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Innovation and Involvement
for Dementia

Current Opportunities in Dementia Research

We'd like to highlight a couple of opportunities that are open at the moment which may be of interest to you:

Alzheimer's Research UK Inspire Fund - Public Engagement Grant:

The Inspire Fund provides funding of up to £5,000 for projects that engage underserved communities with the topic of brain health and reducing the risk of dementia.

This scheme is part of Alzheimer's Research UK's work to build the understanding of dementia and share the benefits of dementia research.

The Inspire Fund is open to all. Collaborative applications are particularly encouraged, and those that build relationships between communities and researchers.

Projects can use a range of methods to engage with their audience, and we welcome applications using creative or innovative approaches to explore the topic of brain health and dementia.

Further information about this fund is available [on the website](#), including a recording of a webinar that took place earlier this month. The deadline for applications is 8th September.

Lewy Body Dementia Doctoral Training Network (LBD-DTN) - please note, this opportunity is for those supervisors at Newcastle, Nottingham, University College London, Southampton and Exeter

Lewy body dementia (LBD) is the second most common cause of neurodegenerative dementia yet it is under-researched and underfunded. The LBD-DTN will develop a thriving UK LBD research community, united and actively connected, whose core mission is to improve the lives of people living with LBD. The LBD-DTN will span the full translational spectrum, with an interdisciplinary programme, so that students can experience and learn across different institutions and departments. Our PhD projects will map to the following prioritised areas: understanding pathophysiology to better inform new treatment targets; biomarkers; improved screening and diagnostics; longitudinal cohorts and clinical trials; and clinical pathways and key transition points in LBD.

Call for Project Proposals

LBD-DTN (Newcastle, Nottingham, University College London, Southampton and Exeter).

We are offering to fund 4-year PhD studentships with University PhD fees at domestic student rates, student stipend at above-URKI rates, £7,500 per annum to cover research costs, and £1,000 per annum for career development (including conference attendance, training, laboratory visits, travel).

All supervisors will be required to sign our research concordat, committing to support and develop the LBD-DTN, for example, by engaging with our annual conference and agreeing to key requirements around inclusion, diversity, and research culture.

ECR's (or those who have limited supervisory experience) are encouraged to apply but must co-supervise with an experienced supervisor at the home institution as well as with a cross DTN institutional supervisor.

To propose doctoral projects that align with the broad scope of the centre, please complete this form <https://forms.office.com/e/rk4nmygWrH> before 12th September 2025.

One project per institution (Newcastle, Nottingham, UCL, Southampton, Exeter) will be selected to recruit for a September 2026 intake (final selection will be made by the LBD DTN management board) and successful applicants will be notified by the 31st October 2025.

If you have any questions, then please contact Louise Allan l.allan@exeter.ac.uk or the LBD-DTN management team LBDDTN@newcastle.ac.uk.



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