standard rate
* Funding normally won’t cover:
  + Research costs
  + Conference attendance or similar
  + Visits to an organisation that the applicant has previously studied or worked at
  + Repeat awards (ie applicants can receive one award only)
* Awardees pay costs up front and will be reimbursed up to the value of their award

**Conditions**

* Visits should be for a minimum of 2 weeks. Other than that, the duration can be agreed between the applicant and host group
* Visits should ideally be completed, and all funds claimed by, Oct 31 2024
* The planned research must be within the network remit and align with Neuromod+ priorities
* The applicant is responsible for making all necessary arrangements for the visit, including arranging insurance where necessary
* Awardees will be required to submit a short report on their visit which may be published on the Neuromod+ website or in other reports
* Any outputs arising from research carried out during the visit must reference the Neuromod+ Network

**Please email applications to** [**k.hobson@imperial.ac.uk**](mailto:k.hobson@imperial.ac.uk) **by 31 March 2024.**

Applications will be reviewed by a panel of Neuromod+ PIs and outcomes will be announced in April 2024.

**Application form**

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| Applicant details |

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| Name |  | | |
| Organisation (inc department) |  | | |
| Current role |  | | |
| Date your first academic role started (if you’re employed) |  | Date of viva or date your course started (if you’re a student) |  |
| Supervisor/line manager name |  | | |

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| Host organisation details |

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| Host research group lead |  |
| Visit contact (if different to above) |  |
| Organisation (inc department) |  |

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| Visit details |

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| Proposed dates of visit |  |
| Summary of research to be carried out during visit (max 150 words) |  |
| How does this align with Neuromod+ aims/priorities |  |
| How will the visit enhance your development? What new skills/techniques will you learn? |  |
| Will there be any potential outcomes or impacts arising from your visit? |  |

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| Expected costs | Please provide a breakdown of your expected expenditure (e.g. travel, accommodation etc) |

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| Expenditure item | Estimated cost £ |
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| **Total applied for** |  |

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| CONDITIONS OF FUNDING | Please tick to confirm the following and add required contact details: |

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| I have approval from the host organisation for the proposed visit: | | | |  |
| I have approval from my supervisor/line manager for the proposed visit: | | | |  |
| Supervisor/line manager name: |  | Email: |  | |
| I agree to be responsible for all arrangements concerning the visit, including arranging insurance if required | | | |  |
| I understand that I will need to pay costs up front and claim reimbursement up to the value of my award | | | |  |
| If awarded, I agree to submit a report on my visit and to reference Neuromod+ on any outputs | | | |  |

**Please email your completed application to** [**k.hobson@imperial.ac.uk**](mailto:k.hobson@imperial.ac.uk) **by 31 March 2024**