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1 AHRC - ARTS & HUMANITIES RESEARCH COUNCIL

1.1 Research Grants - Standard Route

<http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/FundingOpportunities/Pages/RG-StandardRoute.aspx>

- Research Grants awards are intended to enable individual researchers to collaborate with, and bring benefits to, other individuals and organisations through the conduct of research.
- The standard route provides grants for projects with a full economic cost (fEC) between £20,000 and £1,000,000 for a varying duration up to a limit of 60 months.
- **DEADLINES : Applications may be submitted under the Scheme at any time - there are no fixed closing dates.**

1.2 Research Grants –early career route

<http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/FundingOpportunities/Pages/RG-EarlyCareers.aspx>

- supports well-defined research projects enabling individual researchers to collaborate with, and bring benefits to, other individuals and organisations through the conduct of research within the AHRC's remit.
- The aim of the scheme is to assist new researchers at the start of their careers in gaining experience of managing and leading research projects.
- Applications may be submitted for proposals with a full economic cost between £20,000 and £200,000 and for a duration of up to 60 months.
- **DEADLINES: Applications may be submitted under the Scheme at any time - there are no fixed closing dates.**

1.3 Research Networking Scheme

<http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/FundingOpportunities/Pages/ResearchNetworking.aspx>

- Intended to support forums for the discussion and exchange of ideas on a specified thematic area, issue or problem within the arts and humanities.
- Proposals for full economic costs up to £30,000 for a period of up to two years may be submitted.
- **DEADLINES: Applications may be submitted under the Scheme at any time - there are no fixed closing dates.**

1.4 Fellowships Scheme – Route for Early Career Researchers

<http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/FundingOpportunities/Pages/Fellowshipserc.aspx>

- Aims to enable the AHRC to work in partnership with institutions to support the career development of researchers at the start of their careers and to provide them with focused research time and appropriate support and mentoring so that they can broaden their research experience and enhance their research outputs profile.
- More information, including very specific eligibility criteria, is available in the AHRC Research Funding Guide.
- **DEADLINES: the scheme will re-open in January 2012 – we are waiting for details of deadlines to be published.**

1.5 Follow-on Funding Scheme

<http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/FundingOpportunities/Pages/FollowonFunding.aspx>

- Flexible funding to encourage creativity, accommodate risk and promote innovative activities in support of knowledge exchange, public engagement, active dissemination or commercialisation activities that come about as a result an AHRC-funded project.
- Such activities must enhance the value and benefit of the AHRC-funded research project, and demonstrate potential to deliver significant economic, social, cultural and/or policy impacts.
- The AHRC Follow-on Funding scheme will run initially as a pilot and will offer awards of up to £120,000 (fEC) for a maximum of 12 months.
- **DEADLINES: Applications may be submitted under the Scheme at any time - there are no fixed closing dates.**

1.6 Research Grant (Standard) São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP)

<http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/FundingOpportunities/Pages/rgbrazil.aspx>

- Encourage and support proposals that may cut across national boundaries and involve international collaborative teams.
- **DEADLINES: Applications for the Research Grant (Standard) São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP) scheme should be made to the relevant Research Councils. There are no deadlines and applications can be made at any time.**

1.7 AHRC: Highlight Notices

<http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/FundingOpportunities/Pages/highlight-notices.aspx>

- These notices are intended to promote interest in the five themes which were identified by the 2008 consultation, and to invite applications within the Research Networking scheme and the Fellowships scheme for research which addresses these themes.
- The AHRC themes are:
 - Digital Transformations in Arts & Humanities;
 - Care for the Future;
 - Translating Cultures;
 - Science in Culture.
 - The fifth theme – Connected Communities - is led by the AHRC, but is a cross-Council theme with strong commitment from MRC, ESRC and NERC.
- **DEADLINES: The highlight notice in the networking scheme has been extended until the end of July 2012. Further details can be found on the AHRC website.**

2 ESRC – ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

2.1 Research Grants

<http://www.esrc.ac.uk/funding-and-guidance/funding-opportunities/3717/research-grants.aspx>

- The ESRC [Research Grants](#) open call offers awards ranging from £200,000 to £2 million (100 per cent FEC) to enable individuals or research teams to undertake anything from a standard research project through to a large-scale survey and other infrastructure or methodological development.
- **DEADLINES: Applications may be submitted under this scheme at any time - there are no fixed closing dates.**

2.2 Centres and Large Grants

<http://www.esrc.ac.uk/funding-and-guidance/funding-opportunities/3672/centres-and-large-grants-competition.aspx>

- for experienced researchers requiring longer term or extended support for research groups, inter-institutional research networks, linked-project programmes, medium-to-large surveys, other infrastructure or methodological developments, or any related larger scale projects.
- The Competition is for applications ranging from £2 million to £5 million (at 100 per cent FEC).
- The ESRC will run a three-stage application process. The first stage are outline proposals which should be submitted by the 13 October 2011.
- **DEADLINES: this call may run in 2012 – currently awaiting confirmation**

2.3 Research Seminars Competition

<http://www.esrc.ac.uk/funding-and-guidance/funding-opportunities/3677/research-seminars-competition.aspx>

- for seminar groups who are multi-institutional groups of academic researchers, postgraduate students and non-academic users who meet regularly to exchange information and ideas with the aim of advancing research within their fields.
- The awards are non-FEC and are limited to £15,000.
- **DEADLINES: The deadline for applications is expected November 2012 (tba)**

2.4 Knowledge Exchange Opportunities

http://www.esrc.ac.uk/funding-and-guidance/collaboration/knowledge-exchange/opportunities/index.aspx?dm_i=XZA,N3Q6,4YR5EQ,1VAES,1

- The ESRC provide [Knowledge Exchange Opportunities](#) funding to enable academic researchers to work with individuals and organisations in the private, public and civil society sectors.
- **DEADLINES: The next call opened on 14 December 2011 and will close at 16.00 on 7 February 2012. Future calls: 9 April 2012 - 5 June 2012, 20 August 2012 - 2 October 2012**

2.5 ESRC International Partnership and Networking Scheme

<http://www.esrc.ac.uk/funding-and-guidance/funding-opportunities/15752/esrc-international-partnership-and-networking-scheme.aspx>

- ESRC invite applications for the first round of its [ESRC International Partnership and Networking Scheme \(IPNS\)](#), aimed at fostering the development of long-term relationships with overseas social scientists in areas of interest that are of direct relevance to ESRC's current strategic priorities.
- **DEADLINES: The deadline for receipt of applications is expected to be October 2012.**

2.6 Future Research Leaders

<http://www.esrc.ac.uk/funding-and-guidance/funding-opportunities/15938/latest-opportunity-11.aspx>

- This '[Future Research Leaders - Call for Outline Proposals](#)' scheme will support outstanding early career researchers to carry out excellent research and to develop all aspects of their research and knowledge exchange skills. The scheme is open to high-quality candidates from anywhere in the world who have a maximum of four years' postdoctoral experience and the support of an eligible UK research organisation.
- Awards will be for a maximum of three years with an overall limit of £215,000 (at 100 per cent FEC). The ESRC aim to fund around 70 awards.
- **DEADLINES: The deadline for the submission of outline proposals is expected September 2012.**

3 NERC - NATURAL ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH COUNCIL

3.1 Large Grants Scheme

<http://www.nerc.ac.uk/funding/available/researchgrants/typesofaward/large.asp>

- NERC's Large Grant scheme will continue to support adventurous, large-scale and complex research tackling big science questions within the NERC remit which cannot be addressed through other NERC funding opportunities.
- Key changes to the scheme:
 - There is no longer be a requirement for a minimum of three eligible investigators based in separate participating organisations.
 - A minimum funding level of £1.2m (100% FEC) will be introduced (the maximum funding level of £3.7m remains unchanged).
 - An outline proposal must first be submitted for consideration and only successful outlines may proceed to the full proposal stage.
 - Outlines will be assessed against the criteria 'potential excellence' and 'fit to scheme'.
- There will be one outline and one full proposal closing date per year.
- **DEADLINES: Dates for 2012 are as follows:**
 - **Outline Proposal Closing Date: 1 March 2012**
 - **Full Proposal Closing date: 15 November 2012 (tbc)**

3.2 Standard Grants

<http://www.nerc.ac.uk/funding/available/researchgrants/typesofaward/standards.asp>

- Standard Grants is an open competition for curiosity-motivated basic, strategic or applied research. Grants are for a minimum of £25,000 for directly incurred costs.
- Applicants will be able to apply for funding between £65,000 and £1.2m (100% FEC) within the Standard Grants Scheme.
- **DEADLINES: The annual deadlines for this scheme are the 1 July and the 1 December.**

3.3 The New Investigator competition

- The Council's New Investigator competition will also end following completion of the 2012 round, and will instead be embedded within the Standard Grant scheme rather than operating independently.
- New Investigator status of the lead Principal Investigator may be indicated at the time of application; however how New Investigator eligibility is defined will not change.
- **DEADLINES: The ability to submit a New Investigator application via the Standard Grant call will be available from the December 2012 closing date onwards. All other changes will come into effect on 1 January 2012. Please note that the 2012 New Investigator call will proceed unchanged with a closing date of 1 February 2012.**

3.4 Knowledge Exchange Scheme

<http://www.nerc.ac.uk/using/schemes/>

- NERC offers a wide range of [Knowledge Exchange Funding Schemes](#) aimed at:

- training scientists to meet the needs of user communities
 - encouraging the exchange of staff
 - resulting in better communication between research and user communities
 - promoting training, people and knowledge flow and networks.
- **DEADLINES: The deadlines for the different schemes are at various points throughout the year. Please click on the [alphabetical list of schemes](#) to find out each individual deadline.**

3.5 NERC Postdoctoral Research Fellowship

<http://www.nerc.ac.uk/funding/available/fellowships/>

- The Natural Environment Research Council Fellowship scheme provides opportunities for outstanding environmental scientists to devote their time to:
 - research
 - develop their research careers
 - produce work of international importance
- Applications for Postdoctoral Research Fellowships will be accepted from PhD students, but awards may not start until NERC has received written confirmation of the outcome of the applicant's PhD viva.

DEADLINES: The call will be announced around June 2012, with a closing date somewhere around the 1st November 2012.

4 EPSRC - ENGINEERING & PHYSICAL SCIENCES RESEARCH COUNCIL

4.1 Programme Grants

<http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/funding/grants/capacity/programme/Pages/default.aspx>

- **Programme Grants** can be awarded for up to six years and are a flexible mechanism to provide funding to world-leading research groups to address significant major research challenges within engineering and physical sciences.
- Applicants must discuss their suitability for programme grant funding with an identified EPSRC contact before submitting an outline application. Applicants successful at this stage will be asked to submit a full outline application.
- Full proposals will be invited from those who are successful at outline stage.
- **DEADLINES as follows:**

Outline Proposal Meetings	Full Proposal Deadline	Interview Panel
October, December and February	The following April	The following September / October
April, June and August	The following October	The following February / March

4.2 Research Base Funding

<http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/funding/grants/rb/Pages/default.aspx>

- EPSRC's Research Base Funding is very flexible. It funds projects ranging from small travel grants to multi-million pound research programmes for timescales ranging from a month or six years.
- There is no limit on the value or length or topic. Activities funded can include research projects, feasibility studies, instrument development, equipment, travel and collaboration, and long-term funding to develop or maintain critical mass.
- EPSRC's remit covers engineering and the physical sciences: research in the areas of chemistry, engineering, information and communications technologies, materials, mathematical sciences and physics.
- **DEADLINES: There are no closing dates so applications can be made at any time.**

4.3 Platform Grants

<http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/funding/grants/capacity/platform/Pages/default.aspx>

- **Platform Grants** are a flexible mechanism of providing underpinning funding to well established, world leading research groups within engineering and physical sciences.
- Full proposals will be invited from those who are successful at outline stage.
- **DEADLINES: There are no closing dates so applications can be made at any time.**

4.4 Fellowships

<http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/funding/fellows/Pages/default.aspx>

- Applicants are expected to hold a PhD or have equivalent research experience; however, there are no eligibility rules based on years of post-doctoral experience or whether you hold (or do not hold) a permanent academic position.
- EPSRC's Capability and Challenge Themes have gone through an initial exercise of prioritising the areas in which fellowships will be offered. This will be an ongoing process and will be updated on a regular basis throughout the Delivery Plan period.
- There is no outline stage in the new Fellowship process. Applicants are required to submit a full proposal.
- **DEADLINES: Applications can be submitted at any time and will be processed on a rolling basis. Fellowship applications will be prioritised twice a year in approximately January/February and July, at our standard-grant panel meetings.**

4.5 Network grants

<http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/funding/grants/network/networks/Pages/default.aspx>

- The main objective of Networks is to create new interdisciplinary research communities and topics, by developing interaction between the research community and appropriate science, technology and industrial groups. The aims are to:
 - Transfer experimental techniques, models and scientific insights
 - Promote mobility between academe, universities and industry.
 - Networks are expected to lead to new collaborative multidisciplinary research proposals and some may develop into virtual centres of excellence, providing critical mass of analytical expertise.
 - Network proposals may be submitted at any time in the Responsive Mode. However, EPSRC may also occasionally issue specific calls for proposals which have different objectives from those listed above. EPSRC has established various initiatives to set up Networks in specific programme areas.
- **DEADLINES: Applications can be submitted at any time and will be processed on a rolling basis.**

4.6 Visiting Researchers

<http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/funding/grants/network/Pages/visitingresearchers.aspx>

- Funding for research scientists and engineers of acknowledged standing to visit a UK research organisation. The visiting researcher can be from anywhere in the world, including the UK.
- Up to 12 months' funding is available per visiting researcher to cover salary costs, travel and subsistence. The researcher can either make one long visit or a series of shorter visits within the 12-month period.
- Visiting researchers are part of our research base funding where you can apply at any time and in any area of our remit. You can ask for funding for one or more visiting researchers only as part of a larger research proposal.
- **DEADLINES: There are no closing dates – you can apply at any time. The host UK researcher needs to apply for funding, not the visiting researcher.**

5 BRITISH ACADEMY

5.1 Small Research Grants

<http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/srg.cfm>

- Grants are available to support primary research in the humanities and social sciences. The first recourse for funding should be to your own institution (where applicable). Applications will not be considered for less than £500. The maximum grant is £10,000 over two years.
- Funds are available to facilitate initial project planning and development; to support the direct costs of research; and to enable the advancement of research through workshops or conferences, or visits by or to partner scholars.
- All applications should demonstrate that Academy funds are sought for a clearly defined, discrete piece of research, which will have an identifiable outcome on completion of the Academy-funded component of the research.
- **DEADLINES: The closing date for applications for the current round has passed. Award decisions will be confirmed by March 2012, to start from April 2012 onwards. A further round of competition will be announced in the course of 2012.**

5.2 International Partnership and Mobility Scheme

http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/intl/International_Partnership_and_Mobility.cfm

- The Academy has issued a call for applications to the first round. This call is for one-year or three-year research partnerships, between the UK and Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, the Middle East, East Asia or South Asia, beginning between 1 September 2012 and 31 March 2013.
- **DEADLINES: Wednesday 8 February 2012.**

5.3 Postdoctoral Fellowships

<http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/pdfells.cfm>

- The aim of the British Academy in making these awards is to offer opportunities for outstanding early career researchers to strengthen their experience of research and teaching in a university environment which will develop their curriculum vitae and improve their prospects of obtaining permanent lecturing posts by the end of the Fellowship.
- **DEADLINES: The next deadline, for outline applications for award in 2013, will be in October 2012.**

5.4 Mid-Career Fellowship Scheme

<http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/midcareer.cfm>

- The aim of the Mid-Career Fellowship Scheme is to allow successful applicants to obtain time freed from normal teaching and administrative commitments.
- The time bought by the scheme should be devoted to the completion of a major piece of research.
- Mid-Career Fellowships, with the scheme operating on a two-stage selection process, similar to the Postdoctoral Fellowships.

DEADLINES: The deadline for outline stage applications is expected to be November 2012.

6 LEVERHULME TRUST

6.1 International Networks

<http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/funding/IN/IN.cfm>

- **International Network** collaborations enable a Principal Investigator based in the UK to lead a research project where its successful completion is dependent on the participation of relevant overseas institutions.
- The value of an award is normally up to £125,000, the activities involved lasting for up to three years. International Networks are assessed via a two-stage process. In the first stage, applicants should complete an Outline Application form.
- **DEADLINES: Outline Applications can be submitted at any time. The deadlines for full applications (by invitation only) are on the 1 September, 1 December and the 21 March.**

6.2 Visiting Professorships

<http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/funding/VP/VP.cfm>

- The objective of the Visiting Professorships awards is to enable distinguished academics based overseas to spend between three and ten months at a UK university, primarily in order to enhance the skills of academic staff or the student body within the host institution.
- A Visiting Professorship may last for between three and ten months.
- **DEADLINES: The deadlines for applications are on the 10 May 2012.**

6.3 Early Career Fellowships

<http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/funding/ECF/ECF.cfm>

- To provide career development opportunities for those at an early stage of their career but with proven track record of research
- Up to 50% of salary to be funded by Leverhulme up to £23000/year plus expenses of up to £6000
- **DEADLINES: The deadline for applications is 8 March 2012.**

6.4 Major Research Fellowships in the Humanities and Social Sciences

<http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/funding/MRF/MRF.cfm>

- To enable well-established scholars to pursue a single research project of outstanding originality and significance
- Funds replacement salary costs, plus research expenses up to £5000/annum,
- **DEADLINES: 10 May 2012**

6.5 Research project grants

<http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/funding/RPG/RPG.cfm>

- For innovative projects of high quality and potential in most subject areas apart from medicine

- Outline application must be submitted in the first instance
- Up to £250,000 for 2-3 years
- **DEADLINES: Outline applications can be submitted at any time. Deadlines for full applications - 1 December, 21 March, 1 September**

6.6 Research programme grants

<http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/funding/RP/RP.cfm>

- For this cycle, must be in the fields of patronage; conspiracies; value
- Funds for research teams for up to 5 years to explore significant thematic issues
- £500,000 to £1.75mil available
- **DEADLINES: outline application deadline 12 January 2012**

6.7 International Networks

<http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/funding/IN/IN.cfm>

- For a research project which depends on participation of relevant overseas institutions. Must include one or more UK universities and at least 2 overseas institutions
- Up to £125,000, up to 3 years
- **DEADLINES: outline applications required in the first instance, deadlines for full applications 1 December, 21 March, 1 September**

6.8 Visiting Professorships

<http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/funding/VP/VP.cfm>

- To enable distinguished academics based overseas to spend 3-10 months at a UK university, to enhance the skills of the academic staff or the student body within the host institution
- **DEADLINES: 10 May 2012**

7 ROYAL SOCIETY

7.1 Early Career Grant

http://royalsociety.org/uploadedFiles/Royal_Society_Content/grants/schemes/University-Research-Fellowship.pdf

- This scheme is for scientists in the UK at an early stage in their career and want to purchase specialised equipment and consumables, or for academics to research the history of science.
- The scheme covers all areas of the life and physical sciences, including engineering, but excluding clinical medicine.
- **DEADLINES: The 2012 Research Grant round will open in the latter half of 2012.**

7.2 JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship

<http://royalsociety.org/grants/schemes/jsp-postdoctoral/>

- The [JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship](#) scheme is funded by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science and is for scientists in the UK who are at an early stage of their career and wish to conduct research in Japan. The research undertaken must be on a subject within the natural sciences, including: physics, chemistry, mathematics, computer science, engineering science, agricultural and medical research (non-clinical only).
- The applicant must have a PhD, or be likely to have one by the start of the funding. They must also be within six years of the award of their PhD and have a research proposal agreed with a Japanese scientist.
- JSPS will provide funding for visits of between 12 months minimum and up to 24 months maximum.
- **DEADLINES: Applications are made using the Royal Society's online form. The next closing date is planned for the end of February 2012.**

7.3 Newton international fellowship

<http://royalsociety.org/grants/schemes/newton-international/>

- The [Newton international fellowship](#) scheme is run jointly by the British Academy and the Royal Society. It is for non-UK scientists who are at an early stage of their career and wish to conduct research in the UK for up to 2 years. The scheme covers the broad range of the natural and social sciences and the humanities.
- The applicant must have a PhD, or be likely to have a PhD by the time the funding starts, be at an early stage of their career (no more than 1 or 2 post-doc positions), be working outside the UK and not hold UK citizenship.
- Newton Fellowships last for two years. Funding consists of £24,000 per annum for subsistence costs, and up to £8,000 per annum for research expenses, as well as a one-off payment of up to £2,000 for relocation expenses.
- **DEADLINES: The next call is expected in January 2012.**

7.4 Industry fellowship

<http://royalsociety.org/grants/schemes/industry-fellowship/>

- The Industry fellowship scheme is for academic scientists who want to work on a collaborative project with industry and for scientists in industry who want to work on a collaborative project with an academic organisation. The scheme covers all areas of the life and physical sciences, including engineering, but excluding clinical medicine.

- The scheme provides a basic salary for the researcher and a contribution towards research costs.
- The applicant must have a PhD or be of equivalent standing in their profession and hold a permanent post in a university, not-for-profit research organisation or industry in the UK.
- **DEADLINES: The deadline for applications is anticipated to be early Summer 2012.**

7.5 International exchanges scheme

<http://royalsociety.org/grants/schemes/international-exchanges/>

- The International exchanges scheme is for scientists in the UK who want to collaborate with scientists overseas through either a one-off visit or bilateral travel. The scheme covers all areas of the life and physical sciences, including engineering, but excluding clinical medicine.
- Both the UK applicant and overseas applicant must have a PhD, or be likely to have a PhD by the time the funding starts and hold a fixed or permanent contract at an eligible organisation for the duration of the project (ineligible organisations include industrial, private and commercial organisations, university spin-out companies, government bodies and research institutes and research councils).
- **DEADLINES: There are a variety of calls within this scheme – check website for details**