

Research news

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A team from the University of Birmingham are looking to receive a boost to their research into a treatment for cancers linked to Epstein-Barr Virus (EBV) through a pioneering crowdfunding scheme.

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[Could a vaccine help to fight cancer? You can help us find out \(/university/colleges/mds/news/2014/11/ebv-vaccine-cancer.aspx\)](/university/colleges/mds/news/2014/11/ebv-vaccine-cancer.aspx)

Working with Cancer Research UK, the Birmingham research team (Prof Alan Rickinson, Dr Neil Steven and Dr Graham Taylor; all in the School of Cancer Sciences) have already tested the vaccine in a small number of patients with an EBV-related head and neck cancer. It is currently being tested in larger clinical trials worldwide.

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[Old Joe turns blue for European Antibiotic Awareness Day \(/university/colleges/mds/news/2014/11/Old-Joe-turns-blue-for-EAAD-18-11-14.aspx\)](/university/colleges/mds/news/2014/11/Old-Joe-turns-blue-for-EAAD-18-11-14.aspx)

The University of Birmingham's iconic clock tower 'Old Joe' turned a shade of blue as part of European Antibiotic Awareness Day (EAAD) on Tuesday 18 October

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[Asthma sufferers could benefit from new laser research \(/university/colleges/mds/news/2014/11/Asthma-sufferers-could-benefit-from-new-laser-research.aspx\)](/university/colleges/mds/news/2014/11/Asthma-sufferers-could-benefit-from-new-laser-research.aspx)

UK scientists, including researchers from the University of Birmingham, have used a laser beam trap to examine how drug particles from asthma inhalers behave as they are projected through the air. Their findings could improve the effectiveness of inhalers for the over 5 million people in the UK suffering from asthma.

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[Birmingham and Nottingham projects to strengthen UK-Rio research links \(/university/colleges/mds/news/2014/11/faperj-funding.aspx\)](/university/colleges/mds/news/2014/11/faperj-funding.aspx)

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[Old Joe turns pink in support of Breast Cancer Campaign \(/news/latest/2014/10/old-joe-pink-for-bcc-23-10-14.aspx\)](#)

The University of Birmingham's iconic clock tower 'Old Joe' turned pink in the lead up to Breast Cancer Campaign's annual fundraiser 'wear it pink' day.

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[Divide and Conquer: novel trick helps rare pathogen infect healthy people \(/news/latest/2014/10/divide-and-conquer-17-10-14.aspx\)](#)

New research into a rare pathogen has shown how a unique evolutionary trait allows it to infect even the healthiest of hosts through a smart solution to the body's immune response against it.

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[Birmingham puts LGBTQ identities at the heart of its curriculum \(/news/latest/2014/10/lgbtq-curriculum.aspx\)](#)



The University of Birmingham is taking steps to ensure that its curriculum is inclusive towards those with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer (LGBTQ) identities.

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[£13 million award backs world-class research supporting Midlands bioeconomy \(/news/latest/2014/10/13-million-award-backs-bioeconomy-03-10-14.aspx\)](#)

Three of the Midlands' leading universities have been awarded £13 Million for a "Doctoral Training Partnership" to provide research training to support the Midlands bioeconomy.

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