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Welcome to the fifth edition of the Institute for Social, Policy and Enterprise Research (iSPER) funding bulletin. Since the last bulletin, several funding forthcoming opportunities which were identified as 'forthcoming' in the previous bulletin, related to the AHRC, ESRC and European Research Council are now live.

Several of the new live opportunities featured, including those available through the AHRC, ESRC, and Central Government, concern international development research, which highlights just how much focus is currently being placed on this area by funders. The bulletin also features calls from the Lloyds Foundation and the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council which provide opportunities for potential cross-disciplinary working between engineering and the social sciences.

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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Research Advice and Support

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

- **24 November:** Project finance drop in session – find out about recruiting staff, completing timesheets, your project set up and other support available (Emma Montgomery and Finance Business Assistants)
- **30 November:** Welcome session for new academic staff – exploring [support available for researchers](#) (Ewa Thompson / Susan Eick / Dan Godfrey / Emma Montgomery)

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

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New Live Opportunities

Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC)

GCRF Area-Focused Network Plus Call

For further information [click here](#)

Value:	£1.5-2 million
Duration:	Up to 4 Years
Application Deadline:	Expression of Interest Stage: 18 th January 2017 (4.00 pm) Full Application Stage: May 2017

As part of the Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF), this call will support multidisciplinary and internationally collaborative programmes of activity rooted in the arts and humanities that take a place-based approach to addressing global development challenges. Projects will focus on addressing a number of interconnected development challenges within the specific context of a cluster of countries, regions or 'areas'. Projects are expected to work extensively with research and stakeholder organisations in partner countries and with wider potential partners such as NGOs, policy bodies, business, third sector and community organisations in the development and dissemination of the research. It is expected that a total of five awards will be made.

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British Academy

APEX Awards

For further information [click here](#)

Funders:	British Academy, the Royal Academy of Engineering and the Royal Society and the Leverhulme Trust
Value:	Up to £100,000 (for staff costs – no more than 25% of this may be used for associated research costs)
Duration:	Up to 24 months
Application Deadline:	13 th January 2017
Award Start Date:	1 st September to 1 st November 2017

This scheme offers established independent researchers, with a strong track record in their respective area, an exciting opportunity to pursue genuine interdisciplinary and curiosity-driven research to benefit wider society. A key priority is to promote collaboration between science and engineering and the social sciences and humanities.

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Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)

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
Application Deadline:	26 th January 2017 (4pm)
Earliest Award Start Date:	1 st September 2017
Award End Date:	No later than 31 st March 2019
<p>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.</p>	

Innovation Caucus – Call for Members

For further information [click here](#)

Application Deadline:	An online expression of interest must be submitted by 30 th November 2016 (16.00)
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Start Date:	January 2017
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Launched in 2015, the Innovation Caucus is an initiative funded jointly by Innovate UK and the ESRC. Its aim is to promote closer engagement between social science researchers and the strategists, analysts and technologists working at Innovate UK. The ESRC are currently looking to expand the membership of the Innovation Caucus and engage wider in an ad hoc capacity to address real-time questions and challenges from Innovate UK and the ESRC as well as supporting longer term projects.

ESRC Training Bursaries

For further information [click here](#)

Value:	Up to £500
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Application Deadline:	Applications for National Centre for Research Methods courses: no set deadline Other courses have set period when you can apply. The next round is 25 th November to 30 th November 2016.
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These bursaries enable staff in the UK social science community who are engaged in research, teaching research methods or supervising research to update their research skills. Priority is given to training in advanced or new methods, and consideration is given to applications for introductory courses where the methods being taught are non-standard within the applicant's discipline. Social scientists in current employment may apply. Bursaries are not normally provided for attendance at conferences, but may be provided for attendance at training courses that run as part of a conference.

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Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC)

Digital Economy Fellowships

For further information [click here](#)

Value:	Variable
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Application Deadline:	None specified
<p>The EPSRC's digital economy theme aims to explore the transformational use of digital technology in a societally driven context; to consider how people may actually use digital technology to help their lives and to help businesses generate wealth for the UK. Fellowships are available in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trust, Identity Privacy and Security (Early and Established Career Fellowships only). Fellowships in this priority area should help to develop and bring together the community, supporting true leaders who are able to deliver both underpinning and enabling research. • Social Computing (Early Career Fellowships only). Research that focuses on supporting and understanding social processes in relation to digital technologies. • Business and Economic Models (Early Career Fellowships only). To support key individuals with a good technology grounding to engage with those in economics and business, or visa versa, who are researching how DE can challenge current business and economic models and facilitate the creation of new models. • Advancing the Understanding and Development of the Internet of Things (IoT) for the Digital Economy (Early and Established Career Fellowships only). To support Fellowships in areas of IoT relevant to the DE theme and also addressing the EPSRC Connected Nation Ambition to Achieve transformational development and use of the IoT and Deliver intelligent technologies and systems. 	

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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.

DfID - Cities and Infrastructure for Growth	
For further information click here	
Funder:	Department for International Development
Value:	Not specified (open tender)
Duration of Contract:	60 months
Application Deadline:	Expressions of Interest: 16 th December 2016 (5.00pm)
Project Start Date:	4 th June 2017
<p>The Department for International Development invites expressions of interest for its cities and infrastructure for growth programme. This aims to deliver outcomes in DFID focus countries in sub-Saharan and south Asia in terms of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •creating productive cities; •improving access to reliable and affordable power; •increased investment into infrastructure services. 	

DfID - Tackling Deadly Diseases in Africa Programme (TDDAP)	
For further information click here	
Funder:	Department for International Development
Value:	Not specified (open tender)
Duration of Contract:	60 months
Application Deadline:	16th December 2016 (2.00 pm)

Project Start Date:	20 th December 2016
The Department for International Development invites tenders for its tackling deadly diseases in Africa programme. The tenderer will address a number of challenges that limit the effectiveness of responses to outbreaks of diseases like Ebola, Zika and yellow fever, with a particular emphasis on activities that support malaria prevention and eradication. Approaches to improve governance and accountability to ensure that governments and health institutions do what is required for citizens will also be supported.	

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Horizon 2020

European Research Council – Consolidator Grants 2017

For further information on the fund [click here](#). For access to the funding portal [click here](#).

Value:	Up to €2million
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Duration:	Up to five years
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Application Deadline:	9 February 2017
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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.

Horizon 2020 - Societal Challenges - Climate Action, Environment, Resource Efficiency and Raw Materials – Greening the Economy Call

For further information [click here](#)

Value:	Not specified
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Application Deadline:	7 th March 2017 (5.00pm – Brussels time)
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The objective of the Societal Challenge 'Climate action, environment, resource efficiency and raw materials' is to achieve a resource – and water – efficient and climate change resilient economy and society, the protection and sustainable management of natural resources and ecosystems, and a sustainable supply and use of raw materials, in order to meet the needs of a growing global population within the sustainable limits of the planet's natural resources and eco-systems.

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Plymouth University Internal Funding

Pedagogic Research and Teaching Innovation (PRTI) funding call

Further details are available on the [PRTI webpage](#)

Funder:	Pedagogic Research Institute and Observatory (PEDRIO)
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Value:	Up to £10,000 is available for individual projects, but smaller bids of up to £1500 are actively encouraged.
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Application Deadline:	Monday 30 th January 2017 (noon)
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PEDRIO are pleased to announce the call for proposals for the 2017-18 Pedagogic Research and Teaching Innovation Fund. This funding call invites proposals from colleagues (academic and professional services) across Plymouth University who wish to undertake pedagogic research

and/or to promote innovative practice. Applications from early career researchers are particularly welcome. Applications are invited to support projects that include:

- 1) Pedagogic research and/or
- 2) The development and evaluation of innovative teaching practice

PEDRIO recommend that applications attend the funding workshops - bookable now through iTrent; for more details <https://www.plymouth.ac.uk/whats-on/pedagogic-research-and-teaching-innovation-prti-funding-scheme> :

- Wednesday 7th December 2016 13:00 – 15:00
- Thursday 12th January 2017 13:00 – 16:00

If you would like an informal discussion about a potential project, please contact Lynne Wyness - lynne.wyness@plymouth.ac.uk or 01752 58762

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Other Funders

The British Institute for the Study of Iraq - Research and Conference Grants

For further information [click here](#)

Funder:	The British Institute for the Study of Iraq
Value:	Normally up to £4000 (only direct costs e.g. equipment, travel expenses and consultancy fees) – higher awards may be made in more exceptional circumstances
Application Deadline:	1 st February 2017

BISI provides funding to support research and conferences that focus principally on the lands and peoples of Iraq. They welcome applications from the full range of arts, humanities and social sciences subjects, and topics may cover any time period from prehistory to the medieval period to the present.

JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme for Overseas Researchers

For further information [click here](#)

Value:	Up to ¥3,562,000 plus travel there and back
Duration:	Between 12 and 24 months
Application Deadline:	7 th December 2016 (17.00 UK time) (please note: deadlines for UK host institution approval (8 th December) and references/statements (15 th December)

This scheme provides funding for early career postdoctoral researchers to conduct cooperative research in Japan, with leading research groups in Japanese universities and other institutions, under the guidance of a host.

Lloyds Register Foundation Funding Grants

For further information [click here](#)

Funder:	Lloyds Register Foundation
Value:	Variable
Application Deadline:	Applications can be received at any time and are decided on at a Grant Application

	meeting. Deadline for grants to be considered at next meeting is 2 nd December 2016. The next deadline following that is the 3 rd January 2017.
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The Foundation aims to support engineering-related research, training and education that makes a real difference in improving the safety of the critical infrastructure on which modern society relies. Four research themes are prioritised for the period 2014-2020: structural integrity and systems performance; resilience engineering; human and social factors; and emergent technologies.

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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.

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.

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 nd 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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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

GCRF - Research Networking Highlight Notice for International DevelopmentFor further information [click here](#)

Value: Up to £30,000

Deadline: 28th February 2017

Call Opens: Mid December 2016

This call is for the development of research networking proposals which explore the contribution that arts and humanities research can make to challenges, policy and/or practice relating to international development. It complements other previous AHRC thematic GCRF calls including the AHRC GCRF Area-Focused Network-Plus call (see above).

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Scheme Opens: December 2016 (anticipated)

Value: Not specified

T2S is a new funding programme for international, transdisciplinary projects addressing transformations to sustainability initiated by the Belmont Forum and NORFACE network. The programme is supported by funding agencies from Belgium, Brazil, Chinese Taipei, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Japan, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, the UK and the USA. More information on the participation of Norway will be available soon.

Proposals from researchers based in any of the partner countries are welcome, and should address one or more of the call themes:

- Governance and institutional dimensions of transformations to sustainability.
- Economy and finance of transformations to sustainability.
- Wellbeing, quality of life, identity, and social and cultural values in relation to transformations to sustainability.

Pre-call Announcement: UK in a Changing Europe – Brexit Priority GrantsFor further information [click here](#)

Scheme Opens: December 2016 (anticipated)

Value: Between £100,000 and £300,000 (ESRC contributing 80% of FEC)

Application Deadline: 25th January 2017 (4.00 pm)Anticipated Award Start Date: 1st April 2017

The ESRC will shortly be launching a call under the UK in a Changing Europe initiative for Brexit Priority Grants. These are to support additional activity (including research synthesis and potential new short-term research activity) related to the process of the UK leaving the European Union.

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European Research Council – Advanced Grants

For further information [click here](#)

Value:	Up to €2,500,000
Duration:	Up to 5 Years
Scheme Opens:	16 th May 2017
Application Deadline:	31 st August 2017

Advanced Grants are designed to support excellent Principal Investigators at the career stage at which they are already established research leaders with a recognised track record of research achievements. Applicant Principal Investigators must demonstrate the ground-breaking nature, ambition and feasibility of their scientific proposal.

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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 st January 2017
Application Deadline:	2 nd March 2017 (4pm)
Award Start Date(s):	1 st September 2017 to 1 st 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

Philip Leverhulme Prizes

For further information [click here](#)

Funder:	Leverhulme Trust
Value:	£100,000
Call Opens:	4th January 2016
Application Deadline:	16th May 2016

Philip Leverhulme Prizes recognise the achievement of outstanding researchers whose work has already attracted international recognition and whose future career is exceptionally promising. Every year the prize scheme makes up to thirty awards of £100,000, across a range of academic disciplines. For the 2016 competition the selected subject areas are: economics; engineering; geography; chemistry; languages and literatures; and archaeology.

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