

RECEIVED  
30 APR 2012

THE ROYAL SOCIETY

6-9 Carlton House Terrace London SW1Y 5AG

020 7451 2507

president@royalsociety.org

royalsociety.org

Professor Jim McDonald  
University of Strathclyde  
McCance Building  
16 Richmond Street  
GLASGOW  
G1 1XQ

copy  
to: IAN HUNTER  
FOR DISTRIBUTION WITHIN  
FACULTY

From the President Paul Nurse  
25 April 2012

Dear Professor McDonald,

**Royal Society Research Professorships**

We are seeking applications to appoint a new round of Royal Society Research Professors. These posts are designed to enable individuals of the highest ability and achievement to undertake independent, original research into any of the natural and applied sciences including medical and engineering science. Appointments are for up to 10 years (five years plus a five year extension subject to a satisfactory renewal) and this long term support aims to release world-class scientists from teaching and administration, enabling them to focus on their research.

We are aiming to make appointments by December 2012 with the intention that the appointments would commence in April 2013, or as soon as possible thereafter. The Professorships generally may be awarded in any field across the natural sciences, but some awards are restricted to specific areas as follows:

- The Royal Society Wolfson Research Professorship in Physics or Chemistry at the interface with Biology
- The Royal Society GSK Research Professorship in Molecular aspects of Medicine
- The Royal Society Noreen Murray Research Professorship in Neurobiology

I am enclosing more information on the scheme and would be pleased if you would pass this on to relevant colleagues. Further information is also available from our website: [royalsociety.org/grants](http://royalsociety.org/grants). Professorships are available for scientists of any nationality and applications are particularly welcomed from scientists currently resident outside the UK.

Thank you for helping us to attract scientists of the highest calibre to these prestigious posts.

Yours sincerely



Paul Nurse



President Sir Paul Nurse  
Executive Director Dr Julie Maxton

Founded in 1660, the Royal Society is the independent scientific academy of the UK, dedicated to promoting excellence in science

Registered Charity No 207043



### The Royal Society

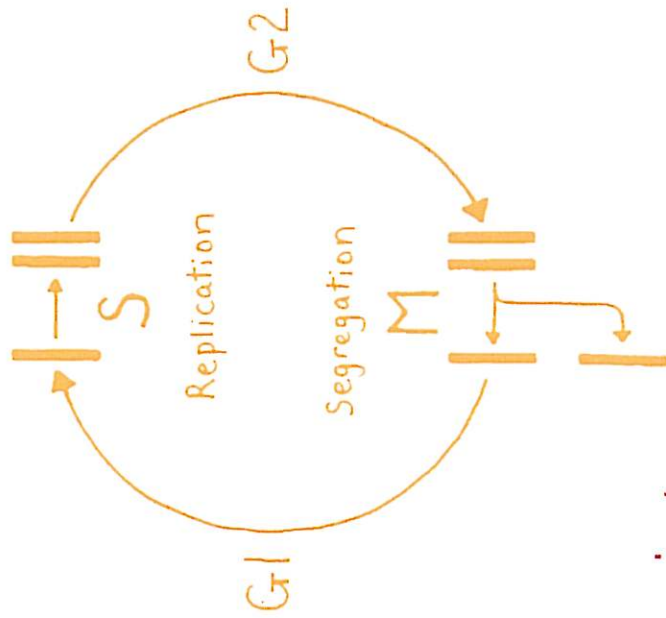
The Royal Society is a self-governing Fellowship of many of the world's most distinguished scientists drawn from all areas of science, engineering, and medicine. The Society's fundamental purpose, as it has been since its foundation in 1660, is to recognise, promote, and support excellence in science and to encourage the development and use of science for the benefit of humanity.

The Society's strategic priorities emphasise its commitment to the highest quality science, to curiosity-driven research, and to the development and use of science for the benefit of society. These priorities are:

- Promoting science and its benefits
- Recognising excellence in science
- Supporting outstanding science
- Providing scientific advice for policy
- Fostering international and global cooperation
- Education and public engagement

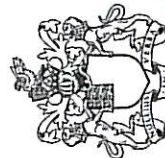
### For further information

The Royal Society  
6 – 9 Carlton House Terrace  
London SW1Y 5AG  
T +44 (0)20 7461 2500  
E [seniorfellowships@royalsociety.org](mailto:seniorfellowships@royalsociety.org)  
W [royalsociety.org/grants](http://royalsociety.org/grants)



# Royal Society Research Professorship

The Royal Society's most prestigious senior funding scheme is now open for applications.



Issued: April 2012 DES2572  
Founded in 1660, the Royal Society is the independent scientific academy of the UK, dedicated to promoting excellence in science  
Registered Charity No 207043



THE ROYAL SOCIETY

# Royal Society Research Professorship

**The Royal Society's most prestigious senior funding scheme is now open for applications.**

The Royal Society Research Professorships provide long term support to world class scientists releasing them from teaching and administration to enable them to focus on their research.

These prestigious posts are designed to enable individuals of proven ability and achievement to undertake independent, original research at a UK institution. Former Research Professors include Presidents of the Royal Society and Nobel Laureates.

The scheme provides a contribution to salary, which can be supplemented at the discretion of the host organisation; a one-off start-up grant of up to £35,000; and research expenses of up to £16,000 per academic year. Funding is available for five years, with the opportunity for renewal for a further five years.

## **Subject**

The Professorships may be awarded in any field across the natural sciences but the following are restricted to specific areas:

- The Royal Society Wolfson Research Professorship in Physics or Chemistry at the interface with Biology
- The Royal Society GSK Research Professorship in Molecular aspects of Medicine
- The Royal Society Noreen Murray Research Professorship in Neurobiology

## **Eligibility**

Applicants can be of any nationality, we particularly welcome applications from international candidates wishing to move to the UK.

## **Length of tenure**

Research Professors are appointed for up to 10 years (five years in the first instance plus a further five year renewal subject to satisfactory performance). At the end of the appointment, all responsibility for the post, financial and otherwise, will pass to the host organisation. A representative of the host organisation will be asked to agree in principle to make this commitment, when an application is submitted to the Society.

## **Place of tenure**

Professorships must be held at a UK university or not-for-profit research institute in the UK. The host organisation will be required to provide assurance that the award would be new and in addition to any existing posts, ie not used as substitution funding.

## **Value**

Research Professor's salary costs of £81,000 per year (excluding oncosts), which can be supplemented at the discretion of the host organisation; a one-off start-up grant of up to £35,000; and research expenses of up to £16,000 per academic year. Those Professorships funded from the Society Government grant will also receive 80% of the host organisation's indirect and estate costs under FEC.

## **Closing date: 26 June 2012**

Applications can only be submitted online on the Royal Society's electronic Grant Application and Processing (e-GAP) system [e-gap.royalsociety.org](http://e-gap.royalsociety.org)  
Applications cannot be submitted on paper.