

iSPER - Funding Newsletter – July 2016

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Welcome to the first Institute for Social, Policy and Enterprise Research (iSPER) funding newsletter. This is the first of what will be a regular series of bulletins that circulate funding opportunities to institute members and Faculty of Business academics based on identified areas of interest.

The first bulletin deliberately focusses on some of the more regular calls issued by funders within the social sciences to ensure that these are on our horizon. In future editions we will be seeking to provide a more diverse range of funding opportunities including some themed bulletins on particular types of funding – for example International Partnerships, European Funding and Charitable Grants.

If you are interested in pursuing any of the funding opportunities listed then please do get in touch with us via FOBResearch@plymouth.ac.uk

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What funding interests you?

In order for us to ensure that future editions of the bulletin cover the full breadth of areas that you are seeking to research please do forward to us any keywords linked to your research that we should be incorporating within our searches. In addition, please let us know of any particular funding bodies (other than those listed below) which you would like us to review. Please send this information to: FOBResearch@plymouth.ac.uk

Maintaining Your Own Search

Whilst we are pleased to be able to offer this bulletin we should note that it cannot include all the possible opportunities available, and we would, therefore, encourage researchers to maintain their own searches where possible. The link below provides some guidance on seeking funding from a range of sources and includes details of how to sign up for and use two funding search engines – Research Professional and Funding Central - that the University subscribes to: <https://www.plymouth.ac.uk/research/support/funding/find-funding>

Live Opportunities

British Council

Newton Fund UK-China PhD Placement ProgrammeFor further information [click here](#)

Application Deadline: 20 September 2016 (12.00pm)

Sponsorships for UK and Chinese PhD students and their supervisors to spend a period of study of three to 12 months (for PhD students) and up to three months (for supervisors) at higher education institutions in China or the UK. The call focuses on the following research areas: health and life sciences; food and water security; environmental technologies; energy; urbanisation; and education & creative economic for economic development and social welfare.

Newton Fund – Institutional Links Grants – July 2016For further information [click here](#)

Value: £50,000 - £300,000

Application Deadline: 19 September 2016 (4:00 pm).

The programme is designed to fund new, or develop existing, research and innovation collaborations between academic groups, departments and institutions in the UK and those in Newton Fund partner countries. These institutional links should have direct relevance to social welfare and economic development and should open up opportunities for collaboration with private and third sector groups.

Newton Fund – Workshop Grants – July 2016 (for Early-Career Researchers)For further information [click here](#)

Value: Variable – depending on the partner country

Application Deadline: 19th September 2016 (4.00 pm)

The programme funds workshops bringing together early-career researchers from the UK with those of a partner country. Applications must be made by Leading Researchers as defined by the European Commission ([click here](#) for details).

Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)

Most of the ESRC monies are distributed by the Standard Research Grants application as listed below or bespoke calls based on themes. Research Professional can be used to help identify these more ad hoc calls or you can set a regular diary alert to check the ESRC pages which can be found by [clicking here](#).

ESRC Research GrantsFor further information [click here](#)

Value: £350,000 to £1 million (100% full economic cost)

Application Deadline: Open

If you have an excellent idea for a research project, the best way to seek funding for it is through our Research Grants open call. Awards can be obtained for anything from a standard research project through to a large-scale survey and other infrastructure or methodological development.

ESRC Large GrantsFor further information [click here](#)

Value: £1 million and £2.5 million (at 100% full economic cost)

Application Deadline: 13th October 2016

Project timescales:	Between three to five years
The ESRC welcome proposals for standard research projects, large-scale surveys, infrastructure projects, and for methodological developments in any area of the social sciences which have the potential to effect significant economic or societal impact. They actively encourage interdisciplinarity, both within and beyond the social sciences. It is expected that they will make three or four awards.	

Horizon 2020

Excellent Science - European Research Infrastructures (including e-Infrastructures)	
For further information click here	
Value:	Discretionary
Application Deadline:	20 September 2016
Support is available for facilities, resources and services that are used by research communities to conduct research and foster innovation. In particular, grants support activities that foster the innovation potential of research infrastructures, for example, by reinforcing partnerships with industry, transfer of knowledge and other dissemination activities, use of research infrastructures by industrial researchers, and involvement of industrial associations in consortia or in advisory bodies.	

Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust (JRCT)

JRCT usually makes around 100-120 grants per year ranging from a few hundred pounds to £100,000+ and may be single payments or spread over a period of up to three years. **The Trust will not fund academic research, except as an integral part of policy and campaigning work that is central to their areas of interest.** Most academic funding is therefore part of a community/third sector led project.

The Trust funds individuals or groups to undertake work either at a UK level or across one or more of the UK's constituent countries - England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland. The programmes core themes are included below:

Peace and Security	
For more information click here	
Application Deadline:	Current round: 5 th September 2016 (12.00) Next round: 12 th December 2016 (12.00)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Challenging militarism. 2. Scrutiny of counter-terrorism measures in the context of human rights and peacebuilding. 3. Building support for alternative approaches to defence and security. 	

Power and Accountability	
For more information click here	
Application Deadline:	Current round: 5 th September 2016 (12.00) Next round: 12 th December 2016 (12.00)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strengthening corporate accountability. 2. Strengthening democratic accountability. 3. Encouraging responsible media. 	

Rights and Justice	
For more information click here	

Application Deadline:	Current round: 5 th September 2016 (12.00) Next round: 12 th December 2016 (12.00)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protection and promotion of equality and human rights and their enforcement. 2. Promoting rights and justice for minorities who face the most severe forms of racism and discrimination. 3. Promotion of rights and justice for refugees and other migrants by identifying and tackling root causes, structures and systems that may deny them their rights. 	

Sustainable Future	
For more information click here	
Application Deadline:	Current round: 15 th August 2016 (12.00) Next round: 28 th November 2016 (12.00)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Better economics. 2. Beyond consumerism. 3. New voices. 	

Northern Ireland	
For more information click here	
Application Deadline:	Current round: 15 th August 2016 (12.00) Next round: 28 th November 2016 (12.00)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strengthening human rights and equality. 2. Supporting inclusive, non-sectarian and participatory politics. 3. Supporting processes of demilitarisation. 4. Dealing with the past. 	

The programme will also accept cross-cutting funding calls relating to more than one of the areas specified above. The deadline for these is the 15th August 2016 in the current round (next round: 28th November 2016).

Forthcoming Opportunities
The following are a number of funding opportunities which we anticipate will emerge in the near future based primarily on what we know of previous funding rounds. Please note that these details, and particularly the timescales, may be subject to change.

British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowships 2016/17	
These awards aim to offer opportunities for outstanding early career researchers to strengthen their experience of research and teaching in a university environment. The primary emphasis is on completion of a significant piece of publishable research, which will be assisted by full membership of an academic community of established scholars working in similar fields.	
Value:	Variable depending on the host institution (awards are offered at full economic cost)
Anticipated Deadline:	16 th September 2016 (tbc)
Further information relating to the 2016-17 round can be found by clicking here .	

British Academy Mid-Career Fellowships	
The aim of this scheme is to allow successful applicants to obtain time freed from normal teaching and administrative commitments to commit to a major piece of research. The Academy	

will also look for evidence of a clear commitment to a strategy of public engagement with and communication of the results of the research during the period of the Fellowship.

Value:	Covers full economic cost but this is not expected to exceed £160,000. Contribution to the salary of a Mid-Career Fellow is capped at £80,000.
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Anticipated Deadline:	16 th September 2016 (tbc)
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Information on the 2016-17 round is yet to be released. However you can view information on the previous round (2015-16) by [clicking here](#).

British Academy /Leverhulme Trust Small Research Grants

Grants are available to support primary research in the humanities and social sciences. Applications for collaborative or individual projects are equally welcome under this scheme. 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.

Value:	Up to £10,000
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Timescale:	Over two years
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Anticipated Deadline:	14 th October 2016 (tbc) NB: The forthcoming round is expected to become live no later than 31 st August 2016
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For further information please [click here](#).

ESRC – Future Research Leaders Call

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. The scheme aims to enable outstanding early-career social scientists, in partnership with their host organisation, to acquire the skills set to become the future world leaders in their field and to fund excellent research projects.

Anticipated Deadline:	Late September (tbc)
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Currently this scheme is under review. However if you would like to find out for more information or to register for email alerts please [click here](#).

Nuffield – Grant Programmes

Nuffield have seven grant programmes supporting research and innovation in the following areas:

- [Children and Families](#): funds projects to help ensure that social policy and the institutions governing family life in the UK are best adapted to meet the needs of children and families.
- [Early Years Education and Childcare](#): funds projects in the areas of educational attainment and child development outcomes, tackling social disadvantage, parental and family contexts, wider societal impacts, and public policy mechanisms.
- [Economic Advantage and Disadvantage](#): funds projects on the distribution of all aspects of individual and household economic well-being, their causes and consequences.
- [Education](#): funds projects in the areas of primary education, secondary education transitions, science and mathematics.

- [Finances of Ageing](#): funds projects related to all aspects of finance, economics, and transfers related to individual and population ageing.
- [Law in Society](#): funds projects designed to promote access to, and improve understanding of, the civil and family justice systems
- [Open Door](#): These are proposals of exceptional merit for research projects or practical innovations that lie outside the main programme areas.

Value:	Normally range from £10,000 - £350,000. In exceptional occasions grants may be made below or above these limits.
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Anticipated Deadline:	Outline proposal: October 2016 Full proposal: February 2016
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For more information please [click here](#).

Global Challenges Research Fund

The Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) is a £1.5 billion fund announced by the UK Government to support cutting-edge research that addresses the challenges faced by developing countries through challenge-led disciplinary and inter-disciplinary research. The key priority areas include:

- Clean energy
- Conflict and humanitarian action
- Foundations for inclusive growth
- Health
- Sustainable agriculture

A variety of calls are likely to emerge from the GCRF and iSPER will be seeking to hold an event in the near future to explore opportunities for inter-disciplinary collaboration in this area, working with partners in other faculties. However if you are interested and would like more information please feel free to email us at: FOBresearch@plymouth.ac.uk. For more information on the GCRF please [click here](#).