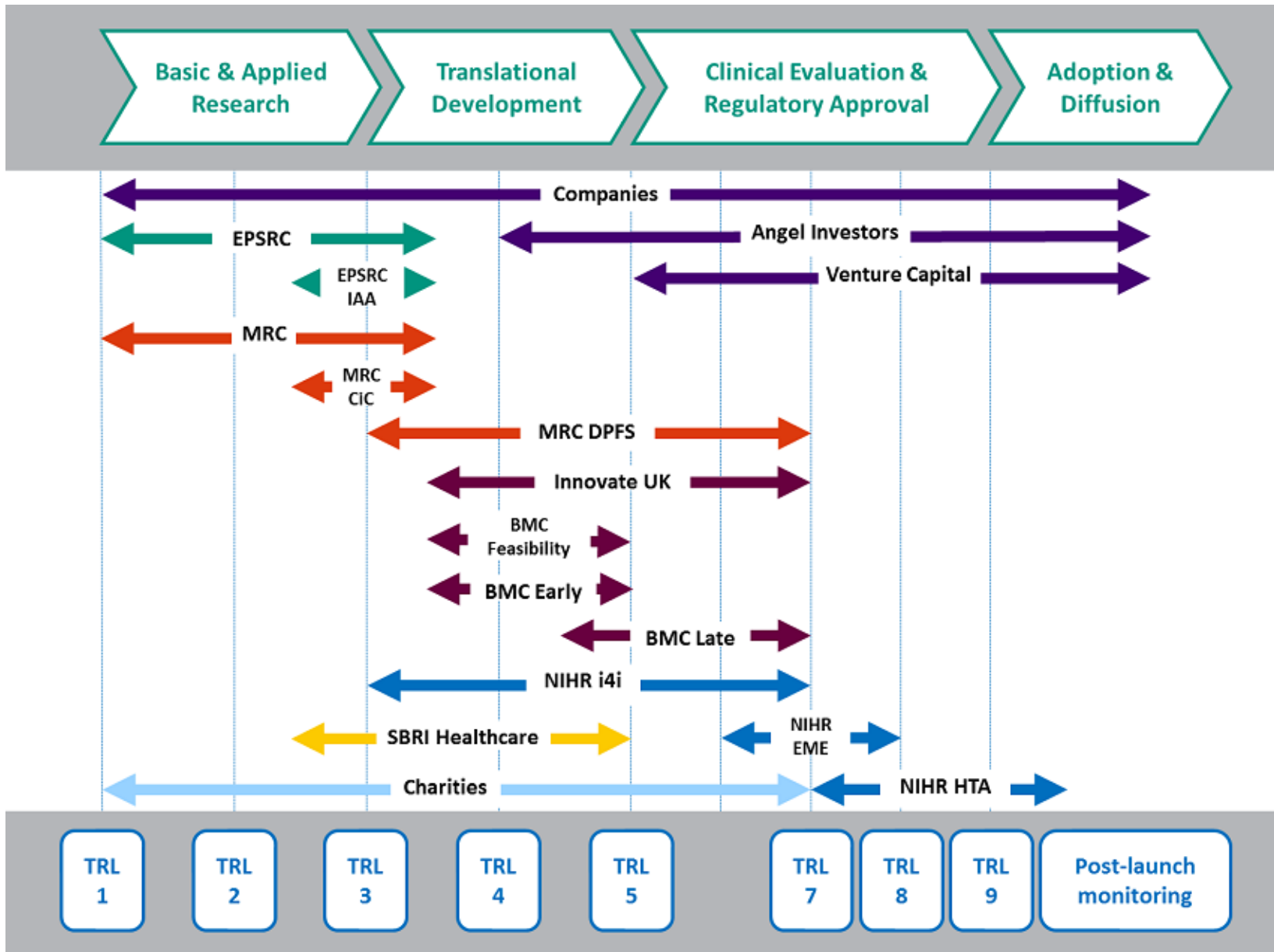


# Research funding...

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# What Do You Want to Do?

## **Fellowships**

- Single scholar study, involving buy-out of your teaching

## **Collaborative Grants**

- Working with and for others, or with postdocs working for you

## **Small Grants**

- Pilot studies, travel, small amounts of research assistance

## **Network Grants**

- Organising a series of workshops, seminars or conferences

## **Research Grant**

- For focused research projects that may be short or long term in nature
- May be led by a single investigator but often include collaborators

## **Translational Research Grant**

- Turning fundamental discoveries into improvements in human health and economic benefit.
- Drive innovation, speed up the transfer of the best ideas into new interventions, and improve the return on investment in fundamental research.

# Are you grant ready?

Do you have:

- A fundable idea?
- A suitable funder in mind?
- A sense of where your project fits in the research context?
- The right PI/team?
- The right support/collaborators?
- Pilot work and/or published in area
- The right timing?
- The right mindset?

# Matching Your Project to a Funder

- Do your homework (as in applying for a job)
- Find out what they're looking for
- What have they funded in the past
- Do you know any award-holders/reviewers?
- Look at example applications if you can
- Ensure you're eligible, experienced enough, and there are no institutional restrictions
- Is there a hidden agenda?
- Will you have to shoehorn your interests into theirs?
- Contact the funder directly

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- Research Grants (from basic lab research to clinical trials and population studies).
- [Career awards](#)
- [Biomedical catalyst](#) (DPFS and CiC)

To improve health by helping great ideas to thrive.

- Understanding health and disease, improving health, engaging the public and influencing policy
- Lots of schemes!

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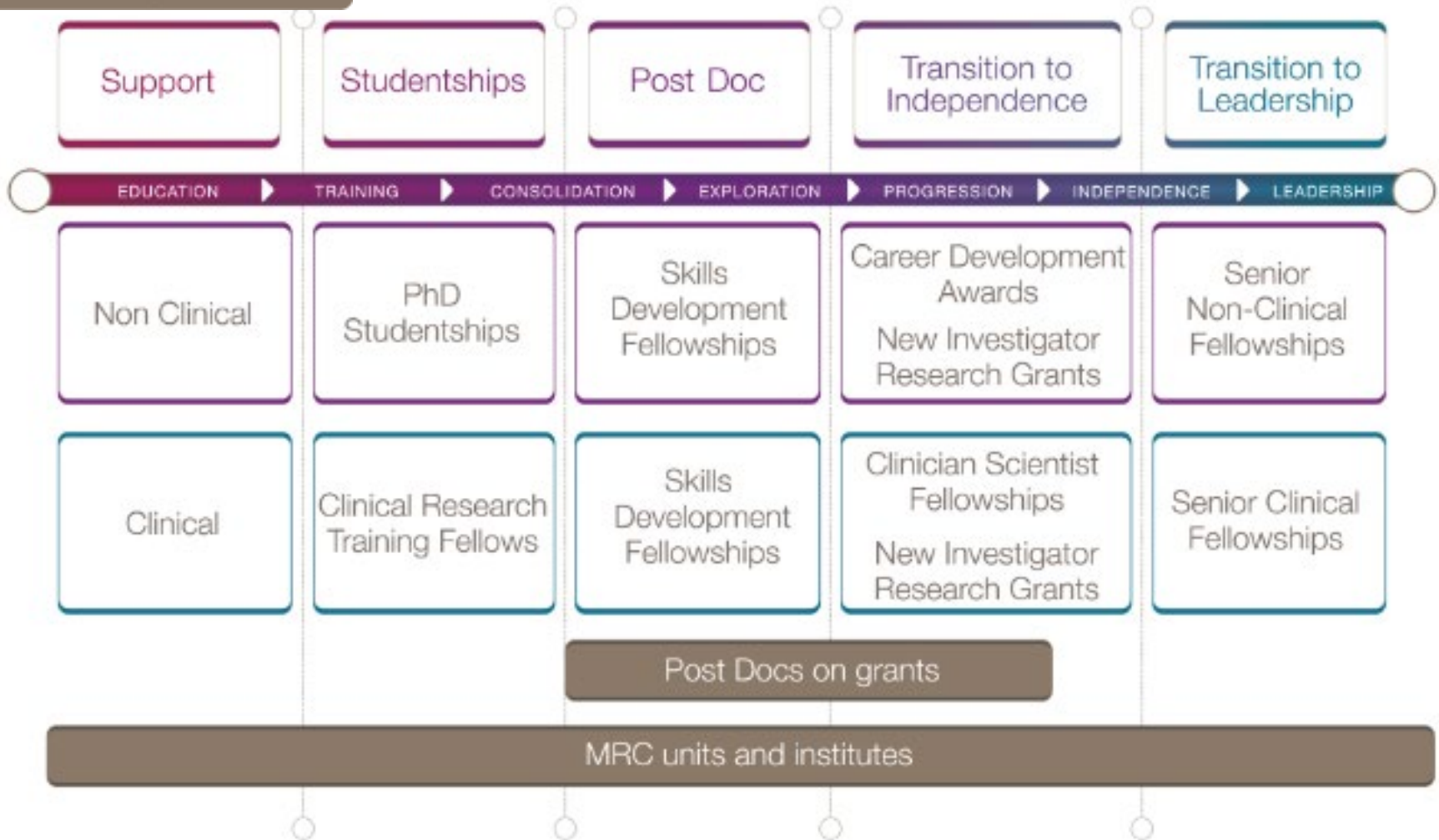
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- Newton, GCRF networks
- [Clinician Scientist fellowship](#)
- [Springboard fellowships](#)
- [FLIER programme](#)
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# Innovate UK

Drives productivity and economic growth by supporting businesses to develop and realise the potential of new ideas including those from the UK's world-class research base.

- Usually led by UK-based companies (sometimes SME needed)
- Testing feasibility, creating a new product, process or service, or improving an existing one, through research and development
  
- Sector competitions
- [Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund](#)
- [Knowledge Transfer Partnerships](#)
- [Biomedical catalyst](#)
- [Open/SMART competitions](#)

**Knowledge Exchange and Enterprise Fund** Supports collaboration and engagement with commercial, public sector and social enterprise partners

**Impact Development Fund** Supports activities which enhance the reach and significance of impact or those that support “threshold criteria” for REF impact case studies

**Proof of Concept Fund** Supports the development of projects with significant commercial potential towards achieving key commercial milestones

**Research Infrastructure Fund** for core strategic equipment and software required to develop research capabilities.

**Wellcome Trust Institutional Strategic Support Fund LPMI Capacity Building call 5** funding schemes co-funded by the Wellcome Trust to support and develop health-related research across the University.

**LPMI Capacity Building call** Capacity-building call for Precision Medicine Projects - providing funding to support 4 to 5 precision medicine projects of up to £30K/project (salary costs are not eligible).

**LD3 Call** The LD3 call is funded by the MRC Confidence in Concept award with the support of the College of Life Sciences. Supports projects from all stages of translational research - from innovation, through evaluation (including late pre-clinical work) and onto early clinical implementation.

**Industry & Academia Exchange Call** Supports the establishment of new collaborations by funding early interactions and knowledge exchange between external partners and academic researchers.

**Leicester Institute for Advanced Studies funding opportunities** Supports interdisciplinary collaboration through workshops and meetings, research networks and tiger teams

**International Research Development Funding Call** – There are funds for non ODA (work in any country outside of the UK) and ODA. Also larger, strategic applications under this funding stream for up to £25k for consolidated activity will be considered in four themed areas: Resilience and Sustainability, Big Data and Development, Environment and Health, and Cultural Heritage.

**ESRC IAA Small Rapid Response Scheme** Up to £2,500 to develop the impact of existing Social Science research, develop new partnerships and/or nurture existing partnerships with organisations or user groups outside academia

# What makes a proposal competitive?

- ✓ Significance (important area of research)
- ✓ Original approach
- ✓ Strong likelihood of success, i.e., will make a significant contribution to the field
- ✓ Knowledge and experience in the discipline
- ✓ Experience in essential methodology
- ✓ Succinct, logical and focused project plan
- ✓ Realistic amount of work
- ✓ Cost effective

Good Luck!