

## iSPER - Funding and Events Bulletin – June 2017



Welcome to the June edition of the Institute for Social, Policy and Enterprise Research (iSPER) Funding and Events bulletin. The current issue includes a number of [new live](#), as well as [forthcoming](#) opportunities from the ESRC, in addition to new calls from the [British Council](#), [Horizon 2020](#) and the [EPSRC](#).

As noted in previous bulletins the list of funding opportunities is not comprehensive and we should 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

**If you are interested in pursuing any of the funding opportunities listed then please do get in touch with us via [FOBResearch@plymouth.ac.uk](mailto:FOBResearch@plymouth.ac.uk)**

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- 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](mailto:researchadvice@plymouth.ac.uk).

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### New Live Opportunities

#### British Council

#### PhD Placements and Supervisor Mobility Grants – UK and China

[Click here for further information.](#)

Value:	£9,100 for student, £4,100 for Supervisors
Duration:	Up to 1 Year
Project Start Date:	Between January and December 2018
Application Deadline:	20 <sup>th</sup> September 2017 (12.00pm GMT)

This programme is a sponsorship opportunity for UK and Chinese PhD students and their supervisors to spend a period of study of three to 12 months (for PhD students) and up to three months (for supervisors) at higher education institutions in China or the UK.

The programme focuses on the following areas:

- health and life sciences;
- food and water security;
- environmental technologies;

- energy;
- urbanisation;
- education and creative economy for economic development and social welfare.

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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 also has a number of general funding opportunities with no deadlines which are available all year round.

#### ESRC-Alan Turing Institute Joint Fellowship Scheme

[Click here for more information](#)

Value:	Not stated but ESRC to fund 80% of FEC
Duration:	Up to 36 months
Application Deadline:	21 <sup>st</sup> September 2017 (4.00pm)

The ESRC and The Alan Turing Institute's Joint Fellowship Scheme is aimed at driving forward the development and application of cutting-edge data science to study major societal challenges. This first joint call will focus on two key and interlinked issues - the complex challenges facing the development of cities and in maintaining a healthy population.

Proposals are welcome from mid-career and senior academics. Up to two studentships will be attached to each Fellowship and it is expected these will work in similar areas to that of the Fellow.

#### ESRC-ICSSR Newton call for collaborative research on urban transformations in India

[Click here for more information](#)

Value:	£360,00 to £540,000
Duration:	24 months
Project Start Date:	1 <sup>st</sup> April to 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2018
Application Deadline:	1 <sup>st</sup> August 2017 (4.00pm)

The ESRC and the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) invite joint applications for collaborative projects between UK and Indian researchers which seek to enhance understanding of urban challenges and issues in India and achieve economic and social understanding of concerned areas in India. Proposals should address one or more of the following topics:

- Urban planning, governance and management
- Formal and informal populations
- Place and space: challenges and solutions, including health, sanitation and labour issues
- Small towns, dynamics of change and migration

#### National Coordinator for the European Social Survey

[Click here for more information](#)

Value:	£120,000 (at 100% FEC), of which ESRC contributes 80%
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Project Start Date:	September 2017
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Application Deadline:	19 <sup>th</sup> July 2017 (4.00pm)
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The ESRC is looking for a national coordinator for the UK element of Rounds 9 and 10 of the European Social Survey. This will include responsibility for delivery of the survey and liaison with the ESS European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ERIC) Core Scientific Team.

### Antimicrobial Resistance in a Global Context

[Click here for more information](#)

Value:	Development stage: £80,000 (80% of FEC) Full stage: £2m to £3m
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Duration:	Development stage: 6 – 8 months Full stage: Up to 3 Years
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Project Start Date:	Development stage: 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2017 Full stage: 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2018
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Application Deadline:	11 <sup>th</sup> July 2017 (4.00pm)
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The research councils and the Department of Health have announced a new £10 million call under the Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) cross-research council initiative. The call aims to support three to four interdisciplinary research consortia taking a whole systems approach to identify the burden and primary drivers of AMR and specifically antibacterial resistance (ABR) in Low and Middle Income Countries (LMICs).

As the challenge of ABR arises from a complex interplay between social, economic, cultural, ecological, historical, environmental, technical and biological factors, it is expected that proposals will need to draw on expertise spanning these domains. This call is led on behalf of the partnership by the Medical Research Council (MRC).

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## Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC)

### Manufacturing the Future: Call for Investigator led Research Projects

[Click here for more information](#)

Value:	Up to £2 million
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Application Deadline:	31 <sup>st</sup> July 2017 (4.00pm)
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The EPSRC Manufacturing the Future challenge theme invites investigator-led proposals which address key research challenges facing manufacturing in the UK today. Proposals could relate to the following research visions identified by the Manufacturing for the Future Team:

- 21<sup>st</sup> century products;
- digital manufacturing;
- sustainable industries;
- new industrial systems.

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

### REC-RRAC-RACI-AG-2017: Prevent and Combat Racism, Xenophobia and other forms of Intolerance

[Please click here for more information](#)

Application Deadline:	7 <sup>th</sup> November 2017 (5.000pm Brussels time)
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The call is aimed at supporting projects contributing to prevent and combat racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance. Proposals under this call may explore the use of all available tools and forms of cooperation between national authorities, non-governmental organisations, communities and international organisations and bodies, and are encouraged to be developed on the basis of a holistic approach. While proposals do not need to be transnational, the added value of projects involving organisations from more than one participating country is of particular interest.

### REC-RDIS-DISC-AG-2017: Support National or Transnational Projects on Non-discrimination and Roma Integration

[Please click here for more information](#)

Application Deadline:	9 <sup>th</sup> November 2017 (5.000pm Brussels time)
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This call will aim to co-fund national or transnational projects tackling at least one of the following grounds of discrimination of racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation. Activities that can be funded include data collection and surveys, as well as training, mutual learning, dissemination and awareness raising.

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## Government Departments

### Evaluation of the Public Sector Energy Efficiency Loan Scheme

[Click here for more information](#)

Funder:	Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS)
Value:	Between £400,000 and £450,000
Duration:	29 months
Application Deadline:	3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2017

BEIS wishes to appoint a supplier to undertake an evaluation of the public sector energy efficiency loans scheme. The evaluation aims to assess the net impact of the scheme in relation to its three intended impacts, improve understanding of how the scheme's processes operate in practice, assess the cost-effectiveness of the scheme, and produce

learning about the loan scheme that is of wider benefit to the department and other organisations.

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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.

#### **SEC-17-BES-2017 - Architectures and Organizations, Big Data and Data Analytics for Customs Risk Management of the International Goods Supply Chain Trade Movements**

[Click here for more information](#)

Value:	Up to €5million
Application Deadline:	24 <sup>th</sup> August 2017 (5.00pm Brussels time)

This funds projects designed to better effectively manage the risks in international supply chains and support the "EU Strategy and Action Plan for customs risk management". This involves developing strategies and tools needed for the timely submission to customs authorities of relevant high-quality and comprehensive data on goods moving and crossing borders, whilst taking into consideration the national and EU legal, procedural and IT systems where they exist. Realistic methodologies and data governance policies also need to be developed.

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### Local Authorities

#### **A Low Carbon Industrial Strategy for the Tees Valley**

[Click here for more information](#)

Funder:	Stockton Borough Council
Value:	£100,000
Application Deadline:	3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2017
Contract Start Date:	25 <sup>th</sup> July 2017
Contract End Date:	28 <sup>th</sup> February 2018

The Tees Valley Combined Authority (TVCA) is looking to develop a comprehensive long term plan for decarbonising industrial and related supply chain activity and to provide a carbon budget for the region which can be achieved over the short medium and longer

term. The work should develop a set of practical scenarios for the development of a low carbon economy with identified and costed proposals for delivery of the elements and an assessment of the economic and environmental benefits.

### **Research Appointment to Evaluate European Social Fund Regional Approaches to Youth Employment and Attainment**

[Click here for more information](#)

Funder:	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Value:	£300,000
Application Deadline:	6 <sup>th</sup> July 2017
Contract Start Date:	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2017
Contract End Date:	30 <sup>th</sup> April 2020

Tenders are invited for a critical assessment of the 6 regional approaches to identifying those most at risk of becoming not in employment, education or training (NEET) and their programmes of support to reduce that risk. Broadly the evaluation can be categorised into five areas of interest: the management and implementation of the operations; the suitability and effectiveness of the assessment tools used to identify, monitor and assess reductions in a participants' risk of becoming NEET; the effectiveness of the delivery of the operation; the impact of the interventions for participants; and the cross cutting themes.

### **Housing Need and Gypsy and Travelling Showpeople Pitch Assessment Studies**

[Click here for more information](#)

Funder:	Tunbridge Wells Borough Council
Value:	£60,000
Application Deadline:	7 <sup>th</sup> July 2017
Contract Start Date:	27 <sup>th</sup> July 2017
Contract End Date:	30 <sup>th</sup> November 2017

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council is seeking tenders for two studies:

- A Local Housing Needs Study
- A Gypsy and Travelling Showpeople Pitch Assessment

Tenderers are able to submit responses to either of the opportunities, or both if they feel they have the required experience in both fields.

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## **Newton Fund**

### **Newton UK-China Agritech Challenge**

[Click here for more information](#)

Funders:	Innovate UK and the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC)
Value:	Projects expected to cost between £1million and £2million (but up to £1million per project in the UK)

Duration:	Up to 3 Years
Application Deadline:	2 <sup>nd</sup> August 2017 (12.00 noon). <b>Please note:</b> applicants must register by 12.00 noon on 26 <sup>th</sup> July 2017.
<p>The aim of this competition is to encourage innovative partnerships between the UK and China. Projects should address challenges related to agricultural technologies in one or more of these 3 sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• precision agriculture, agriculture digitisation and decision management tools;</li> <li>• improving the efficiency of sustainable agricultural production;</li> <li>• agricultural products processing.</li> </ul>	

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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.

### 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.
Application Deadline:	15 <sup>th</sup> July 2017

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 (ESRC)

#### 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)
Application Deadline:	Outline proposals: 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2017 (1.00pm – Central European Summer Time)

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

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 <sup>th</sup> June 2017 (5.00 pm)	<a href="#">Click here</a>
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 <sup>th</sup> June 2017 (5.00 pm)	<a href="#">Click here</a>
REC-RRAC-ONLINE-AG-2017: Monitor, prevent and counter hate speech online	The call is aimed at supporting projects in the field of countering hate speech online, including projects aimed at contributing to better understand, monitor, prevent and counter hate speech online.	29 <sup>th</sup> June 2017 (5.00 pm)	<a href="#">Click here</a>

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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

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:

- [LIFE Nature & Biodiversity](#) – Deadline of 14<sup>th</sup> September
- [LIFE Environment & Resource Efficiency](#) – Deadline of 12<sup>th</sup> September
- [LIFE Environmental Governance & Information](#) – Deadline of 14<sup>th</sup> September
- [LIFE Climate Change Mitigation](#) – Deadline of 7<sup>th</sup> September
- [LIFE Climate Change Adaptation](#) – Deadline of 7<sup>th</sup> September
- [LIFE Climate Governance and Information](#) – Deadline of 7<sup>th</sup> September

Other types of projects funded include Preparatory Projects, Integrated Projects and Technical Assistance Projects. For further details [click here](#).

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## Horizon 2020

### Cybersecurity PPP: Addressing Advanced Cyber Security Threats

For more information [click here](#)

Value:	Variable (funding rate is 100%)
Application Deadline:	24 <sup>th</sup> 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.

### Science with and for Society (SwafS)

See links below for more details

Value:	Variable
Application Deadline:	30 <sup>th</sup> August 2017 (5.00pm Brussels time)

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](#).

### 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 <sup>st</sup> 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.

### Horizon 2020 Societal Challenges: Bio Based Industries PPP

See links below for further information.

Value:	Variable
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Application Deadline:	7 <sup>th</sup> September (5.00pm Brussels time)
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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](#).

### 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.
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Duration:	European Fellowships last from one to two years, Global Fellowships from two to three years.
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Application Deadline:	14 <sup>th</sup> September 2017 (5.00pm Brussels time)
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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 <sup>th</sup> 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.

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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 <sup>th</sup> 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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### **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.
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Duration:	Up to 5 years
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Application Deadline:	Preliminary application: 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2017 Full application: 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2017
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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
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Duration:	Up to 3 Years
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Application Deadline:	Preliminary application: 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2017 Full application: 21 <sup>st</sup> 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
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Duration:	Up to 5 Years
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Application Deadline:	Preliminary application: 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2017 Full application: 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2017
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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
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Duration:	Up to 5 Years
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Application Deadline:	Preliminary application: 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2017 Full application: 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2017
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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 (ESRC)

#### Transformative Research Call 2017-18

[Click here for more information](#)

Value:	Up to £250,000 (of which ESRC funds 80%)
Duration:	Up to 24 months
Call Opens:	End of July 2017
Anticipated Deadline:	End of October 2017

The aim of this call is to provide a stimulus for genuinely transformative research ideas at the frontiers of the social sciences, enabling research which challenges current thinking to be supported and developed. The expectation is that the transformative research call will encourage novel developments of social science enquiry, and support research activity that entails an element of risk.

**Please note:** Proposals needs to be pre-selected by the institution as a maximum of two applications can be accepted from each eligible institution.

#### EqUIP Call for Collaborative Research on Sustainability, Equity, Wellbeing and Cultural Connections

[Click here for more information](#)

Value:	Not stated
Call Opens:	End of August 2017
Anticipated Deadline:	End of November 2017

The EU-India Platform for Social Sciences and Humanities (EqUIP) is pleased to pre-announce its first research funding call. The call aims to bring together social science and humanities funders in India and Europe to support excellent and innovative research on sustainability, equity, wellbeing and cultural connections. The emphasis of the research will be on Indian and European dimensions, in both contemporary and historical contexts.

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## EU Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme

Opportunity	Call Opens	Deadline (N.B. all are by Brussels time)	More Info
REC-RDAP-GBV-AG-2017: Prevent and combat gender-based violence and violence against children	27 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	14 <sup>th</sup> November 2017 (5.00 pm)	<a href="#">Click here</a>

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## Research Awards and Prizes

### First Monograph Prize in Economic or Social History

[Click here for more information](#)

Value:	£1000
Application Deadline:	30 <sup>th</sup> September 2017

This prize is awarded biennially to the best first monograph in economic or social history, usually published within 10 years of the author receiving a PhD. Only monographs published in English and published during 2016 and 2017 will be eligible for the 2018 prize.

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