



## Grants Academy: UKRI Recurring Calls

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### Supporting Grant Applications (SGA) / Intention to Submit (ITS)

Applications to UKRI should follow the relevant School or Institute SGA/ITS process. Please aim to complete this at least 8 weeks ahead of the call deadline; please liaise with your R&I Research Development Executive for further guidance.



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### UKRI FUNDING SERVICE

During 2023, all UKRI research councils will transition from the Joint Electronic Submissions (Je-S) system to the new UKRI Funding Service. Further information [here](#) and webinar [here](#). Transition timescales for individual councils are listed in the Appendix.

### LATEST UKRI FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Recurring calls (excluding fellowships) are listed below. Additional strategic and directed calls will be circulated through regular email bulletins and listed on the [R&I external funding webpages](#). A listing of opportunities are also on the UKRI [Funding finder](#).

AHRC RECURRING CALLS	DEADLINE	TERM	FUNDING
<a href="#">ESRC responsive mode: UKRI-SBE lead agency opportunity round two</a>	Open	up to 5 yrs	£350k - £1M
<a href="#">AHRC standard research grant round 3</a>	26 Mar 24	up to 5yrs	£1.5M
<a href="#">AHRC responsive mode: follow-on funding for impact and engagement: round three</a>	26 Mar 24	12 mths	£100k
<a href="#">AHRC Innovation Scholars secondments in design: second round</a>	30 Apr 24	Up to 3 yrs	£200K
<a href="#">AHRC responsive mode: Curiosity Award: round three</a>	30 Apr 24	up to 5yrs	£100K

<a href="#">Work with researchers in Luxembourg on arts and humanities projects round 2</a>	27 Jun 24	up to 5yrs	£1.5M
<a href="#">AHRC Working with Brazilian researchers round 2</a>	27 Jun 24	5 yrs	£1M
BBSRC RECURRING CALLS	DEADLINE	TERM	FUNDING
BBSRC standard research grant: 2024 round 2	3 calls p.a. Open	3–5 yrs	Up to £2M
<a href="#">BBSRC Brazil pump-priming award</a>	Open	-	£35K
<a href="#">BBSRC international travel award scheme</a>	Open	1mth	Up to £3K
BBSRC Partnering Awards - various	Annual usually Nov	4yrs	Up to £50k
<a href="#">BBSRC ICURe</a>	Currently closed	3 mths	£35k
<a href="#">BBSRC Follow-on Fund 2024: Round 1</a>	27 Mar 24	2 yrs	Up to £800k
EPSRC RECURRING CALLS	DEADLINE	TERM	FUNDING
<a href="#">EPSRC standard research grant – UKRI;</a>	Open	3–5yrs	
<a href="#">EPSRC new investigator award – UKRI,</a>	Open	3–5yrs	
<a href="#">EPSRC Programme Grant Outline Stage</a>	25 Jun 24	6yrs	-
<a href="#">EPSRC network grant</a>	Open	3yrs	-
<a href="#">EPSRC working with overseas scientists EoI</a>	Open	-	-
<a href="#">EPSRC Overseas travel grant</a>	Open	1yr	-
<a href="#">EPSRC discipline-hopping in ICT</a>	Open	-	-
ESRC RECURRING CALLS	DEADLINE	TERM	FUNDING
<a href="#">ESRC responsive mode: research grants round two – UKRI</a>	Open	To 5yrs	£350K– £1M
<a href="#">ESRC responsive mode: new investigator grants round two</a>	Open	To 5yrs	£100k to £300k.
<a href="#">ESRC Working with Brazilian researchers</a>	Open	-	£350K– £1M
<a href="#">ESRC responsive mode: working with Luxembourg researchers round two</a>	Open		£350k-£1m
MRC RECURRING CALLS	DEADLINE	TERM	FUNDING
RESPONSIVE MODE GRANTS: Project, New Investigator, Programme & Partnership grants. MRC response mode boards: <a href="#">Infections and immunity research</a> <a href="#">Neurosciences and mental health research grant</a> <a href="#">Molecular and cellular medicine research</a> <a href="#">Population and systems medicine research</a> Please also see: <a href="#">MRC strategic delivery plan</a>	3 calls p.a. <a href="#">here</a> <a href="#">Next</a> <a href="#">Deadline</a> <a href="#">May</a>	3–5yrs	-

<u>Public Health Intervention Development (PHIND)</u>	12 Sept 24 2 calls p.a.	18 mths	£187.5K
<u>Experimental medicine</u>	17 Apr 24 2 calls p.a.	-	-
<u>Better methods, better research</u>	12 June 24 2 calls p.a.	3yrs	£625K
<u>Clinical academic research partnerships</u>	Annual (Nov)	1-3yrs	-
<u>Developmental Pathway Funding Scheme Stage 2</u>	6 July /6 Nov 24	-	£2M
<u>Researching motor neurone disease: highlight notice</u>	Open	-	-
<u>Researching ME/CFS: highlight notice</u>	Open	-	-
<u>Tackling Obesity highlight notice</u> (Population and Systems Medicine Board)	Open	-	-
<b>NERC RECURRING CALLS</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	<b>TERM</b>	<b>FUNDING</b>
<u>NERC urgency funding</u>	Open	2 yrs	£100K
<u>Work with Brazilian researchers: NERC FAPESP lead agency</u> Applications should be submitted under existing programmes eg Pushing the Frontiers, large grants	Open	-	-
<u>Work with US-based researchers on environmental science research</u> UK researchers are supported by NERC; US counterparts by NSF	Open	-	-
<b>STFC RECURRING CALLS</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	<b>TERM</b>	<b>FUNDING</b>
<u>Large and/or complex projects</u>	Open	-	-
<u>Public Engagement Reaction Awards</u>	Open	-	-
<b>UKRI INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION OPPORTUNITIES</b>			
<u>Collaborate with researchers in Norway – UKRI</u>	Open	Money Follows Cooperation agreement to enable eligible UK PIs to submit collaborative applications with Norwegian co-Is.	
<u>UKRI-SBE NSF lead agency opportunity – UKRI</u>	Open	Up to £1M – for collaborative bids involving UK and US researchers	

<u>Collaborate with researchers in Luxembourg – UKRI</u>	Open	UKRI and FNR MoU to support collaborative applications where UKRI will receive joint applications from eligible UK and Luxembourg applicants on behalf of both organisations. UKRI and FNR will co-fund applications submitted to the UKRI council's responsive mode funding opportunities.
<u>UKRI-DFG (Germany) MOU</u>	Calls opening soon	This MOU signed July 23 will facilitate researcher-led collaboration and bilateral cooperation between researchers in Germany and the UK. Initial opportunities being developed through UKRI: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EPSRC</li> <li>• MRC</li> </ul>

## Appendix

### UKRI Research Funding Service Transition timelines AHRC

DATE	ARTS AND HUMANITIES RESEARCH COUNCIL (AHRC) EVENT
January 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Earliest funding outcomes expected for Curiosity Award</li> <li>• Funding Outcomes for Follow-On Funding for Impact and Engagement</li> </ul>
March 2024	Funding Outcomes expected
May 2024	Earliest funding outcomes expected for Catalyst Award

#### Shorter Version:

Scheme	Round 3 opens	Round 3 closes	Round 4 opens	Round 4 closes	Round 5 opens	Round 5 closes	Round 6 opens	Round 6 closes
Research Grants	8 Dec 2023	26 Mar 2024	27 Mar 2024	w/c 24 Jun 2024	w/c 1 Jul 2024	w/c 23 Sept 2024	w/c 23 Sept 2024	w/c 9 Dec 2024
Follow on Funding	8 Dec 2023	26 Mar 2024	27 Mar 2024	w/c 24 Jun 2024	w/c 1 Jul 2024	w/c 23 Sept 2024	w/c 23 Sept 2024	w/c 9 Dec 2024
Curiosity Awards	31 Jan 2024	30 Apr 2024	1 May 2024	w/c 29 Jul 2024	w/c 29 Jul 2024	w/c 28 Oct 2024	w/c 28 Oct 2024	w/c 27 Jan 2025
Catalyst Awards	31 Jan 2024	30 Apr 2024	1 May 2024	w/c 29 Jul 2024	w/c 29 Jul 2024	w/c 28 Oct 2024	w/c 28 Oct 2024	w/c 27 Jan 2025

**UKRI Research Funding Service Transition timelines: ESRC**

DATE	ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RESEARCH COUNCIL (ESRC EVENT)
January 2024	Expected applicant response invitations for ESRC responsive mode: research grants and new investigator Grants Round 1
Spring 2024	Panel meeting and decisions communicated to applicants for ESRC responsive mode research grants and new investigator Grants Round

**UKRI Research Funding Service Transition timelines: EPSRC**

Date	EPSRC Event
April 2024	Outcomes expected for Group 1 opportunities
May 2024	Outcomes for some of the Group 2 opportunities including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EPSRC Postdoctoral Fellowship</li> <li>- Stephen Hawking Postdoctoral Fellowship</li> <li>- EPSRC Synthetic Biology Postdoctoral Fellowship</li> <li>- EPSRC Open Fellowship</li> </ul>
Further Detail to follow	Group 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Strategic Equipment Grants</u> (closing 30 March 2023 4:00pm UK time)</li> <li>• <u>Mathematical Sciences Small Grants Scheme</u> (open, no closing date)</li> <li>• <u>EPSRC Programme Grants</u> (closing date 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023 4:00pm UK Time)</li> </ul>