



With our 14 March deadline for outline applications fast approaching, this issue of our newsletter features a reminder of our funding opportunities, some of which are new for 2022.

Common to all these opportunities is our aim to fund original and challenging research that can make a difference to people's lives and help us to fulfil our mission to advance educational opportunity and social well-being.

Also in this issue, you can catch up on our recent blogs and the latest evidence from our research projects.

What's new?

1 We have refreshed our funding priorities in our Justice domain, with a focus on the experiences of people who use the justice system.

We want to expand the scale and ambition of our work, encourage applications from a broader range of perspectives and expertise, and strengthen connections within our work in Education and Welfare. [Read more →](#)

2 Our March 2022 deadline is an opportunity to apply for funding of up to £3 million for research projects in Education, Welfare and Justice.

We aim to fund research that increases understanding of the foundations and pathways of a just and inclusive society, and the restrictions to achieving it. We are

looking for applications that demonstrate how the proposed project can inform social policy or practice and consequently to make a difference to people's lives. [Apply now →](#)

3 In partnership with Versus Arthritis, we are calling for applications to our Oliver Bird Fund.

Musculoskeletal (MSK) conditions affect over 20 million people in the UK and are the single biggest cause of pain and disability. Up to £4 million in funding is available to support high quality, high impact projects to improve the social and economic well-being of people living with MSK conditions. [Apply now →](#)

The next deadline for all outline applications is **14 March 2022, 23:59 GMT.**

Latest from our research

Reform social security system to protect people from extreme hardship

- The final report from [COVID Realities](#) concludes that the pandemic has exposed and exacerbated problems with the UK's welfare system and calls for urgent reforms to protect low-income families. [Read more →](#)

Britain's porous safety net fails to protect the poorest

- The evolution of Britain's welfare state since its post-war creation leaves it providing a weak safety net that sees far too many people fall into poverty, according to research from the Economy 2030 Inquiry. [Read more →](#)

Economic change facing workers has been slowing for decades

- The popular conception that the UK labour market has been in rapid and accelerating flux in recent decades – with robots replacing jobs, and factory work replaced by gig economy jobs – is very wide of the mark. [Read more →](#)

Students with BTECs are successful across a range of university outcomes

- Although students with A-Levels are still less likely to drop out of university and more likely to graduate with a 2:1 or a first, most graduating students with BTECs finish university with at least a 2:1, finds new research by Dr Catherine Dilnot. [Read more →](#)

Depression and anxiety rose sharply over Christmas in the UK

- Levels of depression and anxiety rose sharply over December, especially among young adults, reaching similar levels to lockdown at the start of 2021, according to new findings from the COVID-19 Social Study. [Read more →](#)

First generation female graduates face economic disadvantage

- Women who are the first in their family to graduate from university earn 7% less in their mid-20s compared to female graduates whose parents attended university. [Read more →](#)

Unwillingness to have booster most common in groups with highest infection rates

- Reluctance to accept a booster vaccine was reported in 12% of young adults, compared to 8% of adults aged 30-59 and 3% of adults aged over 60, find UCL researchers as part of the COVID-19 Social Study. [Read more →](#)

[Explore all research projects →](#)

Latest from our blog

Putting lived experience at the heart of research into the impact of musculoskeletal conditions

- Catherine Dennison, lead for our [Oliver Bird Fund](#), speaks with Colin Wilkinson, Research Partner with Versus Arthritis to explore how research can help improve the social and economic well-being of people living with MSK conditions. [Read more →](#)

Giving children a better start in life

- Dr Ingrid Wolfe, Director of the Institute for Women's and Children's Health at King's College London, explains how a proportionate, universalist health service could address health inequalities in the early years. [Read more →](#)

Reasons to be hopeful: three steps to improving children's well-being in Scotland

- Jim McCormick, CEO of The Robertson Trust explains how announcements made in the Scottish Budget could help to address child poverty and improve children's well-being. [Read more →](#)

Upcoming event

Pivot pivot! Assessing the UK's new Indo-Pacific trade focus

Wednesday 26 January, 09:30 - 10.45 GMT

The Resolution Foundation is hosting an in-person and interactive webinar – as part of The Economy 2030 Inquiry, funded by the Nuffield Foundation.

Following a presentation of the key highlights from new Resolution Foundation research on the UK's trade pivot towards the Indo-Pacific region, we will hear from leading experts on the opportunities and challenges from this new strategy.

[Register to attend →](#)

Latest from the Nuffield Council on Bioethics

New infographic - what's on the horizon for bioethics?

The Nuffield Council on Bioethics' new infographic illustrates a range of developments in biology and medicine and likely future ethical issues. The Council has created an interactive version that allows you to click on each development to explore it in more detail. [Read more →](#)

Latest from the Ada Lovelace Institute

Technical methods for regulatory inspection of algorithmic systems

The Ada Lovelace Institute has published a survey of auditing methods for use in regulatory inspections of online harms in social media platforms. [Read more →](#)

Current vacancies

Communications and Events Manager | Closing date: 15 November 2021

We are looking for an enthusiastic, creative, and organised person to help develop and deliver the Nuffield Foundation's communications activity, including leading on our events programme. [Apply now →](#)

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