

iSPER - Funding and Events Bulletin – August 2017



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

This edition sees a considerable number of new funding opportunities become available. This includes a couple of opportunities from the [British Academy](#), the UK's national body for the humanities and social sciences, which tend to recur at this time of year, in addition to Newton Fund opportunities with the [British Council](#) and [ESRC](#). The bulletin also highlights some important forthcoming opportunities including three opportunities from the [Leverhulme Trust](#) scheduled to become open in September, and in the longer-term, two opportunities from the [Independent Social Research Foundation](#).

As mentioned in the last bulletin, the Global Challenge Research Fund (GCRF) is one of the principal routes for new research funding. This bulletin includes details on an opportunity, led in part with the [British Academy](#), as well as further details on the [four ESRC GCRF calls](#) that are scheduled to be released in October and November.

Finally, the Bulletin includes details of [recently released](#) and [forthcoming opportunities](#) with the European Research Council, which is responsible for the more researcher-led elements of Horizon 2020. As noted in previous editions UK researchers are still amongst the top recipients of European research funding.

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 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

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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

GCRF Networking Grants

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Value:	Up to £25,000 (of which £5,000 can be used for research)
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Application Deadline:	6 th September 2017 (5.00pm)
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The Academy of Medical Sciences is working with the British Academy, the Royal Academy of Engineering and the Royal Society to offer this opportunity through the **Global Challenges Research Fund**. This scheme is targeted at experienced researchers who are looking to form new international collaborations.

The maximum amount available is £25,000 of which £5,000 can be used for consumables for pilot experiments, archival research or fieldwork. The remainder can be used to

contribute towards travel and subsistence costs, costs associated with networking events, administrative support and access to technical support.

Applications should focus on building a collaborative network and therefore should be submitted jointly by a lead overseas researcher from a developing country and a lead researcher based in the UK.

British Academy Mid-Career Fellowships

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Value:	Up to £160,000 (British Academy will contribute to full economic cost (FEC) up to this amount but there is a cap of £80,000 on its contribution to the salary)
Duration:	6 to 12 months
Application Deadline:	20 th September 2017 (5.00pm) (21 st September for Institutional Approval)

The aim of this scheme is to allow successful applicants to obtain time freed from normal teaching and administrative commitments to commit to a major piece of research. The Academy will also look for evidence of a clear commitment to a strategy of public engagement with and communication of the results of the research during the period of the Fellowship.

British Academy /Leverhulme Trust Small Research Grants

[Click here for further information](#)

Value:	Between £500 and £10,000
Duration:	Between 1 and 24 months
Application Deadline:	1 st November 2017 (5.00pm) (2 nd November for Institutional Approval)
Award Start Date(s):	1 April 2017 to 31 August 2017

Grants are available to support primary research in the humanities and social sciences. Applications for collaborative or individual projects are equally welcome under this scheme. Funds are available to facilitate initial project planning and development; to support the direct costs of research; and to enable the advancement of research through workshops or conferences, or visits by or to partner scholars.

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British Council

Newton Researcher Links Travel Grants – Indonesia, Philippines and South Africa

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Value:	Varies – a budget must be provided for each of 5 categories: travel; visa; insurance; subsistence; and consumables. Maximum budget levels apply to each
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	category (please see guidelines for more details).
Duration:	1 to 6 months, depending on country
Application Deadline:	19 th September 2017 (4.00pm)
Timescales of Travelling:	Between 1 st April 2018 and 31 st January 2019

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. These grants are funded as part of the Newton Fund and the partner countries are Indonesia, Philippines and South Africa.

Newton Researcher Links Workshop Grants – UK, China and the Philippines

[Please click here for more information](#)

Value:	Varies depending on country-specific limits (please see guidelines).
Duration:	Most workshops are 3 days with 5 days as the maximum duration
Timescales of the Workshop:	Between 1 st April 2018 and 31 st January 2019
Application Deadline:	19 th September 2017 (4.00pm)

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. Leading researchers may apply to be workshop coordinators alongside a Principal Applicant from one of the partner countries. Once funded, grants are available for early-career researchers in the UK and the country hosting the workshop to attend. Workshops can be proposed between the UK, China and the Philippines.

Researcher Links Workshop Grants – Russia

[Click here for further information](#)

Value:	Workshops in the UK: Up to £51,940 Workshops in Russia: £37,600
Duration:	Between 3 and 4 days
Timescales of the Workshop:	Between 1 st June 2018 and 31 st December 2018
Application Deadline:	19 th September 2017 (4.00pm)

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. Applications are made on a bilateral basis by senior researchers who, if successful, act as workshop coordinators. Once funded, grants are available for early-career researchers in the UK and the country hosting the workshop to attend. Five workshops will be funded in Russia and four in the UK.

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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.

RCUK-CIAT Newton-Caldas Fund Sustainable Tropical Agricultural Systems programme

[Click here for further information](#)

Value:	Not specified but up to £900,000 is available to support projects in the first stage
Application Deadline:	6 th September 2017 (4.00pm) (for expressions of interest)

ESRC, the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC), the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) and the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) are running a new UK-Colombia programme in sustainable tropical agricultural systems supported by the Newton-Caldas Fund.

The call will be managed as a two-stage process with the first stage being awards for **pump-priming proposals**. Applications to the pump-priming stage will be developed and assessed at the **project scoping workshop** which will be held at CIAT Headquarters in Cali, Colombia, on **30 October - 2 November 2017**. Attendance at this workshop is a requirement for leading an application.

The second stage of funding (opening in 2018) will build on successful pump-primed projects.

Addressing the challenge of Antimicrobial Resistance in India

[Click here for further information](#)

Value:	Not stated
Application Deadline:	11 th September 2017 (4.00pm)

The UK Research Councils and the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) in India are inviting expressions of interest to participate in an Antimicrobial Resistance Sandpit. This sandpit will be a residential interactive workshop over 3.5 days in Delhi, India on the w/c 6th November 2017 and will lead to collaborative research projects aimed at addressing the issue of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) in humans and animals in India.

Please note that is part of the Newton Fund and while the ESRC is leading the UK aspects of this collaboration interdisciplinarity will be a requirement for all proposals.

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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](#).

European Research Council Starting Grants 2017

[Click here for further information](#)

Value:	Up to €1.5m
Duration:	Up to 5 years
Application Deadline:	17th October 2017 (5.00pm Brussels time)

ERC Starting Grants are designed to support excellent Principal Investigators at the career stage at which they are starting their own independent research team or programme. Applicant Principal Investigators must demonstrate the ground-breaking nature, ambition and feasibility of their scientific proposal. Researchers require between two to seven years of experience since completing a PhD and a scientific track record showing great promise (e.g. having produced at least one important publication without the participation of their PhD supervisor). An additional €0.5 million (on top of the €1.5m) is also available to cover start-up costs for researchers moving from a third country.

European Research Council Synergy Grants 2017

[Click here for further information](#)

Value:	Up to €10m
Duration:	Up to 6 years
Application Deadline:	14 th November 2017 (5.00pm Brussels time)

ERC Synergy Grants are intended to enable **minimum two to maximum four Principal Investigators** and their teams to bring together complementary skills, knowledge, and resources in new ways, in order to jointly address ambitious research problems.

The aim is to promote substantial advances at the frontiers of knowledge, to cross-fertilize scientific fields, and to encourage new productive lines of enquiry and new methods and techniques, including unconventional approaches and investigations at the interface between established disciplines.

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Nuffield Foundation

Grants for Research, Development and Analysis

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Value:	£10,000 to £500,000
Duration:	6 months to 3 years (will occasionally consider proposals with a longer timeframe)
Application Deadline:	2 nd October 2017 (for outline applications. If the outline is successful full applications need to be received by 12 th January 2018)

The Nuffield Foundation fund research which supports their mission to advance educational opportunity and social well-being across the UK. The Foundation is not simply an academic funding body but it does look to make sure its research stands up to rigorous academic scrutiny.

Previously the Nuffield Foundation distributed funding through separate research programmes. Now they instead have one twice-yearly programme based around three broad public policy domains, which each have their own priorities:

1. **Education** – including: early years education & childcare; skills; teaching quality; young people’s pathways; and educational disadvantage.
2. **Welfare** – including: family dynamics and labour market outcomes; social & economic welfare in later life; geographical inequalities; and social & economic analysis to inform public debate.
3. **Justice** – including: family and youth justice; decision-making; and participation & rights.

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Wellcome Trust

Seed Awards in Humanities and Social Science

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Value:	£25,000 to £100,000
Duration:	6 to 12 months
Application Deadline:	5 th October 2017

Seed Awards help researchers develop compelling and innovative ideas in the humanities and social sciences that enrich our understanding of human and animal health and that may go on to form part of larger grant applications. Support can include research or teaching buy-out leave, research expenses (including costs for a researcher or consultant) and conference/ meeting costs. Awards cannot be used to top-up existing grants or part-fund PhD or Masters courses.

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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

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 th September 2017
<p>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.</p> <p>The programme focuses on the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 (ESRC)

ESRC-Alan Turing Institute Joint Fellowship Scheme

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Value:	Not stated but ESRC to fund 80% of FEC
Duration:	Up to 36 months
Application Deadline:	21 st 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.

Building resilience to natural disasters using financial instruments

[Click here for further information](#)

Value:	Feasibility studies: Up to £100,000 (100% FEC) Longer-term: Up to £350,000 (100% FEC)
Duration:	Feasibility studies: Up to 6 months Longer-term studies: Up to 24 months
Project Start Date:	No later than 1 st January 2018
Application Deadline:	26 th September 2017 (4.00pm)

ESRC, the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) and the Department for International Development (DFID) invite proposals on building resilience to natural disasters using financial instruments. Funding is available to apply existing environmental and social science research to inform the design, development, refinement and

validation of financing instruments to help developing countries respond and recover from extreme weather and natural disasters.

The programme will support both feasibility studies and longer projects.

AHRC-ESRC-FCO Knowledge Exchange Fellowship scheme

[Click here for further information](#)

Value:	Maximum amount depends on individual applications but ESRC contributes 80% of costs. Other costs are met by institution.
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Duration:	0.6 to 0.8 over 24 months
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Application Deadline:	31 st October 2017 (4.00pm)
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The Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC), Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) are pleased to invite applications to the AHRC-ESRC-FCO Knowledge Exchange (KE) Fellowships scheme. The scheme will provide the opportunity for each intake of fellows to be seconded into the FCO to work alongside, advise and influence policymakers. This is not a scheme to support research projects about the FCO. It will build new capacity in the FCO and across the UK research base.

Transformative Research Call 2017-18

[Click here for more information](#)

Value:	Up to £250,000 (of which ESRC funds 80%)
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Duration:	Up to 24 months
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Application Deadline:	7 th November 2017 (4.00pm) (Please Note: the deadline has been extended since this opportunity was included in the last bulletin).
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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.

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Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC)

Resilient and sustainable energy networks for developing countries

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Value:	Not specified but £7.5 million is available for the call and EPSRC aim to support 6-8 research projects
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Duration:	36 months
Application Deadline:	Expressions of interest: 17 th August 2017 (4.00pm) Full proposal: 21 st September 2017 (4.00pm)
<p>This call is supported through EPSRC's Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) allocation. The aim of this activity is to support an internationally leading programme of research to tackle the energy distribution challenges faced by developing countries. Proposals to this call must focus on sustainable local energy networks, including off-grid to grid transitions. The proposed research must be predominantly in EPSRC remit, although interdisciplinary and/or multidisciplinary proposals are welcomed. Proposals must also be compliant with Official Development Assistance (ODA) guidelines.</p>	
<p>Manufacturing the future: Call for investigator-led research projects</p>	
<p>Click here for further information</p>	
Value:	Up to £2million
Application Deadline:	3 rd October 2017 (for 2018 panel)
<p>The EPSRC Manufacturing the Future challenge theme invites investigator-led proposals which address key research challenges facing manufacturing in the UK today. In an effort to increase the theme's long term ambition to increase the number of investigator led research, the theme will issue a series of batching dates during 2017 and 2018 for investigator-led proposals. Submitted proposals will either be considered at a manufacturing-focused prioritisation panel (if there is sufficient demand) or via a separate list at an Engineering panel.</p> <p>Please note there is currently also a call open for applications for 31st July 2017.</p>	
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<p>EU Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme</p>	
<p>REC-RDAP-GBV-AG-2017: Prevent and combat gender-based violence and violence against children</p>	
<p>Click here for further information</p>	
Application Deadline:	14 th November 2017 (5.00 pm Brussels time)
<p>Priorities include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prevention of gender-based violence (GBV): The focus is on primary prevention, i.e. changing social attitudes and behaviour, in order to end tolerance of all forms of violence. 2. Protection and support for victims of gender-based violence and violence against children 3. The coordination and/or adaptation of support services for sexual and gender-based violence to include refugees and migrants (children, women, LGBTIQI persons, young men and boys) 	

4. Treatment of perpetrators, in order to prevent reoffending.
5. National coordinating frameworks or action plans for violence against children (supporting Member States and other actors).

REC-RRAC-RACI-AG-2017: Prevent and combat racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance

[Please click here for more information](#)

Application Deadline:	7 th November 2017 (5pm 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 th November
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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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European Directorates

European LIFE Programme

For more information [click here](#)

Funder:	European Commission
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Value:	Variable
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Application Deadline:	Variable – see specific deadlines for traditional projects below
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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 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

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

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 th 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.

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.

Science with and for Society (SwafS)

See links below for more details

Value:	Variable
Application Deadline:	30 th 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 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.

Horizon 2020 Societal Challenges: Bio Based Industries PPP

See links below for further information.

Value:	Variable
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Application Deadline:	7 th 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.
Application Deadline:	14 th September 2017 (5.00pm Brussels time)
<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Both European (held in EU or associated countries) and Global (held outside Europe) Fellowships are available.</p>	
<p>Marie Skłodowska-Curie Co-funding of regional, national and international programmes</p>	
<p>For general information about this opportunity click here. For information about the current call click here.</p>	
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)
<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
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<p>Independent Social Research Foundation</p>	
<p>ISRF Flexible Grants for Small Groups Competition (FG4)</p>	
<p>Click here for further information</p>	
Value:	Up to £5,000

Duration:	Up to 1 Year
Application Deadline:	1 st September 2017 (4.00pm)
Project Start Date:	No later than end of December 2018
<p>A small number of grants are available to provide flexible support for instance: relief from teaching and/or administration, research and travel expenses, fieldwork and practical work) for the activities of a small research group. The awards are intended as enabling one or more short periods of face-to-face joint group work such as workshops, working-in-pairs, or short academic visits (e-working, video-conferencing or Skype expenses are not included).</p>	

ISRF Independent Scholar Fellowship Competition

[Click here for further information](#)

Value:	Up to £25,000
Duration:	Up to 1 Year
Application Deadline:	1 st September 2017 (4.00pm)
Project Start Date:	No later than end of December 2018
<p>Up to two Independent Scholar Fellowship grants are available to support original interdisciplinary research, across the range of the social sciences. The award is intended to enable the buy-out from current occupation of an independent scholar to pursue his/her research full- or part-time (or for support if unwaged) for a period of up to 12 months.</p>	

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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
<p>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.</p>	

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Other Funders

Seed corn research funding

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Value:	Up to £7,500
Application Deadline:	25 th August 2017

The Seed Corn Fund was set up to provide a small research grant on a 'seed corn' basis to enable supply chain, logistics and transport researchers in the UK and Ireland to explore issues of current and academic interest. The fund helps to encourage UK and Irish universities to develop their research capabilities. By supporting small scale research projects in universities, the grant assists researchers working in emerging (research) groups in the hope that this will lead to the development of larger scale projects which will be able to attract funding from other commercial and public sources.

Human Development Innovation Fund

[Click here for further information](#)

Funder:	HDIF
Value:	Between £200,000 and £1million
Application Deadline:	8 th September 2017 (5.00pm – East Africa Time)

Funded by UKAID, the HDIF aims to identify and support innovations that have the potential to create social impact in education, health and, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) across Tanzania. With a focus on market driven solutions, HDIF catalyses the development, testing and scaling of innovative models of service delivery, information and communication technologies for development (ICT4D), and product solutions in health, education and WASH.

HDIF is now accepting funding applications for pilot and scale-up projects between £500,000 and £1,000,000 (exceptions can be made for compelling applications for a grant not lower than GBP 200,000). In this round, HDIF seeks to fund organizations to implement innovative projects in WASH and Early Childhood Development (ECD).

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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.

Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)

Global Challenges Research Fund: pre-announcement of new calls

[Click here for further information](#)

Value:	Not specified (may vary between calls)
Calls Open:	October / November 2017
Application Deadlines:	Not yet specified

The ESRC has released a pre-announcement that this will be commissioning **four new calls** under the Global Challenges Research Fund – which as noted in previous bulletins aims to support research that addresses the challenges faced by developing countries.

A total of budget of £16 million will be available for transdisciplinary research projects in the following four areas:

- **Mental health** (by which they include mental, neurological, and substance use (MNS) disorders).
- **Education and skills** (to address a number of questions seen as advancing the U's Sustainable Development Goals).
- **Decent work for all** (to meet Goal 8 of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals – ensuring not only that sufficient employment is created but that it is productive, fairly remunerated, secure and can support personal development).
- **Transitions towards sustainable and inclusive societies** (the need to manage advances in wellbeing, equity and economic growth alongside the challenges of climate change, biodiversity and cleaner energy and air).

Unconventional hydrocarbons in the UK energy system: Environmental and socio-economic impacts and processes

[Click here for more information](#)

Value:	Not yet specified
Call Opens:	Early September
Anticipated Deadline:	Not specified

ESRC and the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) are investing £8 million in this research programme the outcome of which will be the provision of an updated independent scientific evidence base to understand potential environmental and socio-economic impacts of unconventional hydrocarbon development.

The full funding call for this programme will be published on the [NERC website](#) in early September and a subsequent town hall meeting will be held on 4 October 2017.

EqUIP call for collaborative research on sustainability, equity, wellbeing and cultural connections

[Click here for more information](#)

Value:	Not stated
Call Opens:	w/c 4 th September 2017
Anticipated Deadline:	End of November 2017
Award Start Date:	January 2019

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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Horizon 2020

European Research Council – Consolidator Grants 2017

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Value:	Up to €2million
Duration:	Up to five years
Scheme Opens:	24th October 2017
Application Deadline:	15th February 2018

ERC Consolidator Grants are designed to support excellent Principal Investigators at the career stage at which they may still be consolidating their own independent research team or programme. Applicant Principal Investigators must demonstrate the ground-breaking nature, ambition and feasibility of their scientific proposal.

Applicants must have 7-12 years of experience since completing their PhD, a scientific track record showing significant talent and an excellent research proposal. An additional €0.75 million (on top of the €2m) is also available to cover start-up costs for researchers coming from a third country.

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Independent Social Research Foundation

Fourth ISRF Mid-Career Fellowship Competition

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Call Opens:	January 2018 (TBC)
Duration:	Up to 12 months
Value:	Up to £60,000
Application Deadline:	Not yet specified

These fellowships are intended to provide all teaching duties and all associated academic administration to pursue research. Candidates should be 10 years or more from the year of their PhD award, although shorter periods are accepted in exceptional circumstances.

Second ISRF Political Economy Research Fellowship Competition

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Call Opens:	January 2018 (TBC)
Duration:	Up to 12 months
Value:	Up to £60,000
Application Deadline:	Not yet specified

These fellowships are normally available to applicants with a permanent appointment at a higher education institution, and can be made available to applicants whose sole or principal post is part-time. They buy-out all teaching and associated administration in the applicant's home institution.

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Leverhulme Trust

Opportunities to apply for each Leverhulme grant scheme are usually made available each year. The 2018 rounds for the following grant schemes are now approaching. The 2019 rounds for these grant schemes are likely to be at roughly the same time next year.

Research Fellowships (2018 round)

[Click here for more information](#)

Call Opens:	1 st September 2017
Duration:	3 to 24 months
Value:	Up to £55,000
Application Deadline:	9 th November 2017 (4.00pm)

Provides funding for experienced researchers to conduct a programme of research in any discipline. The awards provide research expenses over and above normal living costs and/or provide a contribution towards reasonable replacement costs or loss of earnings. Research Fellowships are open to experienced researchers, particularly those who are or have been prevented by routine duties from completing a programme of original research.

Emeritus Fellowships (2018 round)

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Call Opens:	1 st September 2017
Value:	Up to £22,000 of research expenses
Duration:	Between 3 and 24 months
Application Deadline:	1 st February 2018 (4pm)
Award Start Date(s):	Between 1st August 2018 and 1st July 2019

This fund enables senior researchers who have retired from an academic post to complete a research project and prepare the results for publication. Applicants must have retired by the time of taking up the Fellowship and no longer have a normal contract of employment. However, applicants may hold a part-time position of up to 0.5 FTE. Please note there is no provision for a personal maintenance allowance or remuneration for the applicant under this scheme.

International Academic Fellowships

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Call Opens:	1 st September 2017
Value:	Up to £45,000
Duration:	3 to 12 months
Application Deadline:	9 th November 2016
Award Start Date(s):	1 June 2018 to 1 May 2019

These awards enable established researchers to spend a period of between three and 12 months in one or more research centres outside the UK in order to develop new knowledge, skills and ideas. This could, for example, involve developing new lines of research through overseas collaboration or innovations in teaching. This scheme will not fund academics who want to devote a period of time abroad **entirely** to a research project, as that activity is covered by the Trust's [Research Fellowships Scheme](#).

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