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Welcome to the fourth edition of the Institute for Social, Policy and Enterprise Research (iSPER) funding bulletin. This latest bulletin includes early notice of two forthcoming opportunities from the [Economic and Social Research Council](#) and the [Arts and Humanities Research Council](#), both relating to international challenges. Details are also available of a number of live projects which are new to this bulletin.

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](mailto:FOBResearch@plymouth.ac.uk)

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### Research Advice and Support

Details of forthcoming Research Advice Surgeries can now be found on the [events calendar](#). Upcoming events include:

- 19 October: Managing successful research projects - exploring post award issues and support available

- 26 October: Creating collaborative European projects in education and training – applying for Strategic Partnerships within the Erasmus Plus programme
- 27 October: Project finance drop in session – find out about recruiting staff, completing timesheets, your project set up and other support available

If you wish to attend and / or have any queries please email [research@plymouth.ac.uk](mailto:research@plymouth.ac.uk). In addition, guidance on managing your own funding searches can be found by [clicking here](#).

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### Global Challenges Research Fund

You will have seen quite a lot of information about the Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) circulated lately. This is a £1.5bn five year programme which seeks to use UK Research excellence to collaborate and co-produce research and innovation projects with developing countries that help address some of the global challenges they have identified. It will present a range of interdisciplinary calls over the next period and details can be found either via the RC-UK website here: <http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/funding/gcrf/> or the University webpages for this particular scheme here: [www.plymouth.ac.uk/research/support/funding/global-challenges-research-fund](http://www.plymouth.ac.uk/research/support/funding/global-challenges-research-fund).

Early next year the University will be holding an event to talk about some of the relevant projects and initiatives that Plymouth is already involved in and also to develop some working groups around priority challenge areas to support future applications.

Details about a specific Arts and Humanities Research Council call under the GCRF can be found [here](#).

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### New Live Opportunities

#### British Academy

##### Tackling the UK's International Challenges

For more information [click here](#)

Value:	£50,000 (not funded at full economic cost)
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Duration:	1 year
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Application Deadline:	2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2016 (host institute deadline: 3 <sup>rd</sup> November)
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The British Academy is inviting proposals from UK-based researchers in the Social Sciences and Humanities to develop projects related to the following topics: Urban Futures; Conflict, Stability & Security; Justice, Rights & Equality; Europe's Futures; Knowledge Frontiers. Projects will need to demonstrate an innovative and interdisciplinary approach.

The applicant must be based at a university or research institute in the UK, and be of postdoctoral or equivalent status. The applicant must either be in a permanent position at the institution, or have a fixed term position for the duration of the award. Funding can be used to support research/clerical assistance (up to £20,000), research expenses and consumables (up to £15,000), travel and subsistence (up to £10,000), and networking, meeting and conference costs (up to £5,000).

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### Government Contracts

Government departments, alongside other public bodies, regularly release invitations to tender for specific research projects, often with short turnaround times for the receipt of applications.

#### **Value for Money Adaptation to the Labour Productivity Impacts of Higher Temperatures in DFID Priority Countries**

For further information [click here](#)

Client:	Department for International Development (DfID)
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Value:	Up to £50,000 (including VAT)
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Duration:	6 month (expected to require 70 researcher days)
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Application Deadline:	24th October 2016
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DfID is inviting tenders for a study on value for money adaptation to the labour productivity impacts of higher temperatures in the Department's priority countries. The project will consist of two key parts. Firstly, a study directed to develop our understanding of how higher temperatures will affect labour supply and productivity. Secondly, the development of cost-effective (value for money) measures DfID priority countries could take to address these impacts.

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#### **INTERREG**

#### **INTERREG VA Two Seas Cross-Border Cooperation Programme 2014-2020**

For more information [click here](#)

Value:	Variable: 60% of costs are funded so match funding of at least 40% is required
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Duration:	Up to 3 to 4 years (recommended)
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Application Deadline:	28 <sup>th</sup> October 2016 (for submission of the concept note)
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The INTERREG Two Seas Cross-Border Cooperation Programme enables cooperation between regional and local authorities and other organisations from areas in four Member States: England, France, the Netherlands and Flanders. Project applications will need to ensure strong links with the Programme strategy in order to demonstrate their contribution to achieving the expected Programme results. Programme Strategy focuses on four main priority axes: technological and social innovation; low carbon technologies; adaptation to climate change; and resource-efficient economy.

Applicants may include universities, not-for-profit organisations, and those sectors of regional and local authorities contributing to the territorial development process (transport, environment, regional development, etc). Applications are made via a two step-process with Concept Notes followed by a Full Application. Project ideas can be submitted [online](#) in the 2 Seas cooperation corner at any time.

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#### **Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust**

As mentioned in the July bulletin, the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust regularly release calls for applications for funding related to their priority areas. 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.

Below is a reminder of the priorities and the deadlines for the current round, in order of which priority has the most recent deadline. In addition, there is also the opportunity to bid for projects which **cut across these priority areas** and for specific projects in **Northern Ireland**. These have a deadline of 28<sup>th</sup> November 2016 and more information can be found [here](#).

### Sustainable Future

For more information [click here](#)

Application Deadline (for current round): 28<sup>th</sup> November 2016 (12.00)

These support projects that develop and promote sustainable, low-carbon alternatives to the current consumerist and growth-based paradigm. Priority areas are:

- better economics;
- beyond consumerism; and
- new voices (including ensuring marginalised groups and young voices have an opportunity to be heard).

### Peace and Security

For more information [click here](#)

Application Deadline (for current round): 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016 (12.00)

JRCT wishes to prioritise support for charitable work on the following issues:

- challenging militarism;
- scrutiny of counter-terrorism measures in the context of human rights and peacebuilding;
- building support for alternative approaches to defence and security.

### Power and Accountability

For more information [click here](#)

Application Deadline (for current round): 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016 (12.00)

JRCT want to support people to create a world in which powerful institutions are responsive and accountable to wider society and aligned with the long-term public interest. As a consequence, they are looking to support charitable work in the following areas:

- strengthening corporate accountability;
- strengthening democratic accountability
- encouraging responsible media.

### Rights and Justice

For more information [click here](#)

Application Deadline (for current round): 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016 (12.00)

JRCT are concerned to grow public support and empathy for the rights of vulnerable racial and religious minorities, to hold governments to account and to strengthen the hand of those advocating with and for these communities. With this in mind they are looking to fund projects in the following areas:

- protection and promotion of equality and human rights and their enforcement;
- promoting rights and justice for minorities who face the most severe forms of racism and discrimination;
- 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.

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## Leverhulme Trust

### Emeritus Fellowships

For further information [click here](#)

Value:	Up to £22,000 of research expenses
Duration:	Between 3 months and 2 years
Application Deadline:	2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2017 (4pm)
Award Start Date(s):	Between 1st August 2017 and 1st July 2018

This fund enables senior researchers who have retired from an academic post to complete a research project and prepare the results for publication. Applicants must have retired by the time of taking up the Fellowship and no longer have a normal contract of employment. However applicants may hold a part-time position of up to 0.5 FTE.

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## Nesta

### Innovation Growth Lab (IGL) Grants Programme

For further information [click here](#)

Value:	The majority of awards range between US\$10,000 to US\$100,000 but larger awards may be made in exceptional circumstances
Application Deadline:	1 <sup>st</sup> Stage Application: Monday, 24th October 2016, (5pm - Eastern Standard Time) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Stage Application: Wednesday, 4th January 2017 (5pm – Eastern Daylight Time)

Funding is available to support randomised controlled trials that provide evidence on the best approaches to increase innovation, accelerate high-growth entrepreneurship and support business growth. Examples of topics which could be covered by this fund include: models for technology transfer from universities; intellectual property; SME capacity building; stimulation of inclusiveness and diversity in entrepreneurship; female entrepreneurship and local policies for entrepreneurship and business growth.

There are five types of awards:

1. Unconditional
2. Conditional on finding a programme delivery partner
3. Conditional on finding a programme delivery partner
4. Conditional on finding co-funding
5. Design grant (a small grant to fund the development of an RCT but not to run it)

Please note: The Innovation Growth Lab is an international collaboration led by Nesta, including the Kauffman and Argidius Foundations (hence the value and deadline details are provided in dollars and US East Coast time respectively). Nesta may offer grants to researchers/projects based anywhere in the world but is particularly interested in trials taking place in developed economies.

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## Newton Fund

**Agri-Tech in China: Newton Network+(ATCNN)**

For further information <a href="#">click here</a>	
Value:	Pathfinder projects: Up to £4000 (80% of full economic cost (FEC)) Proof of concept projects: Up to £40,000 (80% of FEC)
Duration:	Pathfinder projects: Up to 1 month Proof of concept projects: Up to 4 months
Application Deadline:	31 <sup>st</sup> October 2016 (12.00)
<p>The ATCNN was established in response to challenges facing the agri-tech and agri-food sector in China. As part of this work it is supporting research and development projects through <b>Pathfinder, Proof-of-Concept</b> and <b>Research &amp; Development awards</b>. These support UK organisations (including universities and businesses) interested in developing innovative solutions to address critical challenges impacting the socio-economic growth of China's agri-tech and agri-food sectors. <b>Applications are currently invited for: Pathfinder and Proof of Concept Awards.</b></p>	

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#### Other Funders

##### Bank of England - Houblon-Norman and George fellowships

For more information [click here](#)

Value:	Variable will reflect circumstances of successful candidate
Duration:	Variable – normally between 1 month and 1 year
Application Deadline:	30 <sup>th</sup> October 2016

These Bank of England funded fellowships promote research into, and disseminate knowledge and understanding of, the working, interaction and function of financial business institutions in Great Britain and elsewhere, and the economic conditions affecting them. Applicants are invited to engage in full-time research on an economic or financial topic of their choice, preferably one that could be studied with particular advantage at the Bank of England.

Senior fellowships will be awarded to distinguished research workers who have established a reputation in their field. Fellowships are also available to younger postdoctoral or equivalent researchers.

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#### Selected Live Opportunities from the Previous Bulletins (still open)

**Please note:** as these opportunities have been open for some time, some of them will have impending deadlines.

#### British Academy

**Sino-British Fellowship Trust**For more information [click here](#)

Value:	Not known
Duration:	Between 1 and 24 months
Application Deadline:	12 <sup>th</sup> October 2016 (applications for the spring call are invited between 12 <sup>th</sup> April 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2017)

These grants are designed to support individual or cooperative research projects in Britain or China within the humanities and social sciences. Applicants must be of postdoctoral standing or equivalent.

**Sir Ernest Cassel Educational Trust Fund**For more information [click here](#)

Value:	Not known
Duration:	Between 1 and 24 months
Application Deadline:	12 <sup>th</sup> October 2016 (applications for the spring call are invited between 12 <sup>th</sup> April 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2017)

These grants cover travel costs relating to a research project and are particularly aimed at recent postdoctoral scholars in the humanities and social sciences. Applicants must be of postdoctoral standing or equivalent.

**Wolfson Research Professorships**For more information [click here](#)

Value:	Up to £150,000 (£50,000 for each year)
Duration:	3 Years
Application Deadline:	23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2016

These awards provide an opportunity for extended research leave to a small number of the most outstanding established scholars to enable them to concentrate on a significant research programme, while freed from normal teaching and administrative commitments. The Academy takes no account of age or current status (e.g. Professor, Lecturer) in determining eligibility for these awards. Rather, in all cases, award-holders are expected to be established scholars with a significant track record of publication which can be in any field in the humanities and social sciences.

**Please Note:** For the 2016-17 round of competitions, applicants may not apply to the [BA/Leverhulme Senior Research Fellowship](#) (deadline 16 November 2016) in addition to applying to this year's round of the Wolfson Research Professorships.

[Back to top](#)**British Council****Newton Fund Institutional Links (TUBITAK – British Council Bilateral Cooperation Call)**For more information [click here](#)

Value:	Up to £150,000
Duration:	24 months
Application Deadline:	31 <sup>st</sup> October 2016 (4.00 pm)

The aim of this call is to build partnerships between the UK and Turkey centred on shared research and innovation challenges which have direct relevance to the Turkey's social welfare and economic development. The call is part of the Institutional Links Programme which 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.

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### Economic and Social Research Council

#### ESRC Large Grants

For further information [click here](#)

Value:	£1 million and £2.5 million (at 100% of FEC)
Application Deadline:	13 October 2016
Project timescales:	Between three to five years

The ESRC welcomes 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.

#### Resilience of the UK Food System in a Global Context – Call 2

For further information [click here](#)

Value:	Up to £2.8 million (80% of FEC) Please note: The call aims to support a portfolio with a good mix of both small and large scale grants.
Duration:	1 to 5 years
Application Deadline:	10 November 2016

The Global Food Security Programmes' 'Resilience of the UK food system in a global context' research programme supports interdisciplinary projects addressing one or more of the programme's three thematic priorities:

- Optimising the resilience of agricultural systems and landscape whilst enhancing productivity and sustainability.
- Optimising resilience of food supply chains locally and globally.
- Influencing food choice for health, resilience and sustainability at the individual and household level.

The programme aims to bring together researchers from biological, environmental and social sciences, with representatives from policy, industry, and other stakeholders to address these issues.

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### Horizon 2020

#### European Research Council Starting Grants 2017

For further information [click here](#)

Value:	Up to €1.5m
Duration:	Up to 5 years
Application Deadline:	18 October 2016
<p>These grants are designed to help researchers make the transition from working under a supervisor to becoming independent investigators. Researchers require between two to seven years of experience since completing a PhD and a scientific track record showing great promise (e.g. having produced at least one important publication without the participation of their PhD supervisor). The grant covers up to 100% of total eligible direct costs of the research plus a contribution of 25% towards indirect costs. An additional €0.5 million (on top of the €1.5m) is also available to cover start-up costs for researchers moving from a third country.</p>	

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### Leverhulme Trust

#### Leverhulme Trust - Research Project Grants

For more information [click here](#)

Value:	Up to £500,000
Duration:	Up to 5 years
Application Deadline:	Two stage application process - no fixed deadline for outline proposals

Grants are available for topics of the applicant's choice and cover salary and research costs directly associated with the project. Proposals must reflect the personal vision of the applicant and demonstrate compelling competence in the research design. The Trust favours applications that surmount traditional disciplinary academic boundaries and involve a willingness to take appropriate degrees of risk in setting research objectives. The grants provide support for the salaries of research staff engaged in the project plus associated costs directly related to the research proposed.

#### Leverhulme Trust – International Academic Fellowships

For more information [click here](#)

Value:	Up to £40,000
Duration:	3 to 12 months
Application Deadline:	10 November 2016 (recurring)
Award Start Date(s):	1 June 2017 to 1 May 2018

These awards enable established researchers to spend a period of between three and 12 months in one or more research centres outside the UK in order to develop new knowledge, skills and ideas. This could, for example, involve developing new lines of research or innovations in teaching. This scheme will not fund academics who want to devote a period of time abroad entirely to a research project, as that activity is covered by the Trust's Research Fellowships Scheme.

#### Leverhulme Trust – Research Fellowships

For further information [click here](#)

Value:	Up to £50,000
Duration:	3 to 24 months
Application Deadline:	10 November 2016 (recurring)
Award Start Date(s):	1 June 2017 to 1 May 2018

Provides funding for experienced researchers to conduct a programme of research in any discipline for a period of between three and twenty-four months. The awards provide research

expenses over and above normal living costs and/or provide a contribution towards reasonable replacement costs or loss of earnings.

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### Forthcoming Opportunities

The following are a number of funding opportunities which are either scheduled to emerge in the near future, or anticipated to on the basis of what we know from previous funding rounds. Please note that these details, and particularly the timescales, may be subject to change.

### Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) – Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF)

As mentioned above, the GCRF is a £1.5 billion fund to support inter-disciplinary research addressing global challenges. The fund is being administered by the Research Councils and individual Research Councils will be releasing specific calls related to the fund over the next few years. Below is a call which AHRC is expected to announce in October.

#### Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) – Global Challenges Research Fund

For further information [click here](#)

Value:	£1.5-2 million
Duration:	Up to 3 Years
Scheme Opens:	October 2016
Anticipated Application Deadline:	1 <sup>st</sup> Stage: January 2017 2 <sup>nd</sup> Stage: Early Summer 2017

As part of Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF), the AHRC is intending to announce a call for large-scale, collaborative grants for international development. This will support multi-disciplinary, internationally collaborative projects rooted in the arts and humanities that take an area-based approach to addressing global development challenges.

**Please Note:** GCRF will be holding a Town Meeting / Network event in Birmingham regarding this call on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

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### British Academy

#### British Academy / Leverhulme Trust – Senior Research Fellowships

For further information [click here](#)

Value:	Variable
Scheme Opens:	12 October 2016
Application Deadline:	16 November 2016
Award Start Date(s):	1 September 2017 to 1 January 2018

These fellowships are intended to enable established scholars needing relief from teaching and administration to have time to bring to completion a significant piece of research through a sustained period of leave of one year. Any field of study in the humanities and social sciences is suitable for support.

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### Economic and Social Research Council

**ESRC/ DFID Development Frontiers Research Fund – Call 2**For further information [click here](#)

Value:	80% of full economic cost ranging from: £160,000 (where FEC is £200,000) to £240,000 (FEC is £300,000)
Duration:	Up to 18 months
Scheme Opens:	October 2016
Application Deadline:	26 <sup>th</sup> January 2017 (4pm)
Earliest Award Start Date:	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2017
Award End Date:	No later than 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2019

The ESRC and the Department for International Development are looking to fund innovative, strategic and catalytic research that offers new ways to tackle the challenges encountered at the intersections between sustainability, poverty and conflict/fragility in specific geographic contexts. These details have recently been released by the funders to allow interested researchers to begin discussions with potential research partners and research users in advance of the formal call for proposals.

[Back to top](#)**Horizon 2020****European Research Council – Consolidator Grants 2017**For further information [click here](#)

Value:	Up to €2million
Duration:	Up to five years
Scheme Opens:	20 October 2016
Application Deadline:	9 February 2017

These awards are designed to help young principal investigators consolidate their independence. Applicants must have 7-12 years of experience since completing their PhD, a scientific track record showing significant talent and an excellent research proposal. The grant covers up to 100% of total eligible direct costs of the research plus a contribution of 25% towards indirect costs. An additional €0.75 million (on top of the €2m) is also available to cover start-up costs for researchers coming from a third country.

[Back to top](#)**Leverhulme Trust****Early Career Fellowships**For further information [click here](#)

Value:	50% of a Fellow's salary costs up to a maximum of £24,000 per annum. The Fellow may also request annual research expenses of up to £6000.
Duration:	3 Years
Scheme Opens:	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2017
Application Deadline:	2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2017 (4pm)
Award Start Date(s):	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2017 to 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2018

The scheme enables early career researchers to undertake a significant piece of publishable work. Applicants must have a track record of research, but should not have held an established academic appointment in the UK. Approximately 100 Fellowships will be available in 2017.

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## Research Awards and Prizes

### 2016 Emerald/EFMD Outstanding Doctoral Research Awards

Emerald Group Publishing Limited and EFMD, an international network association, are offering a cash prize of **€1,500** for the best doctoral research. The prize will also include a certificate and a winner's logo to attach to correspondence. In addition, a number of Highly Commended Awards will be bestowed. This year there are seven categories. For information and to make an application please [click here](#).

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