Springboard scheme

Our flagship Springboard scheme offers £100,000 funding over 2 years towards research costs and professional development. In recognition of the importance of support at this transition point in the biomedical research career, both successful and unsuccessful applicants are eligible to take part in the Academy’s mentoring scheme. We encourage applications from across the biomedical field from molecular, cellular and structural biology to anatomical, physiological, psychological, epidemiological and public health research areas.

Underpinning the success of this scheme is the work of our Springboard Champions and the Research Office staff at each of the [eligible Higher Education Institutions](https://acmedsci.ac.uk/grants-and-schemes/grant-schemes/springboard/institutions-and-champions). Each institution undertakes a triage process to select the top 4 candidates for application, with guidance and support offered by the Academy.

We appreciate the breadth of talent existing within the UK biomedical research base, and **invite institutions to express an interest** in becoming an eligible HEI for the next rounds of this scheme.

Expressions of Interest will be assessed across the pool and selection of new HEIs will be based on the following criteria:

* The current pool of possible eligible applicants at the institution
* The quality of the statement of interest from the nominated Champion and research office

Springboard Champions must be non-clinically based, and may be a Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences or a researcher at Professor level, preferably who holds a senior role within University research management. Whilst we do not have a set rule, we recommend that the Springboard Champion should have been at the institution for at least two years. Further information about the role of a Springboard Champion can be found [here](https://acmedsci.ac.uk/file-download/33987541).

Please complete the details below and return this form to springboard@acmedsci.ac.uk **by 17 December 2021** for consideration in the next round of the Springboard scheme.

Institution name

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| Nominated Springboard Champion current job title  |

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| Research office staff member  |

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Please confirm that your institution has completed a REF return for biomedical/clinical research, or allied research areas with a health focus

[ ] Please indicate the number of candidates currently employed at your institution who would be eligible to apply for the scheme. For eligibility guidance, please refer to our [Frequently Asked Questions](https://acmedsci.ac.uk/file-download/12144648).

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**Statement of interest**

Please briefly outline your motivations for joining the Springboard scheme and the processes you would put into place to triage the applications. This should be completed jointly by the Springboard Champion and Research Office (250 words max)

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**Signatures**

Springboard Champion:

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Date:

Research Office:

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