

Overview of eligibility for standard research funding schemes for the arts, humanities and social sciences


The overview is just *indicative*. Please check the eligibility criteria of each scheme via the scheme website for complete and current information.


Please note that there are likely to be additional subject-specific funding schemes in your research area. These tend to be less competitive and can be found via Research Professional alongside all other funding options for UK researchers: <http://www.researchprofessional.com/>

Standard Research Funding Schemes	Years since PhD																
	pre-submission	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	>15
BA Postdoctoral Fellowship*																	
Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship*²																	
Junior Research Fellowships																	
ESRC Postdoctoral Fellowship																	
Wellcome Trust Early Career Award*																	
Wellcome Trust Career Development Award																	
Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships*																	
EPSRC Fellowship																	
BA Mid-Career Fellowship*																	
Leverhulme Research Fellowship³																	
Leverhulme Major Research Fellowship³																	
BA/Leverhulme Senior Research Fellowship³																	
Leverhulme Research Project Grant																	
AHRC Catalyst Award*⁵																	
AHRC Curiosity Award*⁵																	
ESRC New Investigators Grant*																	
ESRC Secondary Data Analysis Initiative³																	
ESRC Standard Grant*³																	
AHRC Standard Grant*³																	
ERC Starting Grant*																	
ERC Consolidator Grant*																	
ERC Advanced Grant*																	
BA/Leverhulme Small Grants scheme																	

 Fellowships

 Grants

 There is no fixed minimum time since PhD and display is just indicative.

 More suitable for early career researchers to be Co-I with established academic than to be PI themselves.

* career breaks such as maternity cover and illness or time outside of academia can be taken into account.

¹ normally at least one year at the university; two years of post-doctoral experience; within eight years of award of PhD or within six years of first academic appointment.

² only unestablished staff can apply (without permanent contract)

³ only established staff can apply (or with commitment of University to employment over course of grant plus 3-6 months). See funding guides for specific detail per funder or scheme.

⁴ more senior academic can apply with a junior academic as Co-I

⁵ Eligibility is determined on the basis of funding history. Years post-PhD or job title are not considered as a marker of career progression.