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The College Research Support Office

- Aim: to provide a one-stop shop for all research and knowledge transfer activities with a focus on funding applications and commitments.
 - Understanding your interests through consultation.
 - Flagging opportunities on an ongoing basis.
 - Matching you with suitable funders based on your ideas, interests and career stage.

- During the process of building an application, we will:
 - Liaise with departments across the University (Contracts, Finance, Legal, etc.) on your behalf.
 - Provide feedback on draft proposals from a funder's perspective, making suggested improvements that fit the scheme criteria.
 - Work with you to develop a budget.
 - Match you up with a peer reviewer.
 - Support you through the submission process and (if successful) guide you through the Contracts process with the Central Contracts Office right up to the point the contract is signed.

- Ultimately, our aim is to take the bureaucracy out of bidding to enable you to focus on the science.

Targeted Funding Opportunities

What opportunities currently exist in relation to work, wealth and wellbeing?

- **Health Foundation GB: Efficiency Research Programme**
 - £250k-500k
 - Supports research which has potential to make a transformational difference to health and social care provision.
 - Proposals may address the following four key priority areas:
 - allocative efficiency, achieving a more cost-effective mix of services within health and social care services to maximise the health of the UK;
 - aligning incentives, generating the greatest pull to improve efficiency and value for money;
 - technology and workforce, optimising the role of technology and the workforce to improve efficiency;
 - diffusion of best practice, optimising spread and diffusion of efficient practice in health and social care services.

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- **Medical Research Council: Joint global research programme – women’s and children’s health**
 - In collaboration with the Department of Biotechnology in India, the Department of International Development and the Newton Fund.
 - £10m budget
 - Collaboration opportunity with MDS rather than CoSS lead due to biomedical focus.
 - Proposals expected to be multidisciplinary with Social Sciences input.

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- **Joseph Rowntree Foundation: Jobs & Skills in the Leeds City Region**
 - £95k
 - Deadline: 14th October
 - Proposals to be evidence based and informed by:
 - **Assessment** of sectors/occupations that will have large employment requirements at entry and progression level.
 - **Synthesis/analysis** of existing labour market data, focusing on the low skill end of the labour market, including identification of any gaps in intelligence.
 - **Review** of ‘good practice’ in terms of design, governance and delivery of local skills systems, with particular emphasis on provision for those seeking progression from low pay employment.
 - **Mapping** and assessment of local skills provision, with particular emphasis on provision for those seeking progression from low pay employment.

General Funding Opportunities

What opportunities are open to Social Science researchers?

- British Academy Small Research Grants
 - SAMS £100k additional funding over next 5 years for Business & Management related projects.
 - Good opportunity for ECRs.
 - Deadline: 15th October.

- Standard grants from ESRC and Leverhulme
 - Offer up to £2mn (ESRC) and £500k (Leverhulme).
 - Wide subject matter provided it is within Social Sciences and Humanities.
 - Open deadlines.

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- Horizon 2020 – European Commission Funding
 - Challenge: Health, Demographic Change and Wellbeing
 - Current linked calls include:
 - Personalising Health and Care (14th October).
 - Health Co-Ordination Activities (15th April 2015).

Thank you for listening.
Any questions?

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