



## Grants Academy: UKRI recurring calls

### ResearchConnect

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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
<u>AHRC responsive mode: NSF-SBE lead agency:</u>	7 Dec 23 & recurring	up to 5 yrs	£1.2M
<u>AHRC Innovation Scholars secondments in design:</u>	30 Apr 24 & recurring	Up to 3 yrs	£200K
<u>AHRC early career research grant Catalyst Award</u>	Open	up to 5yrs	£300K
<u>AHRC standard research grant</u>	Open	up to 5yrs	£1.5
<u>Work with researchers in Luxembourg on arts and humanities projects I</u>	Open	-	£1M
<u>Curiosity Award</u>	Open	up to 5yrs	£100K
<u>AHRC Working with Brazilian researchers</u>	Open	5 yrs	£1M

BBSRC RECURRING CALLS	DEADLINE	TERM	FUNDING
<u>BBSRC standard research grant</u> Project, New Investigator, Strategic Longer and Larger (LoLA), LINK. 5 BBSRC research committees:  <u>A – animal disease, health &amp; welfare</u> <u>B - plants, microbes, food &amp; sustainability</u> <u>C – genes, devt &amp; STEM approaches</u> <u>D – molecules, cells &amp; industrial biotechnology.</u> <u>E- Fellowships &amp; personal awards</u>  Response mode priorities <a href="#">here</a>	<u>3 calls p.a.</u>	3–5 yrs	Up to £2M
<u>BBSRC Brazil pump-priming award</u>	Open	-	£35K
<u>BBSRC international travel award scheme</u>	Open	1mth	Up to £3K
<u>BBSRC Partnering Awards</u>	Annual usually Nov	4yrs	

ESRC RECURRING CALLS	DEADLINE	TERM	FUNDING
RESPONSE MODE GRANTS:			
<u>ESRC responsive mode: research grants round one – UKRI Research and New Investigator grants</u>	Open	To 5yrs	£350K–£1M £100-£300K
<u>ESRC Working with Brazilian researchers</u>	Open	-	£350K–£1M
<u>ESRC: Working with Luxembourg researchers</u>	Open	5yrs	£350K–£1M
<u>Secondary Data Analysis Initiative</u>	Open	2yrs	Up to £300K

EPSRC RECURRING CALLS	DEADLINE	TERM	FUNDING
RESPONSIVE MODE GRANTS: <u>EPSRC standard research grant – UKRI;</u> <u>EPSRC new investigator award – UKRI,</u> <u>EPSRC programme grant</u>	Open	3–5yrs	-
<u>EPSRC network grant</u>	Open	3yrs	-
<u>EPSRC working with overseas scientists</u>	Open	1yr	
<u>EPSRC Overseas travel grant</u>	Open	1yr	-
<u>EPSRC discipline-hopping in ICT</u>	Open	2yrs	-
<u>EPSRC mathematical sciences small grants scheme</u>	Open	1yr	£10-80K
<u>Manufacturing the future</u>	Open	-	£2M

MRC RECURRING CALLS	DEADLINE	TERM	FUNDING
RESPONSIVE MODE GRANTS: Project, New Investigator, Programme & Partnership grants. MRC response mode boards: <u>Infections and immunity research</u> <u>Neurosciences and mental health research</u>	3 calls p.a. <a href="#">here</a>	3–5yrs	-

<u>Molecular and cellular medicine research</u> <u>Population and systems medicine research</u>			
Please also see: <u>MRC strategic delivery plan</u>			
<u>Develop new approaches to small molecule medicine</u> (with Astra Zeneca)	Open		£250K
<u>Public Health Intervention Development (PHIND)</u>	2 calls p.a.	18 mths	£187.5K
<u>Experimental medicine</u>	2 calls p.a.	-	-
<u>Better methods, better research</u>	2 calls p.a.	3yrs	£625K
<u>Clinical academic research partnerships</u>	Annual (Nov)	1-3yrs	-
<u>Developmental Pathway Funding Scheme</u>	2 calls p.a.	-	£2M
<u>Pre-announcement: MRC new unit funding opportunity: round 2</u>	1 call p.a.	14yrs	£50M
<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>Undertake activities related to scientific ocean drilling</u>	Open	-	£10K
<u>NERC urgency funding</u>	Open	2 yrs	£65K
<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

<p><u>Collaborate with researchers in Luxembourg – UKRI</u></p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><u>UKRI-DFG (Germany) MOU</u></p>	<p>Calls opening soon</p>	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BBSRC in the area of the Integrative Microbiome - more information coming soon.</li> <li>• EPSRC</li> <li>• MRC</li> </ul>

## Appendix

### UKRI Research Funding Service Transition timelines AHRC

DATE	ARTS AND HUMANITIES RESEARCH COUNCIL (AHRC) EVENT
End of September 2023	<p><b>These opportunities will open in the Funding Service in Round 2:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research Grants Standard Route (including AHRC working with Brazilian researchers and UKRI-SBE lead agency opportunity)</li> <li>• Follow on Funding for Impact and Engagement</li> </ul>
19 October 2023	<p><b>These new opportunities will close in the Funding Service in Round 1:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Curiosity Awards</li> <li>• Catalyst Awards</li> </ul>
End October 2023	<p><b>These new opportunities will open in the Funding Service in Round 2:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Curiosity Awards</li> <li>• Catalyst Awards</li> </ul>
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 1 opens	Round 1 closes	Round 2 opens	Round 2 closes
Research Grants	29 June 2023	14 September 2023	<i>September 2023</i>	<i>December 2023</i>
Follow-on Funding	29 June 2023	14 September 2023	<i>September 2023</i>	<i>December 2023</i>
Curiosity Awards	17 July 2023	19 October 2023	<i>October 2023</i>	<i>January 2024</i>
Catalyst Awards	17 July 2023	19 October 2023	<i>October 2023</i>	<i>January 2024</i>

### UKRI Research Funding Service Transition timelines: ESRC

DATE	ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RESEARCH COUNCIL (ESRC EVENT)
28 September 2023  4:00 pm	<p><b>These opportunities will temporarily close in the Funding Service Round 1:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ESRC Responsive Mode: Research Grant</li> <li>• ESRC Responsive Mode: New Investigator</li> <li>• ESRC Responsive Mode: Secondary Data Research Initiative</li> </ul>
29 September 2023	All responsive mode schemes will reopen with no planned break in submission (no further closing dates).
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
28 September 2023  4:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closing date for all <b>Group 1</b> opportunities.</li> <li>• Closing date for <b>Group 2</b> opportunities including:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EPSRC Post Doctoral Fellowship</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
April 2024	<b>Outcomes expected for Group 1 opportunities</b>

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