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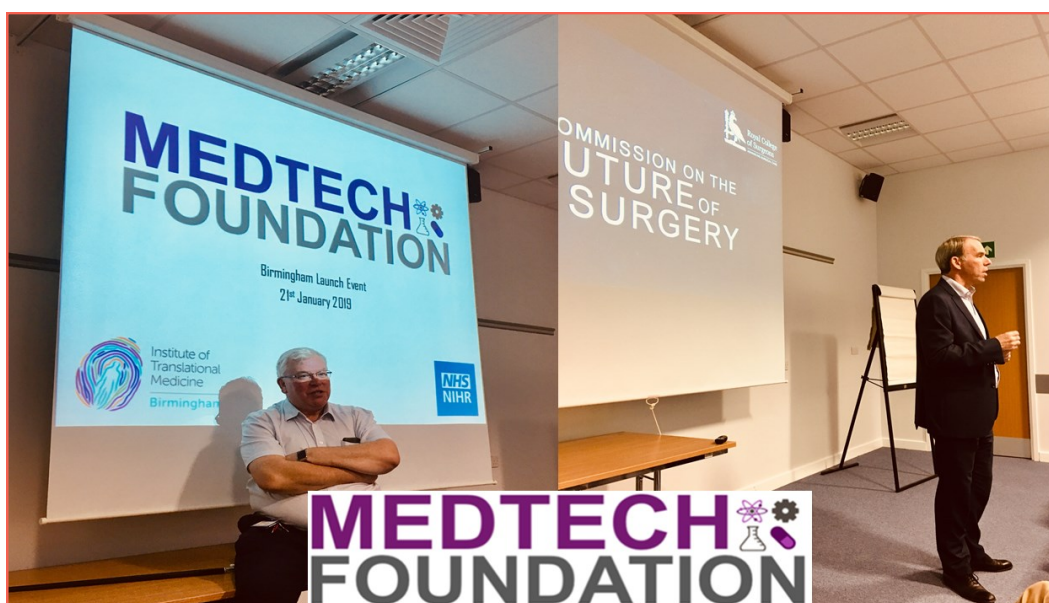
## MedTech Foundation Launches in Birmingham

Monday 21st January 2019 saw the MedTech Foundation arrive in Birmingham. University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust hosted the event in collaboration with the NIHR Trauma Management MedTech Co-operative and University of Birmingham. The evening saw the launch of a string of workshops targeting UoB innovators from varying disciplines, and presented them with unmet needs in three clinical areas by experienced clinicians:

- Vascular Surgery
- Colorectal Surgery
- Anaesthesia and Critical Care

The event was a great success and subsequent workshops will see attendees form groups, and learn about various parts of innovation and development such as commercialisation, IP, branding and regulations. The team worked together to produce a “solution” to one of the unmet needs presented by clinical experts. The teams then pitched their idea to a panel of experts in a “Dragon’s Den” style final on 19th March 2019 to a packed room of innovators (theme music and all!). The judges decided which team would win £10,000 worth of seed funding and mentorship to further develop their medical device with the support of the MIC.

The winning team developed an innovation in the field of Colorectal Surgery to improve postoperative care for patients undergoing surgery with a bowel anastomosis and will now be supported by the MIC in their development going forwards.



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## Workforce Update

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The Trauma MIC has started 2019 with two new additions to the team. Pernille Woods (Project Support Officer) and Rowena Williams (Project Research Officer) have joined the ranks and are extremely enthusiastic, and keen to contribute to the work of the MIC going forward.



*Photograph of the growing NIHR Trauma MIC team with our new additions Pernille Woods (front left) and Rowena Williams (front right).*

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## MD-TEC Connect

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On Thursday 31st January, the Medical Devices Testing and Evaluation Centre (MDTEC) held an event to present their services and how they can help MedTech SMEs in the GBSLEP region to further develop their innovations. Many industry representatives attended the event at Birmingham Conference and Events Centre, where they were presented with talks from industry experts such as Mike Branagan-Harris (CEO Device Access), and were provided with testimonial presentations from companies who had previously benefited from MDTEC support.

The highly knowledgeable research fellows who work at MDTEC also got involved on the day, offering 1:1 mini-consultations to provide a taster of where the team can fast track delegate's company products.


The event was a great success, and an opportunity for MDTEC to showcase their expert knowledge and professional services to a wider audience!



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### MEDTECH EXPO + MEDILINK AWARDS

 NEC, Birmingham


 09:00 - 17:00

MAY

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### HSJ Life Sciences Forum

 BMA House, Tavistock Square, Bloomsbury, London, WC1H 9JP

 09:00 - 17:00

JUNE

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### MediWales Connects 2019

 Swansea University, The Great Hall, Swansea, Wales, SA1 8EN


 09:00 - 17:00

JULY

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### VENTUREFEST WM 2019

 NEC, Birmingham

 09:00 - 17:00

## Funding Opportunities

Fund	Eligibility Criteria	Deadline	Website
<b>NIHR i4i Challenge Awards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A minimum of two organisations from SME, NHS or HEI and the proposal must include at least one collaborator from an NHS Trust or NHS Service Provider.</li> <li>Projects will not have a duration limit.</li> </ul> <p>There is no upper funding limit, but costs must be fully justified.</p>	17 April 2019 to 12 June 2019	<a href="https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding-and-support/funding-for-research-studies/funding-programmes/invention-for-innovation/#Challenge">https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding-and-support/funding-for-research-studies/funding-programmes/invention-for-innovation/#Challenge</a>
<b>NIHR i4i Product Development Awards (PDA)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A minimum of two organisations must be involved from either NHS Trust, HEI or SME.</li> <li>Lead applicants must be based in England.</li> <li>Projects may be up to three years in duration.</li> </ul> <p>There is no upper funding limit, but costs must be fully justified.</p>	24 April 2019 to 05 June 2019	<a href="https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding-and-support/funding-for-research-studies/funding-programmes/invention-for-innovation/">https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding-and-support/funding-for-research-studies/funding-programmes/invention-for-innovation/</a>
<b>Wellcome Trust Innovator Awards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Research lead</li> <li>Collaboration between HEI and commercial entity (consider IP in this case)</li> <li>£500,000 available (£750,000 for</li> </ul>	Apply anytime. Shortlist every 3 months.	<a href="https://wellcome.ac.uk/funding/innovator-awards">https://wellcome.ac.uk/funding/innovator-awards</a>

## Contact Us

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