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Welcome to the third edition of the Institute for Social, Policy and Enterprise Research (iSPER) funding bulletin. This latest bulletin includes a number of new funding opportunities primarily from the [British Academy](#) which, as the UK's national body for the humanities and social science, funds UK and international research from postdoctoral level, through early career researchers to established academics. Full details are also included in relation to the [Nuffield Foundation Research and Innovation grants](#) (which were identified as a forthcoming opportunity in July's bulletin), while opportunities from the previous bulletin, which are still live, are also included.

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 Surgeries

Are you thinking about applying for research funding? Are you interested in Research Councils, European, charity and other funding? Would you like to find out more about the support available? [Specialist Advisors](#) and the wider team within [Research and Innovation](#) are available to answer your queries so why not drop in for a chat on a Wednesday afternoon?

Further details and the programme of forthcoming surgeries can be found on the [researcher development and training section](#) of the website. If you wish to attend and / or have any queries please email [research@plymouth.ac.uk](mailto:research@plymouth.ac.uk)

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### Maintaining Your Own Search

As mentioned in the first bulletin we would still 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>

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## New Live Opportunities

### British Academy

#### British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowships

For more information [click here](#)

Value:	Variable depending on the host institution (awards are offered at full economic cost)
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Duration:	3 Years
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Application Deadline:	5 <sup>th</sup> October 2016
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These awards 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.

#### BA/British Accounting and Finance Association Funding Scheme

For more information [click here](#)

Value:	Not known
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Duration:	Between 1 and 24 months
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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)
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Grants are available for both historical and contemporary research into accounting and finance. Applicants must be of postdoctoral standing or equivalent.

#### Sino-British Fellowship Trust

For more information [click here](#)

Value:	Not known
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Duration:	Between 1 and 24 months
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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)
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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
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Duration:	Between 1 and 24 months
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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)
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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.

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**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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**Nuffield Foundation**

Full details for the autumn application process for the Nuffield Foundation's research and innovation projects (highlighted as a forthcoming opportunity in the July iSPER Funding Bulletin) are now available:

**Grants for Research and Innovation Projects**

For more information [click here](#)

Value:	Usually range between £10,000 to £350,000 although there are exceptions
Duration:	Usually under 4 years
Outline Application Deadline:	10 <sup>th</sup> October 2016 (next round: 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2017)
Full Application Deadline:	2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2017 (next round: 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2017)

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.

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#### 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

##### British Academy Mid-Career Fellowships

For further information [click here](#)

Value:	Up to £160,000 (British Academy will contribute to full economic cost (FEC) up to this amount but there is a cap of £80,000 on its contribution to the salary)
Duration:	6 to 12 months
Application Deadline:	14 September 2016

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.

##### British Academy /Leverhulme Trust Small Research Grants

For further information [click here](#)

Value:	£500 to £10,000
Duration:	Up to 2 years
Scheme opens:	1 September 2016
Application Deadline:	12 October 2016
Award Start Date(s):	1 April 2017 to 31 August 2017

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.

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## British Council

### Newton Fund UK-China PhD Placement Programme

For 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 2016

For 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: 19<sup>th</sup> 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).

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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.

### Secondary Data Analysis Initiative (SDAI) Open Call

For further information [click here](#)

Value: £200,000 (100% of FEC)

Duration:	Up to 18 months
Application Deadline:	Proposals can be submitted at any time
The SDAI aims to deliver high-quality high-impact research through the deeper exploitation of major data resources created by the ESRC and other agencies. Funding is available for around 20 proposals a year.	

### 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.
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Duration:	1 to 5 years
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Application Deadline:	10 November 2016
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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.

### Understanding the Macroeconomy Network Plus

For further information [click here](#)

Value:	Up to £3.7 million (80% of FEC)
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Duration:	48 months
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Outline Application Deadline:	20 September 2016
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Full Application Deadline:	6 December 2016
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Start Date(s):	No later than 1 April 2017
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Proposals are invited to lead, develop and administer a single interdisciplinary 'Network Plus' to develop the capacity needed to sustain a substantive policy-oriented research programme focused on the macroeconomy. Responding to longstanding criticisms of the economics profession following the 2008 financial crisis, the network will promote methodological innovation, explore the potential offered by new data sources and associated new research methodologies, and develop and initiate a series of small-scale pilot studies.

## Horizon 2020

### European Research Council Starting Grants 2017

For further information [click here](#)

Value:	Up to €1.5m
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Duration:	Up to 5 years
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Application Deadline:	18 October 2016
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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.

#### **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 supporting 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.

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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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### Wellcome Trust

#### Wellcome Trust Seed Awards in Humanities and Social Science

For more information [click here](#)

Value:	£25,000 to £50,000
Duration:	6 to 12 months
Application Deadline:	27 September 2016

Seed Awards help researchers develop compelling and innovative ideas in the humanities and social sciences that enrich our understanding of human and animal health and that may go on to form part of larger grant applications. Support can include research or teaching buy-out leave, research expenses (including costs for a researcher or consultant) and conference/ meeting costs. Awards cannot be used to top-up existing grants or part-fund PhD or Masters courses.

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### Other Funding Bodies

#### ICAS Discussion Paper and Call for Research

For more information and to read the ICAS discussion paper [click here](#).

Funding Body:	The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Scotland (ICAS)
Value:	Up to £25,000
Application Deadline:	30 September 2016

The ICAS Research Centre calls for applications for projects addressing issues around performance. The proposals must address the public interest and may include, but not be confined to, the issues outlined in the ICAS discussion paper which is publicly accessible on their website ([click here](#)).

#### ISRF Political Economy Research Fellowship Competition

For more information [click here](#)

Funding Body:	Independent Social Research Foundation (ISRF)
Value:	Up to £60,000
Duration:	Up to 12 months
Application Deadline:	16 September 2016 (4.00 pm)

This is designed to support independent-minded researchers working in Political Economy, which the ISRF here extends to include the social scientific study of economies across the whole range

of the social sciences. The work would be conceptually innovative, interdisciplinary, and unlikely to be funded by existing funding bodies.

The award can be used buy-out the cost of all teaching and associated administration in the applicant's home institution and to support research expenses on a matched-funding basis with the host institution.

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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.

### British Academy

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

For further information [click here](#)

Value:	Not known
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.

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### 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.

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