

iSPER - Funding and Events Bulletin – April 2017



Welcome to the April edition of the Institute for Social, Policy and Enterprise Research (iSPER) Funding and Events bulletin. Since the previous issue, a number of opportunities mentioned as forthcoming in March have become live. This includes the [Newton Fund](#) Institutional and Researcher Links calls and two new opportunities on the [EU's Marie Skłodowska-Curie scheme](#). Other highlights include the [British Academy/Leverhulme Small Research Grants](#), and Plymouth University's own internal competition for the [ESRC Festival of 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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Events Information

Forthcoming iSPER TRG Seminars

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.

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.

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Forthcoming iSPER TRG and Initiative Events

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](#) 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.
- [Click here for further information and to book your place.](#)

16 June – The Future of HR Practice – Time to Take a Stand? (10.00 – 15.30, Rolle 605)

- This event, organised by the iSPER People Organisations and Work (POW) Group, in conjunction with the local Branch of the Chartered Institute for Personnel and Development (CIPD), will bring together practitioners, students (past and present) and researchers to discuss the future of HR Practice.
- The event will include keynote addresses from Peter Cheese, Chief Executive of CIPD on the future of HR, and Professor Tony Dundon from Manchester Business School on fairness and employee voice.
- Further details, 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.

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.

The University has a team of Research Specialist Advisors who can support your application for funding. Full details can be found on the weblinks above or alternatively they can be contacted on researchadvice@plymouth.ac.uk.

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New Live Opportunities

British Academy

British Academy/Leverhulme Small Research Grants

For more information [click here](#)

Value:	Up to £10,000
Duration:	Up to 24 months
Application Deadline:	24 th May 2017
Deadline for Referees:	8 th June 2017
Award Start Date:	1 st September 2017 – 31 st March 2018

These awards are provided to cover the cost of the expenses arising from a defined research project in the humanities and social sciences. Awards are open to postdoctoral scholars (or equivalent) who are ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom. Applications require the approval of the applicant's employing institution, but are not limited to those of any particular status (e.g. Lecturer, Professor etc).

Please note that the funding cannot be used to cover the cost of replacement teaching, payment in lieu of salary or computer kit and that the funding is only for direct research expenses.

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Economic and Social Research Council

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 which are available all year round.

Plymouth University's ESRC Festival of Social Science 2017

For general information about the Festival [click here](#). For further information about the Plymouth University call email: researchadvice@plymouth.ac.uk

Value:	£1000 per event (inclusive of VAT)
Timescales for Festival:	4 th to 11 th November 2017
Application Deadline:	12 th May 2017 (4.00 pm)

The ESRC Festival of Social Science is designed to promote and increase awareness of social sciences and ESRC's research. Since 2015, Plymouth University has been receiving core funding from the ESRC to support events. Therefore, an internal competition is held each year for event funding.

The theme of Plymouth's festival this year is Social Sciences: creating purpose. Focusing on the importance of social sciences in the work of University of Plymouth and ESRC

researchers in building international and local communities, this year's Festival looks at creating 'purpose' and how it can influence our work, how we build communities and live our everyday lives.

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European Directorates

Study on the main developments in the postal sector, 2013 - 2016

For more information [click here](#).

Funder:	Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs
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Value:	€300,000
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Duration:	10 months
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Application Deadline:	15 th May 2017
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Tenders are invited for a study on the main developments in the postal sector 2013-2016. The tenderer will provide evidence to assess the ongoing and future suitability of the current EU legal framework on postal services in the EU and EEA member states, and to allow a comprehensive assessment of the postal sector.

Report on the operation of the alternative investment fund managers directive

For more information [click here](#).

Funder:	Directorate-General for Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union
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Value:	€450,000
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Duration:	12 months
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Application Deadline:	1 st June 2017
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Tenders are invited for a report on the operation of the Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive based on Directive 2011/61/EU of the European Parliament and of the council. The tenderer will conduct a general survey on the functioning of the AIFMD rules and the experience acquired in applying them. They will also produce an evidence-based study on the effectiveness, efficiency, relevance and coherence of AIFMD rules in achieving their objectives and the added EU value of these measures.

Improving expertise in the field of industrial relations

For more information [click here](#).

Funder:	Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion
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Value:	€150,000 and €500,000 at 90 percent of the total eligible costs.
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Application Deadline:	15 th June 2017
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Proposals are invited for a call on improving expertise in the field of industrial relations. This aims to improve expertise and knowledge on industrial relations through activities of analysis and research, at EU level as well as in comparative terms, thereby contributing

to developing and reinforcing quality and effectiveness of industrial relations structures and processes in the member states and in Europe as a whole.

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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.

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships

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

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Co-funding of regional, national and international programmes

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

Horizon 2020 Societal Challenges: Bio Based Industries PPP

See links below for further information.

Value:	Variable
Application Deadline:	7 th September (5.00pm Brussels time)

Applications are invited for 15 individual topics, including two Coordination and Support Actions:

- BBI.2017.S1: Establish cooperation and partnership with brand owners and consumer representatives to improve the market access of sustainable bio-based products. [Click here for more information.](#)
- BBI.2017.S2: Identify opportunities for ICT to increase the efficiency of biomass supply chains for the bio-based industry. [Click here for more information.](#)

Information on the other 13 topics can be found by [clicking here](#).

Horizon 2020 Societal Challenges: Energy Efficiency Call 2016-2017

See links below for further information.

Value:	Variable
Application Deadline:	7 th June 2017 (5.00pm Brussels time)

Applications are open for 12 separate topics in the 2016-17 call. These include:

- EE-02-2017: Improving the performance of inefficient district heating networks. For more information [click here](#).
- EE-06-2016-2017: Engaging private consumers towards sustainable energy. For more information [click here](#).
- EE-23-2017: Innovative financing schemes. For more information [click here](#).

Information on the other nine topics can be found by [clicking here](#).

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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
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Application Deadline:	24 th May 2017
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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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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](#).**

Newton Institutional Links

For more information [click here](#)

Duration:	Up to 2 Years (NB: country specific limits may apply)
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Value:	£50,000 to £300,000 (NB: country specific limits may apply)
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Application Deadline:	13 th June 2017 (4.00 pm, UK time)
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This Institutional Links call funds research and innovation collaborations between partners in the UK and any of the following countries: Brazil, Egypt, Indonesia, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Philippines and Thailand. The grants are intended to provide small-scale seed funding to:

- 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.

Multidisciplinary proposals and proposals in Social Science and Arts and Humanities disciplines are welcome.

Newton Researcher Links Workshop Grants

For more information [click here](#)

Value:	Variable – depends on the partner country
Duration:	Workshops must take place between 1 February 2018 and 31 January 2019.
Application Deadline:	13 th June (4.00pm UK time)

Newton Researcher Links Workshops bring together early-career researchers from the UK and a partner country to make international connections that can improve the quality of their research. **Workshop grants** fund Leading Researchers to set-up workshops for early-career researchers in partner countries. Early-career researchers can then apply for travel grants to attend the workshops.

For this call, bilateral workshops can be proposed between the UK and Brazil, India, Kenya, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam.

Newton Researcher Links Travel Grants

For more information on the Thailand call [click here](#). For more information on the Israel call [click here](#).

Value:	Variable – depends on the partner country
Duration:	1 to 6 months depending on country
Application Deadline:	13 th June (4.00pm UK time)

Researcher Links **Travel Grants** provide financial support for early-career researchers to undertake an international research placement to strengthen links for future collaboration, build research capacity in developing economies, and enhance the researcher's career opportunities. Researchers that reside in the UK can apply for funding to visit a university or research institution in one of the partner countries, and those residing in one of the partner countries can apply for funding to come to the UK.

The current available calls are for collaboration with Thailand and Israel.

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Wellcome Trust

Small Grants in Humanities and Social Science

For more information [click here](#).

Value:	Up to £30,000
Duration:	Flexible – usually between 6 and 12 months but may be longer.
Application Deadline:	No fixed deadline. Wellcome staff review new applications every 3 months.

Small Grants fund programmes of activities that enable researchers to establish and develop networks, explore new areas of research and increase the impact of their work. They are available for humanities and social science researchers who want to do one or more of the following in the area of health related research:

- establish and develop professional networks;
- explore new areas of research;
- increase the impact of your work.

University Awards in Humanities and Social Science

For more information [click here](#).

Value:	Variable: includes a basic salary, personal removal expenses, and travel expenses. Also includes research expenses for first three years.
Duration:	Up to 5 years
Application Deadline:	Preliminary application: 6 th July 2017 Full application: 21 st September 2017
University Awards enable humanities and social science researchers (involved in health related research) to gain permanent positions at academic organisations. During its first three years, the award allows the recipient to focus on research rather than teaching and administration.	

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Other Funders

European Central Bank Workshop Grants

Please see links below for further information.

Funding:	Travel and accommodation expenses of presenters of accepted papers and discussants will be covered.
Application Deadlines:	Please see below.
The European Central Bank is inviting calls for papers two conferences. If accepted will they will come with a grant for travel and accommodation. The conferences are:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monetary policy in non-standard times – 11th and 12th September 2017, Frankfurt am Main. Deadline for call: 15th May 2017. Click here for more information. • Understanding inflation: lessons from the past, lessons for the future? – 21st and 22nd September 2017, Frankfurt am Main. Deadline for call: 31st May 2017. Click here for more information. 	

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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)

AHRC-MRC Global Public Health: Global Challenge Research Fund Partnership AwardsFor more information [click here](#)

Value: Up to £200,000 Full Economics Costs

Application Deadline: 8th June 2017 (4pm)

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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Opportunity	Details	Deadline (N.B. all are by Brussels time)	More Info
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
Cybersecurity PPP: Addressing Advanced Cyber Security Threats	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.	24 th August 2017 (5.00 pm)	Click here

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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.
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Duration:	2 to 3 Years
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Application Deadline:	11 th May 2017 (4.00 pm)
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Start Date:	Beginning of 2018/19 academic year
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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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Wellcome Trust

Research Fellowships in Humanities and Social Science

For more information [click here](#)

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

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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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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Economic and Social Research Council

Open Research Area (ORA) for the social sciences - 2017 call

For more information [click here](#)

Call Opens:	Late April
Value:	Not yet specified
Application Deadline:	5 th July 2017

Four European funding organisations are participating in the fifth ORA call: ANR, France; DFG, Germany; NWO, Netherlands; and ESRC, UK. Proposals will be accepted for research projects in any area of the social sciences involving researchers from any combination of two or more of the participating countries. In this call, JSPS, the Japanese core national funding organisation, will again collaborate with ORA as an associate partner.

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EU Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme

The Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme 2014-2020 defends the rights and freedoms that people are entitled to under EU law. Universities alongside other legal entities are eligible to apply. The 2017 call for Action Grants has now been published. At the time of writing the only live opportunity concerns [Capacity-building in the area of rights of the child](#), but a number of opportunities will be made available in the coming months. Some of these are listed in the table below:

Opportunity	Call Opens	Deadline (N.B. all are by Brussels time)	More Info
REC-RCIT-CITI-AG-2017: Improve the inclusion of mobile EU citizens and their political and societal participation	27 th April 2017	29 th June 2017 (5.00 pm)	Click here
REC-RRAC-ONLINE-AG-2017: Monitor, prevent and counter hate speech online	27 th April 2017	29 th June 2017 (5.00 pm)	Click here
REC-RRAC-RACI-AG-2017: Prevent and combat racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance	31 st May 2017	7 th November 2017 (5.00pm)	Click here
REC-RDIS-DISC-AG-2017: Support national or transnational projects on non-discrimination and Roma integration	20 th June 2017	9 th November 2017 (5.00 pm)	Click here
REC-RDAP-GBV-AG-2017: Prevent and combat gender-based violence and violence against children	27 th June 2017	14 th November 2017 (5.00 pm)	Click here

[Click here for the full list of action grants.](#)

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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: 16th May 2017

Application Deadline: 31st 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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Research Awards and Prizes

Philip Leverhulme Awards

For more information [click here](#)

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