

# Funding Schemes Timetable for the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences 2018/2019

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The funding schemes listed here are **generic to arts, humanities and social sciences**. Not all funders or funding schemes use deadlines; very substantial amounts of funding are available through schemes without deadlines. These include the **AHRC standard grant**, **ESRC standard grant** (both up to five years and £1 million at full economic costing), **Leverhulme Project Grant** (up to £500,000, not full economic costing), **AHRC Leadership Fellow scheme**, **AHRC network grant** and **ESRC Secondary Data Analysis Initiative Grants** (up to 24 months and £300,000). For these schemes, applications **can be submitted at any time**.<sup>1</sup>

Almost all subject areas will have **subject specific funders** with schemes for early career and established researchers. These tend to be less competitive and can be found via *Research Professional* alongside all other funding options for UK researchers [www.researchprofessional.com](http://www.researchprofessional.com), including those offered by the European Commission (e.g. topics under **Horizon 2020's Societal Challenges** and frontier research projects led by individual PIs funded by the **European Research Council**). A search on *Research Professional* can be setup to generate a weekly personalised funding newsletter. Some information about subject-specific funding opportunities may also be found on Department/Faculty websites or newsletters. Departmental contacts for Research Grant Administration can be found at <http://www.ahssresearch.group.cam.ac.uk/Research-support-contacts/>.

A useful link to all **British Academy** research funding schemes, including the Newton Fund schemes it manages, is available here: <http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding-opportunities>

As part of its 2015 spending review, the UK government provided £1.5 billion of Official Development Assistance for research – the **Global Challenges Research Fund**<sup>1</sup> (GCRF) (mainly for research projects) and the **Newton Fund**<sup>1</sup> (mainly mobility fellowships and institutional partnerships). Funding applications need to be compliant with official development assistance requirements and link with ODA recipient countries. The current financial allocation will run until 2020/21 and is being gradually rolled out with a particular increase from 2017/18. We are therefore expecting increasing funding opportunities under this label. In order to put ourselves in a position to respond to these early planning would be advisable because the calls will have a quick turn-around. Calls under the GCRF are **not included in the table below**. These can be found on the pages decided to the GCRF on the RCUK website, through individual Research Council websites (e.g. the **ESRC** or **AHRC**); or by subscribing to the **Research Professional** funding newsletter: <http://www.ahssresearch.group.cam.ac.uk/material/research-professional-registration-and-search.pdf> (a search on *Research Professional* can be easily set up and personalised to generate a weekly personalised funding newsletter).

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| Deadline                  | Call   | Date announced                     | Specifics   | Process   | For more information, contact: |
|---------------------------|--|------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------|
| <b>Long vacation 2018</b> |  |                                    |   |   |                                |
| 12 September              | <u>British Academy Global Professorship</u>                              | Summer 2018                        | Up to £250,000 per annum for the first three years, fourth years requires institutional support   | Internal selection administered by RSO in August  | AC                             |
| 18 September 2018         | <u>Wellcome Trust Investigator Awards (full)</u>                         | January                            | From £250,000 to £1 million   | July 2018 preliminary outline deadline, shortlisting November 2018. Interviews January 2019. Twice a year, July/Sep, Jan/Mar                              | AC                             |
| 18 September 2018         | <u>Wellcome Trust Collaborative Awards (full)</u>                        | January                            | Up to £1.5 million over 5 years; team of 4-6 PIs  | July 2018 preliminary outline deadline, shortlisting November 2018. Interviews January 2018. Twice a year   | AC                             |
| 19 September 2018         | <u>British Academy Mid-Career fellowship (outline stage) (35 awards)</u> | August                             | Up to 12 months teaching replacement  | Two stage application   | AC                             |
| 20 September 2018         | <u>Wellcome Trust Research Fellowships (full)</u>                        | January                            | £275,000 up to three years  | July 2018 preliminary outline deadline, shortlisting November 2018. Interviews January 2019. Twice a year   | AC                             |
| 24 September 2018         | <u>Nuffield Foundation grants (outline)</u>                              | N/A                                | £10,000-£500,000, 6 months to 3 years typically. Three broad domains: <u>Education</u> (early years education and childcare; skills; teaching quality; young people's pathways; educational disadvantage); <u>Welfare</u> (family dynamics and labour market outcomes; social and economic welfare in later life; geographical inequalities; social and economic analysis to inform public debate) and <u>Justice</u> (family and young justice; decision-making; participation and rights) | Twice a year call, two stage application process. Results of this round announce in November 2018, full applications (invite only) due on 14 January 2019 | AC                             |
| 27 September 2018         | <u>Marie-Sklódowska Curie COFUND</u>                                     | October 2017 (opens 12 April 2018) | 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. 1 beneficiary, responsible for matching funds  | Yearly, single stage application  | MH                             |

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| 15 September 2018   | <a href="#">Fritz Thyssen Foundation</a> – project support                | N/A              | Support for projects – up to 3 years, research staff, admin/tech, travel costs, not suitable for staff already with posts, no overheads (see promotion areas). | Two deadlines per year (Feb/Sep)  | MH                             |
|   |   |                  |  |   |                                |
| <b>Internal:</b> deadline tbc as of 03.09.2018. Expected to fall in November. | <a href="#">Cambridge Humanities Research Grants</a>                      | August           | Up to £20k   | Two rounds per annum; Feb/March and Sept/Oct  |                                |
| 11 October 2018   | <a href="#">Leverhulme Visiting Professorship</a>                         | September        | 3-12 months; £10k-150k; incoming to Cambridge  | Two rounds per year, May & October, results within 6 months   | AC                             |
| 17 October 2018 (Internal deadline in late summer through departments)        | <a href="#">British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowships</a> (45 awards)      | August           | 3 years duration; fEC  | Annually; two stage; result of outline stage January 2019 with selective invitations to submit to second round. | AC                             |
| Not announced yet   | <a href="#">British Academy Rising Star Engagement Awards</a> (35 awards) |                  | For early career within 10 years of PhD; £10k for skills development, academic and non-academic; FBA required as mentor  |   | AC                             |
| 17 October 2018   | <a href="#">ERC Starting Grant 2019 Work Programme</a>                    | July 2017        | Up to EUR 1.5 million over 5 years; PI to be 2-7 years post-PhD. Min. 50% FTE for PI.  | Single stage application; two-stage assessment with interview.  | MH                             |
| 8 November 2018<br><b>*Large scale funding opportunity</b>                    | <a href="#">ERC Synergy Grant 2019 Work Programme</a>                     | July 2017        | 2-4 PIs at same or different institutions; up to 6 years; up to 10 million EUR.  | Ran in 2012 and 2013; expected to run in 2019 and 2020.   | MH                             |
| 7 November 2018   | <a href="#">British Academy/Leverhulme Small Research Grants</a>          | September        | Up to £10k over 24 months and around 200 awards  |   | AC                             |
| 8 November 2018   | <a href="#">Leverhulme International Academic Fellowship</a>              | 1 September 2018 | 3-12 months; outgoing fellowship; up to 45k for methods training, teaching replacement; teaching collaboration; overseas travel, not exclusively research      | annually  | AC                             |

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| 8 November 2018   | <a href="#">Leverhulme Research Fellowship</a> (90 awards)                              | 1 September 2018                          | 3-24 months teaching replacement, max £55k   | annually  | AC                             |
| 15 November 2018<br><i>*Large scale funding opportunity</i>           | <a href="#">AHRC Centre for Cultural Value</a>  | September                                 | £2.5 million over five years to advance understanding of the value of arts and culture in the UK and abroad  | Interview Panel - January 2019 (tbc)<br>Announcement of successful award - February 2019<br>Launch of Centre for Cultural Value - Summer 2019 | AC                             |
| Not announced yet   | ESRC Celebrating Impact Prize   | September 2018                            | £10,000  | Yearly  | AC                             |
| Not announced yet   | <a href="#">BA/Leverhulme Senior Research Fellowship</a> (8 awards)                     | October 2018                              | Up to 12 months teaching replacement   |   | AC                             |
| 29 November 2018 (outline)<br><i>*Large scale funding opportunity</i> | <a href="#">ESRC National Centre for Research Methods (2019-2024)</a>                   | Autumn                                    | £3 million (100% fEC) for a period of five years to develop and deliver a strategy for methods training and capacity-building in the social sciences.  | Two stage call, with EoI first, then full proposals. Full proposal on 10 January 2019.  | AC                             |
| 30 November 2018  | <a href="#">Fritz Thyssen Foundation</a> – conference support                           |   | Inter/national conferences, 15-20 speakers around broad themes (see <a href="#">promotion areas</a> ). Travel, accommodation, meals and incidentals such as flyers/posters covered.  | Quarterly calls (Feb 30, May 31, Aug 31, Nov 30)  | MH                             |
| <b>Lent term 2019</b>   |   |   |  |   |                                |
| <b>Internal:</b> January 2019   | Isaac Newton Trust for <a href="#">Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship</a>               |   | For 50% co-funding over three years  | Internal selection process  | AC                             |
| 14 January 2019   | <a href="#">Nuffield Foundation grants</a> (full)                                       |   |  |   | AC                             |
| 15 January 2019   | <a href="#">Marie-Sklodowska Curie Innovative Training Networks 2019 Work Programme</a> | 27 October 2017 (opens 13 September 2018) | Up to 48 months, joint research training programmes implemented by partnerships of universities, research institutions, research infrastructures, businesses, SMEs, and other socio-economic actors from min.3 different countries across Europe and beyond. | Yearly, in January. 1 stage application. See <a href="#">EC Participant Portal</a> .  | MH                             |

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| 7 January 2019   | <a href="#">Study Abroad Studentship</a>                      | September 2018                      | 21k p/a plus 7k for dependent; 1-2years   | Yearly  |                                |
| 9 January 2019   | <a href="#">Wellcome Trust Investigator Awards</a> (outline)  |                                     | From £250,000 to £1 million   | Two stage, full deadline in 26 March 2019 plus interview July 2019        | AC                             |
| 9 January 2019   | <a href="#">Wellcome Trust collaborative awards</a> (outline) |                                     | Up to £1.5 million over 5 years; team of 4-6 PIs  | Two stage, full deadline in 26 March 2019 plus interview July 2019        | AC                             |
| 11 January 2019  | <a href="#">Wellcome Trust Research Fellowships</a> (outline) |                                     | £275,000.up to three years  | Two stage, full deadline in 28 March 2019 plus interview July 2019        | AC                             |
| 31 January 2019  | <a href="#">Leverhulme Emeritus Fellowship</a>                | 1 September 2018                    | Up to two years and £22k  |   | AC                             |
| 7 February 2019  | ERC Consolidator Grant 2019 Work Programme                    | August 2018 (opens 24 October 2018) | Up to EUR 2 million over up to 5 years; PI to be 7-12 years post-PhD. Min. 40% FTE for PI.  | 1 Stage Application; 2 Stage review; with Interview                       | MH                             |
| 15 February 2019 | <a href="#">Fritz Thyssen Foundation</a> – project support    |                                     | Support for projects – up to 3 years, research staff, admin/tech, travel costs, not suitable for staff already with posts, no overheads (see promotion areas).                      | Two deadlines per year (Feb/Sep)  | MH                             |
| 20 February 2019 | British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowship (second round)        | January 2019                        | Around 800 applications, 50 awards  | Two stage application with first deadline in October each year            | AC                             |
| 28 February 2019 | <a href="#">Fritz Thyssen Foundation</a> – conference support |                                     | Inter/national conferences, 15-20 speakers around broad themes (see <a href="#">promotion areas</a> ). Travel, accommodation, meals and incidentals such as flyers/posters covered. | Quarterly calls (Feb 30, May 31, Aug 31, Nov 30)                          | MH                             |
| 11 March 2019    | <a href="#">Cambridge Humanities Research Grants</a>          | February 2019                       | Up to £20k  | Two rounds per annum; Feb/March Oct/Nov                                   | AC                             |
| 28 February 2019 | <a href="#">Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship</a>            | January 2019                        | For 50% co-funding, INT   | <a href="#">Isaac Newton Trust selection process</a> in January each year | AC                             |
| 6 March 2019     | <a href="#">British Academy Global Professorship</a>          | November 2018                       | Up to £250,000 per annum for the first three years, fourth years requires institutional support   | Internal selection administered by RSO                                    | AC                             |

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| 18 March 2019                       | <a href="#">Nuffield Foundation grants</a> (outline) |                                     | £10,000-£500,000, 6 months to 3 years typically. Three broad domains: <a href="#">Education</a> (early years education and childcare; skills; teaching quality; young people's pathways; educational disadvantage); <a href="#">Welfare</a> (family dynamics and labour market outcomes; social and economic welfare in later life; geographical inequalities; social and economic analysis to inform public debate) and <a href="#">Justice</a> (family and young justice; decision-making; participation and rights).  | Twice a year call, two stage application process.                              | AC                             |
| Not currently open for applications | <a href="#">Newton Mobility Grants</a>               | January 2019                        | Brazil, Turkey, Thailand, but may vary; 1 year travel and maintenance, varies by country of application. Researchers must be postdoctoral or above, or with equivalent research experience. Researchers must apply with a UK co-applicant. Grant to establish and develop collaboration with UK researchers around a specific jointly defined research project; particularly suited to initiate new collaborative partnerships, between scholars who have not previously worked together, or new initiatives between scholars who have collaborated in the past. | Twice yearly, September/March<br><a href="#">Full list of Newton countries</a> |                                |
| Not currently open for applications | <a href="#">Newton Advanced Fellowships</a>          | Not currently open for applications | China, Brazil, Turkey opportunities vary by country of application. The award enables international researchers based in a country covered by the Newton Fund to establish and develop collaborations with the UK with the intention of transferring knowledge and research capabilities. The skills and knowledge gained should contribute to advancing economic development and social welfare of the partner country.   | Twice yearly, September/March<br><a href="#">Full list of Newton countries</a> |                                |

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| 27 March 2019           | <a href="#">Newton International Fellowships</a>           | January 2017                            | <b>For non-UK applicants working in any country outside the UK</b> , 2 years travel and maintenance, varies by country of application. Funding consists of £24,000 per annum for subsistence costs, and up to £8,000 per annum research expenses, plus a one-off payment of up to £2,000 for relocation expenses. Awards include a contribution to the overheads incurred, at a rate of 50% of the total award to the visiting researcher. Applicants may also be eligible to receive follow on Alumni funding following the tenure of their Fellowship to support networking activities with UK-based researchers. |  | MH                             |
| 26 March 2019           | <a href="#">Wellcome Trust Investigator Awards (full)</a>  | January                                 | From £250,000 to £1 million   | Two stage, full deadline on 26 March 2019 plus interview July 2019 | AC                             |
| 28 March 2019           | <a href="#">Wellcome Trust Research Fellowships (full)</a> | January                                 | £275,000.up to three years  | Two stage, full deadline on 28 March 2019 plus interview July 2019 | AC                             |
| 26 March 2019           | <a href="#">Wellcome Trust collaborative awards (full)</a> | January                                 | Up to £1.5 million over 5 years; team of 4-6 PIs  | Two stage, full deadline on 26 March 2019 plus interview July 2019 | AC                             |
| <b>Easter term 2019</b> |  |   |   |  |                                |
| 2 April 2019            | <a href="#">Marie-Skłodowska Curie RISE</a>                | 27 October 2017 (opens 4 December 2018) | Research and Innovation Staff Exchange involving organisations from the academic and non-academic sectors (in particular SMEs), based in Europe and outside Europe, min. 3 countries  | Yearly, 1 stage application  | MH                             |
| 2 May 2019              | <a href="#">Leverhulme Major Research Fellowship</a>       | February 2019                           | 24-36 months teaching replacement and limited research expenses   |  | AC                             |

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| 9 May 2019                | <a href="#">Leverhulme Visiting Professorship</a>                | February 2019  | 3-12 months; £10k-150k; incoming to Cambridge   | Two rounds per year, May & October, results within 6 months                   | AC                             |
| 10 May 2019               | <a href="#">Leverhulme Research Leadership Awards</a>            | Spring 2019    | £800,000 and £1 million over four to five years for staff salaries and associated research costs.   | Restricted call, one application per university                               | AC                             |
| 20 May 2019               | <a href="#">Philip Leverhulme Prize (30 awards)</a>              | January 2019   | Each £100k; <u>for 2019</u><br>For 2019: Archaeology; Chemistry; Economics; Engineering; Geography; Languages and Literatures.  | Nominations by HoD (internal selection through RSO in January 2018)           | AC                             |
| 15 May 2019               | <a href="#">BA/Wolfson Fellowships (6 awards)</a>                |                | 3 years, for early career researchers, for teaching buy-out and research, £130,000  | One stage process, applicants informed of decision by end of July 2019        | AC                             |
| 31 May 2019               | <a href="#">Fritz Thyssen Foundation – conference support</a>    |                | Inter/national conferences, 15-20 speakers around broad themes (see <a href="#">promotion areas</a> ). Travel, accommodation, meals and incidentals such as flyers covered. | Quarterly calls (Feb, May, Aug, Nov)  | MH                             |
| 5 June 2019               | <a href="#">British Academy/Leverhulme Small research grants</a> | April 2018     | Up to £10k over 24 months; and around 200 awards  | Twice a year; deadlines: Oct/May  | AC                             |
| 14 June 2019              | <a href="#">Gerda Henkel – Research Scholarships</a>             |                | 1-24 months, subsistence, travel, material expenses (monthly subsistence according to career stage)   |   | MH                             |
| 19 June 2019              | <a href="#">Gerda Henkel – Democracy</a>                         |                | Up to 36 months; subsistence, travel, material expenses (monthly subsistence according to career stage)   | Single stage application  | MH                             |
| 19 June 2019              | <a href="#">Gerda Henkel – Lost Cities</a>                       |                | Up to 36 months; subsistence, travel, material expenses (monthly subsistence according to career stage)   | Single stage application  | MH                             |
| Not currently Open        | Wellcome Trust Seed Awards                                       |                | £25,000 and £100,000. To develop ideas for a larger grant application.  |   | AC                             |
| <b>Long Vacation 2019</b> |  |                |   |   |                                |
| 2 July 2019               | <a href="#">Wellcome Trust Investigator Awards</a> (outline)     | January        | From £250,000 to £1 million   | Two stage with full application deadline in September plus interview Jan 2020 | AC                             |

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| 2 July 2019                 | <a href="#">Wellcome Trust collaborative awards</a> (outline)                        | January                         | Up to £1.5 million over 5 years; team of 4-6 PIs  | Two stage with full application deadline in September plus interview Jan 2020 | AC                             |
| 2 July 2019                 | <a href="#">Wellcome Trust Research Fellowships</a> (outline)                        | January                         | £275,000.up to three years  | Two stage with full application deadline in September plus interview Jan 2020 | AC                             |
| July 2019                   | <a href="#">Nuffield Foundation grants</a> (full)                                    |                                 |   |   | AC                             |
| 31 August 2019              | <a href="#">Fritz Thyssen Foundation</a> – conference support                        |                                 | Inter/national conferences, 15-20 speakers around broad themes (see <a href="#">promotion areas</a> ). Travel, accommodation, meals and incidentals such as flyers covered.         | Quarterly calls (Feb, May, Aug, Nov)  | MH                             |
| 29 August 2019              | <a href="#">ERC Advanced Grant 2019 Work Programme</a>                               | August 2018 (opens 21 May 2019) | Up to EUR 2.5 million over 5 years; PIs are expected to be exceptional leaders with a track record within the last 10 years which meets particular benchmarks. Min. 30% FTE for PI. | 1 Stage Application; 2 Stage review; with Interview                           | MH                             |
| September 2019              | <a href="#">EC Marie-Sklodowska Curie Individual Fellowships 2019 Work Programme</a> | (opens July 2019)               | Two-year visiting research, training and mobility fellowship. Mobility criteria.  | One stage application; heavy involvement of Host Supervisor                   | MH                             |
| 17 September 2019           | <a href="#">Wellcome Trust Investigator Awards</a> (full)                            | January                         | From £250,000 to £1 million   |   | AC                             |
| 17 September 2019           | <a href="#">Wellcome Trust Collaborative Awards</a> (full)                           | January                         | Up to £1.5 million over 5 years; team of 4-6 PIs  |   | AC                             |
| September 2019 (mid)        | <a href="#">British Academy Mid-Career fellowship</a> (outline stage) (35 awards)    | August                          | Up to 12 months teaching replacement  | Two stage application   | AC                             |
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| <b>Michaelmas term 2019</b> |  |                                 |   |   |                                |

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**Currently unclear whether and when continued:**

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|  | Early-Career Fellowship (ISRF)  |             |  |   |
|  | Mid-Career Fellowship (ISRF)  |             | Up to 12 months and £60k   |   |
|  | ESRC Transformative Social Sciences (TBC)<br>The future of the scheme is uncertain.                     |             | Up to 18 months and £250k  | Restricted call with Cambridge internal selection; yearly |
|  | BA/Wolfson Research Professorships (4 awards)   | Summer 2019 | Three years of teaching replacement and research expenses  | Every three years (next due in 2019)                      |
|  | British Academy International Partnership and Mobility scheme (twenty 3-year awards; ten 1-year awards) | December    | £10k for 1 year; £30k for 3 years; research skills and capacity building through international collaboration with Africa, Latin America and Caribbean, Middle-East, Eurasia, South Asia, East and/or South-East Asia to mutual benefit | annual  |

<sup>1</sup> Please note that deadlines for funding calls and their coverage and remit are subject to change or withdrawal. Applicants are advised to consult the appropriate websites regularly for the latest information.