

Arts and Humanities Research Council: Funding Opportunities for Early Career Researchers

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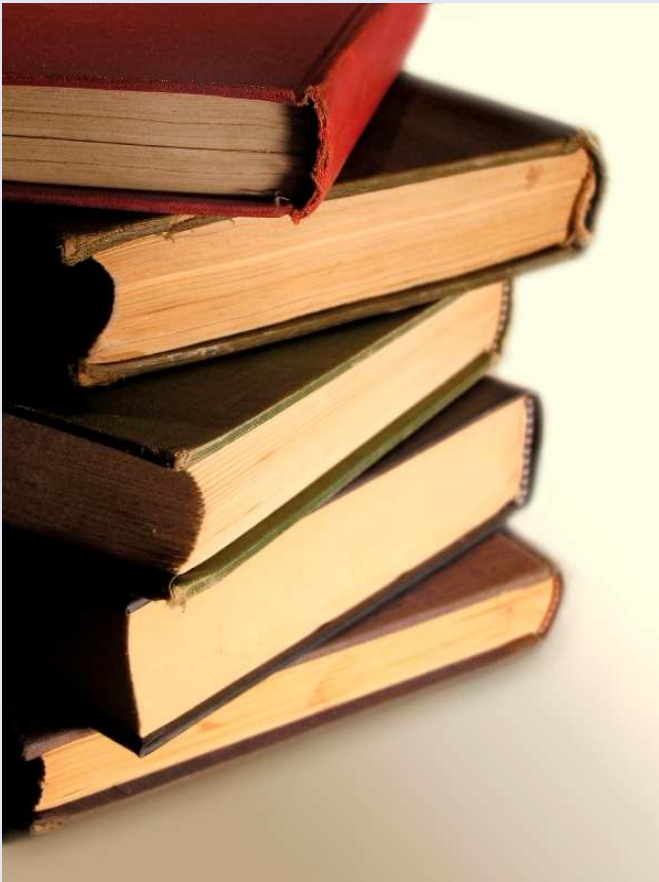
AHRC

History:

- AHRB formed 1998
- AHRC Royal Charter April 2005
- 1 of 7 UK Research Councils

Scope:

- AHRC receives 2.8% of the UK's science and research budget, but....
- 27% of research-active academic community within AHRC remit
- Over 14,000 academics
- Approximately 50 disciplines/sub-disciplines
- Arts and humanities research received highest 4* in 2008 RAE



AHRC Subject Remit

Histories, Cultures and Heritage

History, philosophy, religious studies & law, art history, conservation of art and textiles, dictionaries and databases, cultural geography, archaeology, classics and ancient history and library, information and museum studies

Creative Arts and Digital Humanities

Contemporary arts practice, theory in art, design and media, architecture, visual arts, creative writing, music, dance, drama and theatre studies

Languages Literature & International Engagement

Journalism, media & communication studies, American studies, cultural studies and popular culture, gender and sexuality, lifewriting, literary and cultural theory, post-colonial studies, text editing and bibliography, English language and literature, linguistics and modern languages.

Arts & Humanities Research Council
Delivery Plan 2011-2015



Priorities, 2011-15

- Advancing UK's world-leading reputation for research
- Building capacity and capability
- Enabling researchers
- Strategic targeting of partnerships and greater brokerage activities, to:
 - influence public policy
 - engage with the creative economy
 - have an impact internationally
 - have greater profile with public

AHRC Funding

c. £100m per annum

1) Postgraduate funding (c.£43m / annum)

- DTPs, CDTs

2) Research funding (c.£51m)

i. Responsive Mode

- Research Grants (inc. early career route)
- Leadership Fellows (inc. early career route)
- Research Networking
- Follow-on-funding for impact & engagement

Responsive mode schemes operate to open deadlines

ii. Thematic / strategic programmes

Research Grants

- Support well-defined research projects enabling individual researchers to collaborate with & bring benefits to, other individuals and organisations through the development of high quality research
- Must be collaborative: PI & at least 1 Co-I
- Up to 60 months & full Economic Cost (fEC) of £50,000k - £1m (standard route)



Research Grants – Early Career Route

- Same aims as standard route – introduced to support researchers at the start of their careers in gaining experience of managing & leading research projects
- Full Economic Cost (fEC) of £50,000 - £250,000, maximum 60 months
- AHRC aims to ensure the success rates for early career proposals is higher than those submitted under the standard route
- Only the principal investigator needs to meet the early career eligibility; co-investigators may be at any stage



Leadership Fellows Scheme

- Provides time for research leaders / potential future research leaders to undertake focused individual research alongside collaborative activities which have the potential to generate a transformative impact on their subject area and beyond
- World leading research alongside collaborative activities that develop the fellow's capacity for research leadership
- 6-18 months, £50-250k (standard route)



Leadership Fellows Scheme – Early Career Route

- To develop the experience & capabilities of ECRs at crucial phase of their careers
- To support the production of high quality, innovative research that moves significantly beyond doctoral projects
- Duration: 6-24 months
- Funding: £50-250k fEC



Eligibility

Early Career Researcher:

At the point of application, applicants must be:

- Within 8 years of the award of your PhD, **or**
- Within 6 years of your first academic appointment

For the Leadership Fellows scheme:

- must have been employed at the university they wish to apply through for **one** year
- must have at least **two** years of post-doctoral experience in an academic/research environment or equivalent

For all schemes:

- must have contractual arrangement with an eligible UK HEI or IRO

AHRC's Strategic Themes

Care for the Future



Digital Transformations



Science in Culture



Translating Cultures



International Opportunities

- International researchers eligible as Co-Is on AHRC grants – up to 30% of the fEC
- Lead agency agreements with FAPESP (Sao Paulo, Brazil) & National Science Foundation (US)
- Research Networking: proposals involving international collaborations may apply for additional funding
- Actively involved in European platforms e.g. HERA & Horizon 2020
- International Placement Scheme: allocates 2-6 month fellowships to PhD students & ECRs at some of the world's leading research institutions



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Questions?

