

Press Release

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Borne joint funds prestigious fellowships in the area of pregnancy and parturition research with UKRI's Medical Research Council

- Borne underscores commitment to support the development of tomorrow's research leaders in pregnancy and parturition research by joint funding clinical and scientific fellowships with the Medical Research Council (MRC)
- Joint funded Clinical Research Training Fellowship (CRTF) offers promising obstetricians the opportunity to undertake a PhD towards developing a career as a clinical academic.
- Joint funded Career Development Award (CDA) helps promising scientists in the area of maternal and perinatal health make the transition from post-doctoral researcher to independent investigator.

The Borne Foundation supports research into pregnancy and the factors and conditions that may lead to preterm birth. To encourage more promising scientists and clinicians to develop their research careers in this area of need, we are delighted to offer two prestigious fellowships with the MRC that are administered through their Clinical Research Training Fellowship and Career Development Award schemes.

The **Borne - MRC Clinical Research Training Fellowship** covers the full-time salary and research support costs for bright clinicians looking to develop their academic careers in the area of obstetrics to undertake a PhD or other higher research degree over 3-4 years. [The current grant round closes on 1 April 2020.](#)

The **Borne – MRC Career Development Award** provides funding for a challenging research programme and comprehensive research training that helps prepare talented post-doctoral researchers to lead their own research plans and establish their own research team as they transition from post-doctoral researcher to independent investigator. [The current grant round closes on 22 April 2020.](#)

Professor Mark Johnson, Chief Scientific Officer of Borne, said, "We believe capacity building and research skills development are key pillars to our strategy to accelerate progress with much needed scientific discoveries to prevent premature birth. We are committed to supporting the most promising individuals at critical points in their careers to become the next generation of research leaders in this field."

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Note to Editors

About premature birth

Premature birth is the leading cause of infant death and disability worldwide. Every year, 15 million children around the world are born prematurely and over 1 million die. In the UK, preterm birth affects more than 1 in 13 babies, nearly 60,000 every year.

About Borne

Borne was founded in 2013 to find solutions to preterm birth, the leading cause of infant mortality and childhood disability. Through research, we find interventions and treatments that can be translated into clinical solutions with global application. By addressing prematurity, we make a vital difference in reducing death and disability in childbirth and creating lifelong health for mothers and babies. Our vision is a world in which a child's first day on earth would not have to be their hardest. Through our pioneering research, we can make that vision a reality.

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To find out more about prematurity and Borne's work, visit www.borne.org.uk

The MRC Fellowships

For more information on the MRC's Jointly Funded Clinical Research Training Fellowships, visit <https://mrc.ukri.org/skills-careers/fellowships/clinical-fellowships/jointly-funded-clinical-research-training-fellowship/>

For more information on the MRC's Career Development Award, visit <https://mrc.ukri.org/skills-careers/fellowships/non-clinical-fellowships/career-development-award-cda-transition-to-independence/>

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