

## EXTERNAL RESEARCH FUNDING

The University is committed to disciplinary excellence in research across the spectrum of the sciences, medicine, the social sciences and the humanities, and to interdisciplinary research initiatives; its ambitions, activities, global connections and reach are influenced by more than eight centuries of discovery and public engagement. Much of this activity and its impact in intellectual, social, cultural and economic terms depends on external funding.

Despite tough economic conditions, in 2011/12 Oxford's researchers attracted a record £541 million of financial awards (grants and contracts). UK charities were the single largest source of these awards, not only from the largest funders such as the Wellcome Trust, Cancer Research UK, the British Heart Foundation and the Leverhulme Trust, but also from a large number of smaller charities.

Research Council funding remains extremely important in facilitating a wide range of projects, major research programmes and interdisciplinary initiatives, research training and international collaboration. All 7 of the Research Councils rank in the top 25 of Oxford's sponsors by award value, with the Medical Research Council (MRC) and the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) in the top 4.

The other major sources include the Department of Health (DoH), the National Institutes of Health Research (NIHR) and the European Commission (the UK as a whole has received €3.7 billion from Framework Programme 7 (FP7) P7 in 2007–11, second in share only to Germany).

The University warmly acknowledges the role of all its funders in supporting its research efforts, and the significant contributions made by its collaborators; both are central to the generation of public benefit through the University's research activity.



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