

The British Academy

Academic Careers Observatory
Early Career Research Funding

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BA Focus

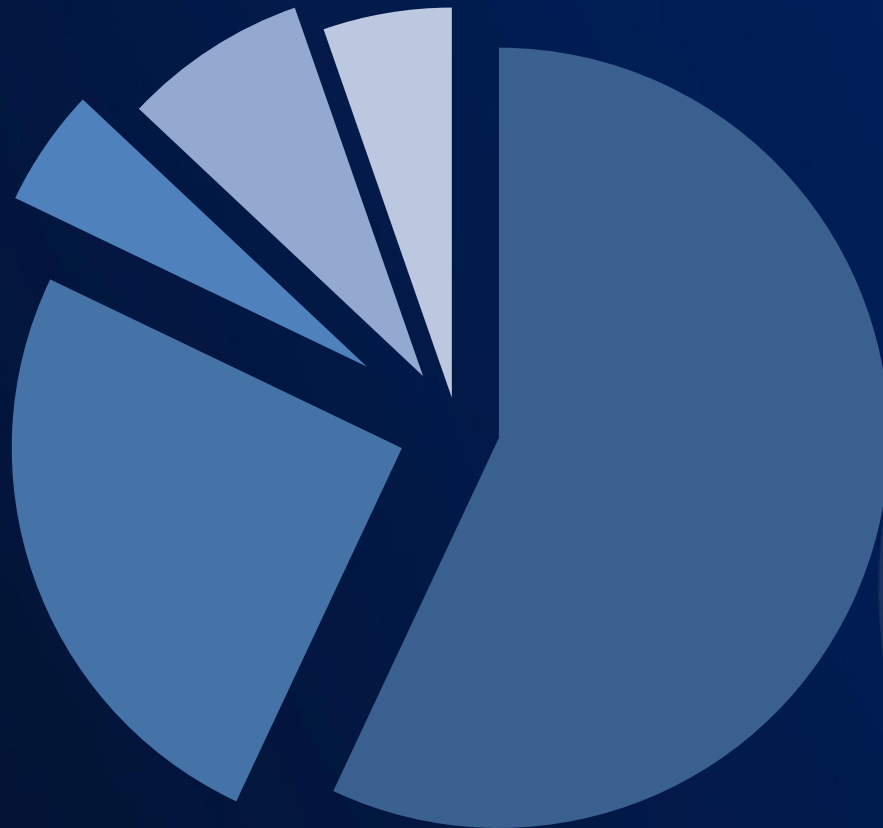
- Awards to Individuals
- International engagement
- Excellence and engagement
- Languages and Quantitative Skills
- Humanities and social sciences
- Postdoctoral level throughout career path



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Research and international spend 2012-13



- Postdoctoral Fellowships, £10.5m
- Mid-Career Fellowships, inc sunsetting BARDA, £4.6m
- Small Research Grants, £0.9m plus £0.5m from Leverhulme Trust
- Newton International Fellowships, £1.4m
- IPM and International Activities, £1m

Postdoctoral Fellowships

- currently offering up to 45 awards each year
- tenable for three years
 - experience of independent research
 - introduction to teaching
 - career development
 - output and dissemination

Postdoctoral Fellowships

Eligibility

- Any EEA national
- Anyone of any nationality with UK doctorate
- Doctorate awarded between April 2011 and April 2014
- Agreed support from UK university as host

Postdoctoral Fellowships

- Annual competition
- 2-stage application process
- Deadline for outline applications Oct 2013
- Shortlist announced in February
- Final awards announced in May
- Awards to be taken up from Sep 2014
- High priority scheme

Postdoctoral Fellowships

- 747 applications in 2012-13, expect 45 awards
- 923 applications in 2011-12, 45 awards, 4.8% success rate
- 826 applications in 2011, 47 awards, 5.7% success rate
- 900 applications in 2010, 45 awards, 5% success rate

Newton International Fellowships

Run by two national academies (Royal Society, British Academy)

- Supports visits by foreign scholars to the UK for up to two years
- Covers any discipline within remit of RS and BA
- Electronic application via RS e-Gap system
- Next round currently open for deadline 10 April 2013
- See www.newtonfellowships.org

Newton International Fellowships

Eligibility

- No more than 7 years of active full time postdoctoral experience at the time of application
- Yes to those in final stages of PhD (provided viva before start of Fellowship)
- Working outside the UK and not UK citizen at time of application
- Individuals already living, working or researching in the UK are not eligible to apply

BA/Leverhulme Small Research Grants

- Open to all scholars, including early career, who are ordinarily resident in UK
- Awards £10k, tenable for up to 24 months
- Commonly used for pilot studies, small-scale projects – often first grants for early career scholars
- Worldwide in scope, international partners
- High priority in Academy portfolio

BA/Leverhulme Small Research Grants

- Two rounds of competition per year
- Competition opens Feb for deadline on 10 April 2013
- Awards for research to start between 1 Sep and 31 Mar
- Next round in autumn for deadline in November 2013
- Awards for research to start between Apr and Aug 2014

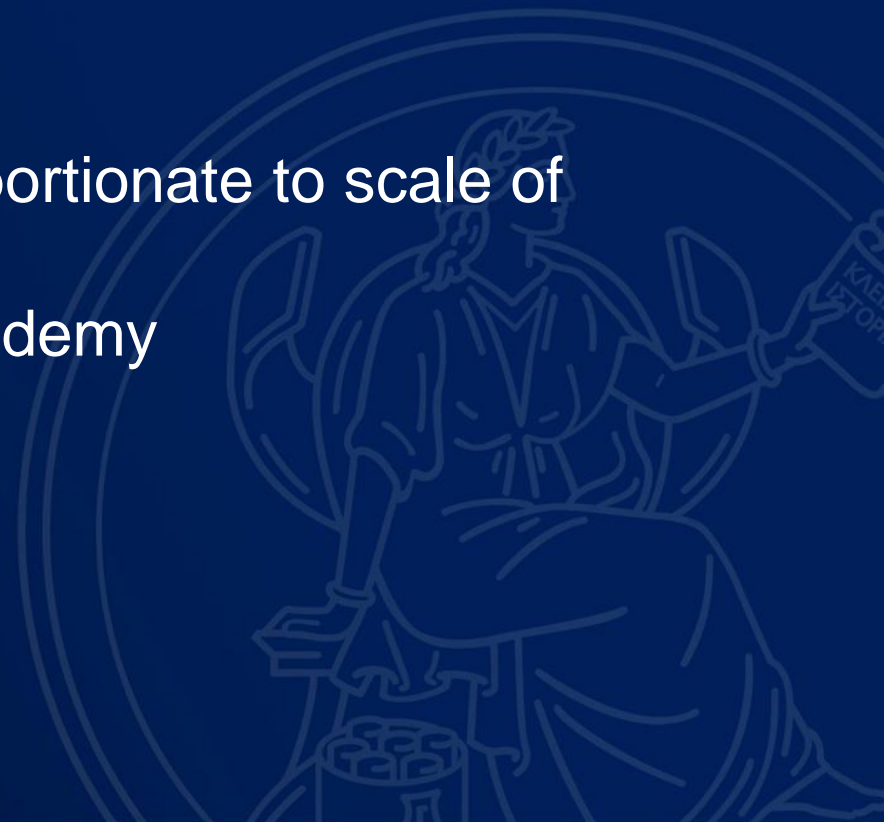
Evaluation Criteria

For all awards:

- academic merit
- originality of proposal
- relationship to and volume of research already in the field
- feasibility of research programme
- specificity of scheme of research
- intended outcomes

Peer Review

- assessment procedures proportionate to scale of funding
- subject specialists within Academy





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