

iSPER - Funding and Events Bulletin – May 2017



Welcome to the May edition of the Institute for Social, Policy and Enterprise Research (iSPER) Funding and Events bulletin.

If you are interested in pursuing any of the funding opportunities listed then please do get in touch with us via FOBResearch@plymouth.ac.uk

As noted in previous bulletins the list of funding opportunities is not comprehensive and we would suggest people set-up their own individual searches to supplement use of the bulletin. Information about how you can do this is provided at R&I's [Find Funding](#) page.

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Events Information

Forthcoming iSPER TRG Seminars

31 May – Professor Robert McMaster (University of Glasgow) - Reconfiguring Economic Democracy (14.00 – 15.30, Cookworthy Building 505)

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

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Forthcoming iSPER TRG and Initiative Events

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.
- For more information and to register to attend [please click here](#).

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 to register to attend [please click here](#).

6 July – South West Trade Summit – Blueprint for a Global Britain (9.00 – 5.30, Devonport Lecture Theatre)

- Organised by the Institute of Export and iSPER - the Summit will examine the issues and opportunities in accessing new markets and the debate will help to shape the future of international trade.
- For more information and to register to attend please [click here](#).

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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

Global Challenges Research Fund Cities and Infrastructure

For more information [click here](#)

Value:	£300,000
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Duration:	Up to 16 months
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Project Start Date:	No later than 1 st September 2017
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Application Deadline:	Wednesday 14 th June 2017
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The call invites proposals from UK-based researchers across all academic disciplines within the social sciences, the humanities, engineering, medical and natural sciences, to develop and lead interdisciplinary, problem-focused research projects that address the challenge of creating and maintaining sustainable and resilient cities in developing countries, recognising the need to interweave mitigation and adaptation.

The Cities & Infrastructure Programme will fund research projects geared towards producing the evidence that will inform policies and interventions aimed at improving people's lives in fragile or conflict-affected states or in developing countries.

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British Council

Emission Control and Sustainable Energy in Green Port Development Travel Grants

For more information [click here](#)

Value:	Amount not stated but includes cost of travel, accommodation and meals, plus visa.
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Application Deadline:	15 th July 2017
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These travel grants funded through the Newton Fund support early-career researchers from the UK to attend the workshop in **Dalian, China from 27 to 29 October 2017**. Early-career researchers from the UK who are within 10 years of receiving their PhD or have equivalent research experience may apply.

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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.

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

For more information visit the website of the lead partner (DFG) by [clicking here](#).

Value:	80% of up to £600,000 FEC (i.e. up to £480,000 ESRC funded)
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Application Deadline:	Outline proposals: 5 th July 2017 (1.00pm – Central European Summer Time)
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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. The following three opportunities are currently live but further opportunities are scheduled to be released shortly and some of these can be found in the [forthcoming opportunities section](#).

Opportunity	Details	Deadline (N.B. all are by Brussels time)	More Info
REC-RCHI-PROF-AG-2017: Capacity-building in the area of rights of the child	Project activities shall focus on putting in place robust national or regional mechanisms to support children ageing out of/leaving alternative care and they should encompass a strong child participation component.	29 th June 2017 (5.00 pm)	Click here
REC-RCIT-CITI-AG-2017: Improve the inclusion of mobile EU citizens and their political and societal participation	Project activities should foster the successful inclusion and participation of mobile EU citizens and their family members in the host EU country's civic and political life and their participation in the democratic life of the EU, particularly with a view to the 2019 European elections.	29 th June 2017 (5.00 pm)	Click here
REC-RRAC-ONLINE-AG-2017: Monitor,	The call is aimed at supporting projects in the field of countering	29 th June 2017 (5.00 pm)	Click here

prevent and counter hate speech online	hate speech online, including projects aimed at contributing to better understand, monitor, prevent and counter hate speech online.		
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European Directorates

European LIFE Programme	
For more information click here	
Funder:	European Commission
Value:	Variable
Application Deadline:	Variable – see specific deadlines for traditional projects below
<p>Applications are invited for the 2017 Call for proposals for LIFE Action Grants. “Traditional” LIFE projects may be best-practice, demonstration, pilot or information, awareness and dissemination projects and are covered by the following sub-programmes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LIFE Nature & Biodiversity – Deadline of 14th September • LIFE Environment & Resource Efficiency – Deadline of 12th September • LIFE Environmental Governance & Information – Deadline of 14th September • LIFE Climate Change Mitigation – Deadline of 7th September • LIFE Climate Change Adaptation – Deadline of 7th September • LIFE Climate Governance and Information – Deadline of 7th September <p>Other types of projects funded include Preparatory Projects, Integrated Projects and Technical Assistance Projects. For further details click here.</p>	

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Government Departments

DFID Challenge Fund	
For more information click here .	
Funder:	Department for International Development
Value:	£100,001 - £1million
Application Deadline:	No Deadline
<p>The Department invites applications for its challenge fund under the land – enhancing governance for economic development (LEGEND) programme. This supports good practice and innovative approaches to drive responsible land-based investments under</p>	

the new alliance for food security and nutrition and more broad in agriculture. Two windows are open for applications:

- Window 1 – pilot the new new alliance due diligence tool;
- Window 2 – pilot responsible investment approaches in land through innovative approaches.

Applications are open for projects in Ethiopia, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, Tanzania, Sierra Leone and Zambia. Applicants may be NGOs or UK-based non-profit organisations. They need to demonstrate commitment to partnering with an identified private sector company.

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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.

European Research Council – Advanced Grants

For further information [click here](#).

Value:	Up to €2,500,000
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Duration:	Up to 5 Years
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Application Deadline:	31 st August 2017
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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.

Science with and for Society (SwafS)

See links below for more details

Value:	Variable
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Application Deadline:	30 th August 2017 (5.00pm Brussels time)
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The aim of the Horizon 2020 Science with and for Society (SwafS) programme is to “build effective cooperation between science and society, to recruit new talent for science and to pair scientific excellence with social awareness and responsibility.” A selection of Research and Innovation Actions within the current call includes:

- SwafS-14-2017: A Linked-up Global World of RRI. For more information [click here](#).
- SwafS-13-2017: Integrating Society in Science and Innovation – An approach to co-creation. For more information [click here](#).
- SwafS-12-2017: Webs of Innovation Value Chains and Openings for RRI. For more information [click here](#).
- SwafS-10-2017: Putting Open Science into action. For more information [click here](#).

A full list of all SwafS calls can be found by [clicking here](#).

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Leverhulme Trust

Visiting Professorships

For more information [click here](#)

Value:	Variable (sum requested should reflect individual circumstances of visitor and duration of proposed activities)
Duration:	3 to 12 months
Application Deadline:	12 th October 2017

These enable UK institutions to host distinguished researchers from overseas, primarily to enhance the skills of academic staff or students at the host institution. Funding covers maintenance, travel expenses and research costs of visits that last between three and 12 months.

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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 Awards

For more information [click here](#)

Value:	Up to £200,000 Full Economics Costs
Application Deadline:	8 th 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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European Directorates

Improving expertise in the field of industrial relations

For more information [click here](#).

Funder:	Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion
Value:	€150,000 and €500,000 at 90 percent of the total eligible costs.
Application Deadline:	15 th June 2017

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

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](#).

Cybersecurity PPP: Addressing Advanced Cyber Security Threats

For more information [click here](#)

Value:	Variable (funding rate is 100%)
Application Deadline:	24 th August 2017 (5.00 pm Brussels time)

Opportunities are available for both Research and Innovation Action proposals and Innovation Action only proposals. 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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Newton Fund

Newton Institutional Links

For more information [click here](#)

Duration:	Up to 2 Years (NB: country specific limits may apply)
Value:	£50,000 to £300,000 (NB: country specific limits may apply)
Application Deadline:	13 th June 2017 (4.00 pm, UK time)

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

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.

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
<p>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.</p>	

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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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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EU Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme

Opportunity	Call Opens	Deadline (N.B. all are by Brussels time)	More Info

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

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Research Awards and Prizes

Newton Prize

For more information [click here](#).

Funder:	British Council
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Value:	£200,000
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Application Deadline:	19 th June 2017
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The Newton Prize was announced in June 2016 and recognises excellent research and innovation in support of economic development and social welfare in Newton Fund partner countries. The concept for the Newton Prize has been developed to raise the profile of the Newton Fund, and to demonstrate how UK partnerships with Newton countries are solving global challenges. Each year, from 2017 until 2021, a minimum of five Newton funded projects, fellowships or other awards will be awarded the Newton Prize.

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