

iSPER - Funding and Events Bulletin – March 2017



Welcome to the March edition of the Institute for Social, Policy and Enterprise Research (iSPER) Funding and Events bulletin. As with the previous bulletin, information is provided about the [latest funding opportunities](#) as well as forthcoming [events and seminars](#) being organised by iSPER and its Themed Research Groups (TRGs).

This issue includes some additional information about [Economic and Social Research Council](#) grants, including a reminder of some of the major ESRC funding programmes, which are open all year round. In addition, it highlights some forthcoming opportunities from the [British Council / Newton Fund](#). The latest Researcher and Institutional Links programmes are both expected to become available in April. Other opportunities from such funders as [UK Government Departments](#), [Horizon 2020](#), [Interreg](#), the [Wellcome Trust](#) and others are also in this issue.

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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Events Information

Forthcoming iSPER TRG Seminars

29 March – Dr Gary Ford (Babcock International) - [Data Criticality in Through-Life Product/Service Support](#) – 13.00 – 15.00, Room 202, Mast House.

- Organised by the iSPER ProSerV group. Booking is not required to attend but please contact [Shaofeng Liu](#) if you have any queries.

29 March - Professor Kent Matthews (University of Cardiff) - [‘Run for home’ – SME Lending and the Head Quarters Bias](#) - 16:00 – 17:30, Cookworthy Building 401.

- Organised by the iSPER Markets, Innovation and Competition (MIC) group. Booking is not required to attend but please contact [Alexander Haupt](#) if you have any queries.

30 March - Dr Mike Sheaff - [Contract Failure and Secrecy: A Case Study from the NHS](#) - Portland Square Building C1.

- Organised by the iSPER People, Organisations and Work (POW) group. Booking is not required to attend but please contact [Richard Saundry](#) if you have any queries.

24 April – Dr Alison Spence (Futures Visiting Scholar) - **Leadership for Schools** – 11:30 – 17:00, Mast House 108.

- Organised by the iSPER Responsible Entrepreneurship and Innovation (RESI) group and the Futures Centre. For more information about this event, please contact RESI member [Dr Marta Hawkins](#).

27 April - Margaret Prior - [Which way now? The direction\(s\) of research in HRM and ER?](#) – 13.00 – 14.00, Cookworthy Building 410.

- Organised by the iSPER People, Organisations and Work (POW) group. Please contact Booking is not required to attend but please contact [Richard Saundry](#) for more information.

27 April - Dr Sébastien CHÂBLE, Development Manager from BDI, France - **Management of Vegetable Value Chains and Research Methods for the Agriculture Sector** – 15:00 – 16:30, Venue to be confirmed.

- Organised by the iSPER ProSerV group. Please contact [Shaofeng Liu](#) for more information.

5 May - Dr Nelson Turgo (University of Cardiff) - [Doing Ethnography](#) – 15:00 – 17:30, Mast House 103.

- Organised by the iSPER Maritime and Logistics, Business and Policy (MLBP) Group. Booking is not required to attend but please contact [Dr Lijun Tang](#) if you have any queries.

10 May – Dr Marta Hawkins - **From Plato to Visual Ethnography Research Methods** – 14:30 – 16:00, Mast House 204.

- Organised by the iSPER Responsible Entrepreneurship and Innovation (RESI) group and the Futures Centre. Please register by emailing the [Futures Centre](#) by May 3rd .

11 May – Professor Donna Ladkin – [Averting Disaster: The ‘How?’ and ‘What?’ of Leading High Risk Organisations](#) – 13.00 – 14.00, Room C2, Portland Square Building.

- Organised by the iSPER People, Organisations and Work (POW) group. Please contact Booking is not required to attend but please contact [Richard Saundry](#) for more information.

Please note: The seminar with Julián Grigera from University of La Plata listed in the last bulletin as being scheduled for 30th March will not be taking place.

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Forthcoming iSPER TRG and Initiative Events

5 April - [Brexit Criminology: Crime, Justice & Society](#)

- This free-to-attend one-day conference, organised by the iSPER Crime, Justice and Society group, will centre around the need for a ‘Brexit Criminology’ which engages wide ranging questions around immigration, employment, vulnerability and harm.
- Plenary speakers for the event will include: Professor Jon Garland (University of Surrey); Dr Lisa McKenzie (LSE); and Professor Simon Winlow (Teesside University). [Click here to find out more information and to register to attend.](#)

11 May - [‘A Year’s Crime at Devonport: Drunkenness on the Increase’ - The problems of policing Devonport 1870-1914](#) (18.30 – 20.00, Devonport Guildhall)

- A public talk exploring the problems associated with policing Devonport from 1870 to 1914. Organised by the iSPER #CHITCHAT? Initiative, SOLON and Devonport Guildhall.
- There is a nominal fee of £2.50 for attendance to cover tea and coffee. Advance booking is required by phoning 01752 395028. Email Louise Evans (louise.evans@realideas.org) for further information or queries,

25 May – [The Practice of Managing Container Flows](#) (10.30 – 17.00, Mast House)

- This workshop, organised in partnership with the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport and The Nautical Institute, aims to share the findings of recent research into the practice of managing container flows with practitioners.
- Further information, including how to register, will be released shortly.

22 and 23 June - [Union and Disunion in the Nineteenth Century](#)

- Organised by Plymouth University Nineteenth Century Studies (PUNCS) together with the School of Humanities and Performing Arts, the School of Law, Criminology and Government and the iSPER #CHITCHAT? Research Initiative.
- For more information and register to attend [please click here.](#)

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Forthcoming iSPER Research Development Workshops

Please email FOBresearch@plymouth.ac.uk if you would like to book onto any of the following courses.

Monday 3rd April – **Using Impact Tracker for Impact Case Studies** –14.00 – 15.30, Cookworthy 410

Wednesday 26th April – **Using Impact Tracker** –14.00 – 15.30, Cookworthy 411

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Research and Innovation Support

The university's Research & Innovation (R&I) Directorate provides a variety of different forms of support to academics engaging in research. General information about the support provided can be found on the R&I [Supporting Research page](#). This includes links to information on such things as: identifying funding sources; navigating the application process; demonstrating research impact; stakeholder engagement; and promotion and dissemination of your research. R&I's [Find Funding](#) page also provides specific details on funding sources and tips on how you can set-up and manage your own funding searches.

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New Live Opportunities

Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC)

AHRC-MRC Global Public Health: Global Challenge Research Fund Partnership Awards

For more information [click here](#)

Value:	Up to £200,000 Full Economics Costs
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Application Deadline:	8 th June 2017 (4pm)
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The AHRC and Medical Research Council are pleased to announce the launch of the first of two consecutive partnership award calls in 2017 under the Global Challenge Research Fund (GCRF). The initiative seeks to bring together knowledge from medical science and public health with an understanding of local knowledge, cultural dynamics, community engagement and trust to inform public health challenges in Lower and Middle Income Countries (LMICs).

Please note that a networking and information event will be held on 12th April in London.

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Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)

General information about ESRC funding can be found on [their website](#), including information about [current opportunities](#). As the Research Council which deals specifically with the social sciences, the ESRC has a number of general funding opportunities with no deadlines, that are available all year round. Some of the main opportunities include:

New Investigator Grants

For more information [click here](#)

Duration:	Usually between 3 and 5 years
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Value:	Projects with a full economic cost of between £100,000 to £300,000, with the ESRC funding 80% (i.e. between £80,000 and £240,000)
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Application Deadline:	No fixed deadline – proposals can be submitted at any time of the year
New Investigator Grants are designed to support early career researchers (with a maximum of four years postdoctoral experience) and are specifically aimed at supporting those looking to make the transition to an independent researcher through managing their first major research project. Proposals are welcomed across the full disciplinary range of the social sciences and at the interface with the wider sciences, however the social sciences must represent at least 50 per cent of the research focus and effort. Between 30 and 35 grants a year are funded.	

Research Grants

For more information [click here](#)

Duration:	Up to 5 Years
Value:	Projects with a full economic cost of between £350,000 and £1 million, of which ESRC funds 80% (i.e. £280,000 to £800,000)
Application Deadline:	No fixed deadline – proposals can be submitted at any time of the year

These will fund both individuals or research teams to undertake anything from a standard research project through to a large-scale survey and other infrastructure or methodological development.

Secondary Data Analysis Initiative (SDAI) Open Call

For more information [click here](#)

Duration:	Up to 18 months
Value:	Projects with a full economic cost of up to £200,000 with the ESRC funding 80% (i.e. up to £160,000)
Application Deadline:	No fixed deadline – proposals can be submitted at any time of the year

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 will be available for around 20 proposals a year.

Other general ESRC funding opportunities include the Urgency Grants (which aim to provide a rapid response to urgent and unforeseen events) and the Research Seminars Competition (which supports groups of academic researchers, postgraduate students and non-academic users). However, neither of these opportunities are currently available at the time of writing.

In addition to these general programmes the ESRC also makes available a number of specific funding opportunities with fixed deadlines. Below is some information on current opportunities available:

National Centre for Research Methods - International Journal of Social Research Methodology Seminar Competition

For more information [click here](#)

Value:	£3,500 to cover costs of room and equipment hire, hospitality, consumables and travel for speakers
Application Deadline:	30 th April 2017

This funds seminars which support the development of critical and innovative approaches to ongoing and emerging methodological debates across a range of approaches, both qualitative and quantitative, including mixed and comparative methods, as these relate to philosophical, theoretical, ethical, political and practice issues. Seminars may consist of single or multi-day events, and the topics may address any area of social research methodology.

Innovation Caucus PhD Intern Opportunity

For more information [click here](#)

Value:	Interns will be paid at same rate as their studentship stipend (pro rate). Travel will be covered.
Application Deadline:	20 th April 2017 (interviews to be held in early May 2017)

Applications are invited from highly motivated PhD candidates for a three month internship to undertake research to inform the strategy and practice of Innovate UK and ESRC. The intern will contribute to the emerging work streams of the Innovation Caucus which include but are not limited to the Industrial Strategy, Innovation in the Social Sciences, Innovation Funding / Finance in the UK and Benchmarking International Best Practice.

There is scope to accommodate flexible working arrangements, although the interns would be expected to attend meetings in Sheffield, London and Swindon on an ad hoc basis. Travel to meetings will be covered.

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Government Contracts

Study for National Infrastructure Commission: Infrastructure and Digital Systems Reliance

For more information [click here](#)

Funder:	Crown Commercial Services for National Infrastructure Commission
Value:	£10,000 to £20,000
Application Deadline:	6 th April 2017
Contract Start Date:	18 th April 2017
Contract End Date:	17 th August 2017

The focus of this procurement is to use the available literature, data and evidence to identify and explore key issues in the trend towards digital infrastructure systems from a resilience perspective. The supplier will produce a set of recommendations including further issues to review which will inform the UK's first ever National Infrastructure Assessment.

Analysis of Major Industries by Growth, Import and Inward

For more information [click here](#)

Funder:	Foreign and Commonwealth Office
Value:	Not stated
Application Deadline:	10 th April 2017
Contract Start Date:	15 th May 2017
Contract End Date:	15 th August 2017

The Department for International Trade (DIT) China wishes to commission a study of the major industries, import and FDI demand at provincial level across China's provinces by sector.

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Horizon 2020

Horizon 2020 is the European Union's funding programme for research and innovation. While future access to this funding beyond Brexit is uncertain, there is a government funding guarantee on new projects up to this point, and the UK has continued to be one of the most successful countries at obtaining such funding even after the referendum. You can sign up for information and updates on European funding from the [UK Research Office portal](#).

Topics which are specifically relevant to researchers in social science and humanities are flagged on the [Horizon 2020 participant portal](#). This may include projects where the main expertise will involve researchers from other areas, but where social science or humanities input is likely to be required.

Cybersecurity PPP: Addressing Advanced Cyber Security Threats

For more information [click here](#)

Value:	Not stated
Application Deadline:	24 th August 2017 (5.00 pm Brussels time)

Research and innovation action proposals should focus on the development of novel approaches for providing organisations with the appropriate situational awareness in relation to cyber security threats, allowing them to detect, and quickly and effectively respond, to sophisticated cyber-attacks.

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National Institute for Health Research

Health Services and Delivery Research Programme Researcher-led call - 17/05

For more information [click here](#)

Value:	Not stated but funding for HEIs is at 80% of Full Economic Cost except for equipment worth over £50,000
Application Deadline:	27 th April 2017 (1.00 pm)

This supports research into the quality, effectiveness and accessibility of the NHS, including evaluations of how the NHS might improve delivery of services. Applicants must demonstrate that the research team includes sufficient expertise, and successful projects are likely to involve a partnership working between academic teams and the service delivery sector.

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Wellcome Trust

Research Fellowships in Humanities and Social Science

For more information [click here](#)

Value:	Salary and research expenses covered
Duration:	Up to 3 Years
Application Deadline:	Preliminary application: 6 th July 2017 Full application: 21 st September 2017

This scheme supports postdoctoral researchers in health-related humanities and social sciences who do not hold established academic posts. Applicants must **not** have a permanent contract or a contract that will last longer than the fellowship. The application will be considered according to the career stage of the applicant and periods away from research (e.g. a career break, parental leave, or long-term sick leave) will be taken into account.

Investigator Awards in Humanities and Social Science

For more information [click here](#)

Value:	From under £300,000 to around £1 million
Duration:	Up to 5 Years
Application Deadline:	Preliminary application: 4 th July 2017 Full application: 19 th September 2017

These awards offer flexible funding support to researchers in established posts at all career stages working on important questions of relevance to health. The application will be considered according to the career stage of the applicant and periods away from research (e.g. a career break, parental leave, or long-term sick leave) will be taken into account.

Collaborative Awards in Humanities and Social Science

For more information [click here](#)

Value:	Up to £1.5 million
Duration:	Up to 5 Years
Application Deadline:	Preliminary application: 4 th July 2017 Full application: 19 th September 2017

Collaborative Awards promote the development of new ideas and bring disciplines together to speed the pace of discovery. This scheme funds teams who are tackling major health-related questions in the humanities and social sciences that require a collaborative approach.

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Other Funders

Arabia Research Grants

For more information [click here](#)

Funder:	British Foundation for the Study of Arabia
Value:	Up to £4000 (Up to £1000 for small grants)
Deadline:	15 th April 2017 (recurring)

The British Foundation for the Study of Arabia invites applications for its research grants. These grants support research relating to the Arabian Peninsula and in particular its history, antiquities, archaeology, ethnography, languages, literature, art, culture, custom, geography, geology and natural history. Grants may be used to fund fieldwork, library or laboratory based research or research support.

Small Projects and Events Fund

For more information [click here](#)

Funder:	Society of Legal Scholars
Value:	Up to £5000
Application Deadline:	1 st May 2017 (recurring)

This supports projects or activities that advance legal education. Funding covers projects and activities relating to teaching and research, including the organisation of pedagogical or research events. **Please note: Applicants must be members of the society.**

Support to Civil Society in Zimbabwe – promoting democratic participation, good governance and accountability

For more information [click here](#)

Funder:	The Directorate-General for Development and Cooperation (EuropeAid)
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Value:	Between €500,000 and €3.5 million
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Application Deadline:	26 th April 2017
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Proposals are invited to support civil society in Zimbabwe – promoting democratic participation, good governance and accountability. This aims to strengthen participatory and accountable governance in Zimbabwe in order to contribute to economic recovery, democratisation, peace and stability. Applicants established in a country other than Zimbabwe must act with at least one Zimbabwean co-applicant.

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Selected Live Opportunities from the Previous Bulletins (still open)

Please note: some opportunities featured in the last bulletin with impending deadlines are not featured in here in order to save space and in recognition that there will be insufficient time for new applications to be started from scratch.

Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC)

Research Networking Highlight Notice for International Development

For further information [click here](#)

Value:	Up to £30,000
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Deadline:	25 th April 2017
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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).

Please note: Since this opportunity was included as a forthcoming opportunity in the January bulletin two of the details have been amended by the AHRC. Firstly, the deadline has been moved from late February to the 25th April. Secondly, a new area of opportunity in relation to ‘China and the Creative Economy’ has been included. For further details [click here](#).

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Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)

Transformations to Sustainability (T2S)

For further information [click here](#)

Value:	Up to €500,000
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Deadline:	Outline proposal: 5 th April 2017 (12.00)
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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.

Proposals must address one or more of the three call themes, and must involve at least three national research teams. The total funding requested from the T2S partners must not exceed €1,500,000 across all participating countries.

Addressing the Health Needs of Women and Children in Disadvantaged Populations Globally

For more information [click here](#)

Value:	Not specified but £7million is available in total for the fund of which it is expected there will be around 10-15 awards
Duration:	3 Years
Application Deadline:	12 th April 2017 (4.00 pm)

ESRC, working with the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) in India, Department for International Development (DFID), and the Medical Research Council (MRC), invites proposals under a call to fund global health research addressing the health needs of women and children globally.

It is expected that research will provide evidence on interventions for the prevention, diagnosis and management of four types of diseases. Proposals should be multidisciplinary and include social science in order to understand the social, cultural, economic and political factors affecting likely uptake and implementation of these interventions.

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Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC)

Manufacturing Fellowships

For more information [click here](#)

Value:	Variable - the Fellow is expected to request a package of resources appropriate for the aims of the Fellowship, which could involve staff-time, travel & subsistence, access to equipment etc.
Duration:	Up to 5 Years
Application Deadline:	4 th May 2017 (4.00 pm)

These fellowships support research with a transformative impact on the manufacturing industry. They aim at people who have the potential to be future research leaders in their field of manufacturing research and should transfer best practice from industry to academia. Proposals from the following areas are encouraged:

- 21st century products;
- digital manufacturing;
- sustainable industries;

- new industrial systems.

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Horizon 2020

Opportunity	Details	Deadline (N.B. all are by Brussels time)	More Info
COS-DRONES-2016-03-02: COS-DRONES-2016-03-02	The key objective of the action is to contribute to the development of a privacy and data protection culture in the unmanned aircraft (UA) sector.	4 th April (5.00 pm)	Click here
MSCA-RISE-2017	The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE) will promote international and inter-sector collaboration through research and innovation staff exchanges, and sharing of knowledge and ideas from research to market (and vice-versa).	5 th April (5.00 pm)	Click here
Cybersecurity PPP: Cryptography	Proposals to improve the performance and efficiency of cryptographic solutions across ICT.	25 th April (5.00 pm)	Click here
ECSEL-2017-1: IA	An ECSEL Innovation Action (IA) primarily consists of activities aiming at pilot lines, test beds, demonstrators, innovation pilots and zones of full-scale testing.	First stage: 11 th May (5.00 pm) Second stage: 21 st September (5.00 pm)	Click here
ECSEL-2017-2: RIA	An ECSEL Research and Innovation Action (RIA) primarily consists of activities aiming to establish new knowledge and/or to explore the feasibility of a new or improved technology, product, process, service, method, tool or solution.	First stage: 11 th May (5.00 pm) Second stage: 21 st September (5.00 pm)	Click here

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Leverhulme Trust

Major Research Fellowships	
For more information click here	
Value:	Funds salary costs. Research Fellow may also request research expenses up to a maximum of £6000.
Duration:	2 to 3 Years
Application Deadline:	11 th May 2017 (4.00 pm)
Start Date:	Beginning of 2018/19 academic year

These fellowships provide replacement teaching costs over two or three years, to allow well-established and distinguished researchers in the humanities and social sciences to focus on a specific piece of original research. Fellowships are particularly aimed at those who are or have been prevented by routine duties from completing a programme of original research.

Visiting Professorships

For more information [click here](#)

Value:	Variable – a maintenance grant (up to a level commensurate with the salary of a professor in the relevant field of that institution and economy travel costs will be met.
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Duration:	3 to 12 months
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Application Deadline:	11 th May 2017 (4.00 pm)
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Awarded to UK institutions that wish to invite an eminent researcher from overseas to enhance the knowledge and skills of academic staff or the student body within the host institution. The scheme covers maintenance, travel expenses and research costs.

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Newton Fund

The Newton Fund uses science and innovation partnerships to promote economic development and social welfare in partner countries. It does this through collaboration with partner countries and working with 15 UK Delivery partners/funders. The fund has a total UK investment of £735million to 2021, with partner countries providing matched resources within the fund. Further information about the fund can be found by [clicking here](#).

Newton Fund opportunities can be found by [clicking here](#) and details of [forthcoming calls](#) are included below. Some of the opportunities currently available are listed in the table below:

Opportunity	Country	Lead Funder	Deadline	More Info
Fellowships for UK Researchers	Turkey	British Academy, Royal Academy of Engineering and Royal Society	31 st March 2017	Click here
Urban Innovation in Brazil	Brazil	Innovate UK	3 rd May 2017 (register before noon on 26 th April)	Click here

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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.

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British Council / Newton Fund

Newton Institutional Links

For more information click here	
Call Opens:	Expected to be in April 2017
Duration:	Up to 2 Years
Value:	£30,000 to £300,000
Application Deadline:	Not yet specified
<p>Institutional Links provides grants for the development of research and innovation collaborations between the UK and partner countries. The grants are intended to provide small-scale seed funding to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start and develop collaborations between academic groups, departments and institutions in partner countries and the UK. • Support the exchange of expertise and research knowledge. • Establish local hubs for UK-partner country activities. <p>Multidisciplinary proposals and proposals in Social Science and Arts and Humanities disciplines are welcome.</p>	
Newton Researcher Links	
For more information click here	
Call Opens:	Expected to be in April 2017
Value:	Variable – funding for both travel and workshop organisation
Application Deadline:	Not yet specified
<p>Researcher Links gives early career researchers across selected partner countries the opportunity to form international connections through fully funded workshops and travel grants. Early career researchers (defined as a researcher whose PhD was awarded not more than 10 years ago although allowances are made for career breaks and non-PhD holders) can apply for the travel grant and to participate in a workshop.</p> <p>Leading researchers can apply to be workshop coordinators and propose a theme for the workshop using the application form, working with a lead researcher from a partner country.</p>	
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Horizon 2020	
Marie Skłodowska-Curie Co-funding of regional, national and international programmes	
For general information about this opportunity click here . For information about the forthcoming call click here .	
Value:	Variable – individuals including doctoral candidates and experienced research fellows receive support for research training and career development.
Duration:	3 to 5 Years
Scheme Opens:	5 th April 2017
Application Deadline:	28 th September 2017 (5.00pm Brussels time)
The COFUND scheme aims to stimulate regional, national or international programmes to foster excellence in researchers' training, mobility and career development, spreading the best practices of Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions.	

This will be achieved by co-funding new or existing regional, national, and international programmes to open up to, and provide for, international, intersectoral and interdisciplinary research training, as well as transnational and cross-sectoral mobility of researchers at all stages of their career.

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships

For general information about this opportunity [click here](#). For information about the forthcoming call [click here](#).

Value:	Variable – provides an allowance to cover living, travel and family costs.
Duration:	European Fellowships last from one to two years, Global Fellowships from two to three years.
Scheme Opens:	11 th April 2017
Application Deadline:	14 th September 2017 (5.00pm Brussels time)

The goal of the Individual Fellowships is to enhance the creative and innovative potential of **experienced researchers**, wishing to diversify their individual competence in terms of skill acquisition through advanced training, international and intersectoral mobility.

Individual Fellowships provide opportunities to acquire and transfer new knowledge and to work on research and innovation in a European context (EU Member States and Associated Countries) or outside Europe. The scheme particularly supports the return and reintegration of researchers from outside Europe who have previously worked here. It also develops or helps to restart the careers of individual researchers that show great potential, considering their experience.

Both European (held in EU or associated countries) and Global (held outside Europe) Fellowships are available.

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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Interreg

Interreg IVB North-West Europe: Fifth Call for Projects

For more information [click here](#)

Value:	Not stated but funding will cover 60% of total eligible cost
Scheme Opens:	18 th April 2017
Application Deadline:	24 th May 2017

Interreg aims to help make the North-West Europe area a key economic player and an attractive place to work and live, with high levels of innovation, sustainability and cohesion. The thematic priorities of this call are:

- Innovation.
- Low carbon.
- Resource and materials efficiency.

Potential lead partners are invited to submit their ideas [to the website](#) while those looking to be project partners can view the [current list of project ideas](#).

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Research Awards and Prizes

European Social Innovation Competition

For more information [click here](#)

Funder:	Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs
Value:	Up to €50,000
Application deadline:	7 th April 2017 (12.00 noon, Brussels time)

This aims to stimulate the potential of social innovation to solve societal challenges and foster sustainable and inclusive growth in Europe. The competition encourages ideas that equip people with the skills they need to be able to compete in a changing economy. The theme for 2017 is equality rebooted. Entries may include new technologies, innovations and initiatives that promote inclusivity and address disadvantage. Three awards are available.

Philip Leverhulme Awards

For more information [click here](#)

Funders:	Leverhulme Trust
Value:	£100,000
Nomination Deadline:	17 th May 2017 (4.00 pm GMT)

Philip Leverhulme Prizes recognise the achievement of outstanding researchers whose work has already attracted international recognition and whose future career is exceptionally promising. For the 2017 competition the selected subject areas are:

- Biological Sciences
- History
- Law
- Mathematics and Statistics
- Philosophy and Theology
- Sociology and Social Policy

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