

**THE HEALING FOUNDATION  
A STRATEGY FOR UK BURNS RESEARCH  
STATEMENT FROM PROFESSOR SIR JOHN TEMPLE  
HEALING FOUNDATION RESEARCH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN**

In December, I wrote to you detailing the Healing Foundation's emerging plans to invest in a new model of investment for UK burns research. Since then, I have been very encouraged by the widespread support for our approach and the expressions of interest from Universities and Hospitals throughout England, Wales and Scotland.

We have maintained our dialogue with the MRC who, in partnership with the UK Armed Forces, have stated a clear and exciting intent to invest in the area of Trauma, Reconstruction and Rehabilitation (which will include burns). We have also developed our links with the USA Department of Defense and the Armed Forces Institute of Regenerative Medicine. After attending the 'all hands' meeting of AFIRM in January, we have agreed a formal partnership that could offer exciting opportunities for future collaboration with Healing Foundation funded UK burns and trauma researchers.

We are now confident that the necessary initial funding to begin our selection process is secure and I am pleased to inform you that we will make available an Application Pack in September 2010 with a closing date for applications before the end of December. This pack will detail the requirements of a submission to host one, of up to three, centres of burns research. In the meantime, the Chief Executive and I would be happy to meet with you to discuss the aspirations of the Healing Foundation for burns research and in further detail, the selection process we will follow. This is done in the spirit of open and fair competition and to encourage the very best applications, from as many institutions, as possible.

If you would like to arrange for us to visit, please do contact Brendan Eley at the Healing Foundation.