



# Applying for Funding Opportunities for Young Researchers- ESRC




# I. Who are the ESRC?

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- ▶ Research budget of £211 million
  - ▶ More than 100 research investments funded
  - ▶ £45 million per year invested in training, supporting almost 3,000 studentships
  - ▶ In 2009-10, there were 1,335 applications for Small and Standard Grants, from which 218 awards were granted
  - ▶ 35 per cent of research projects graded 'outstanding'

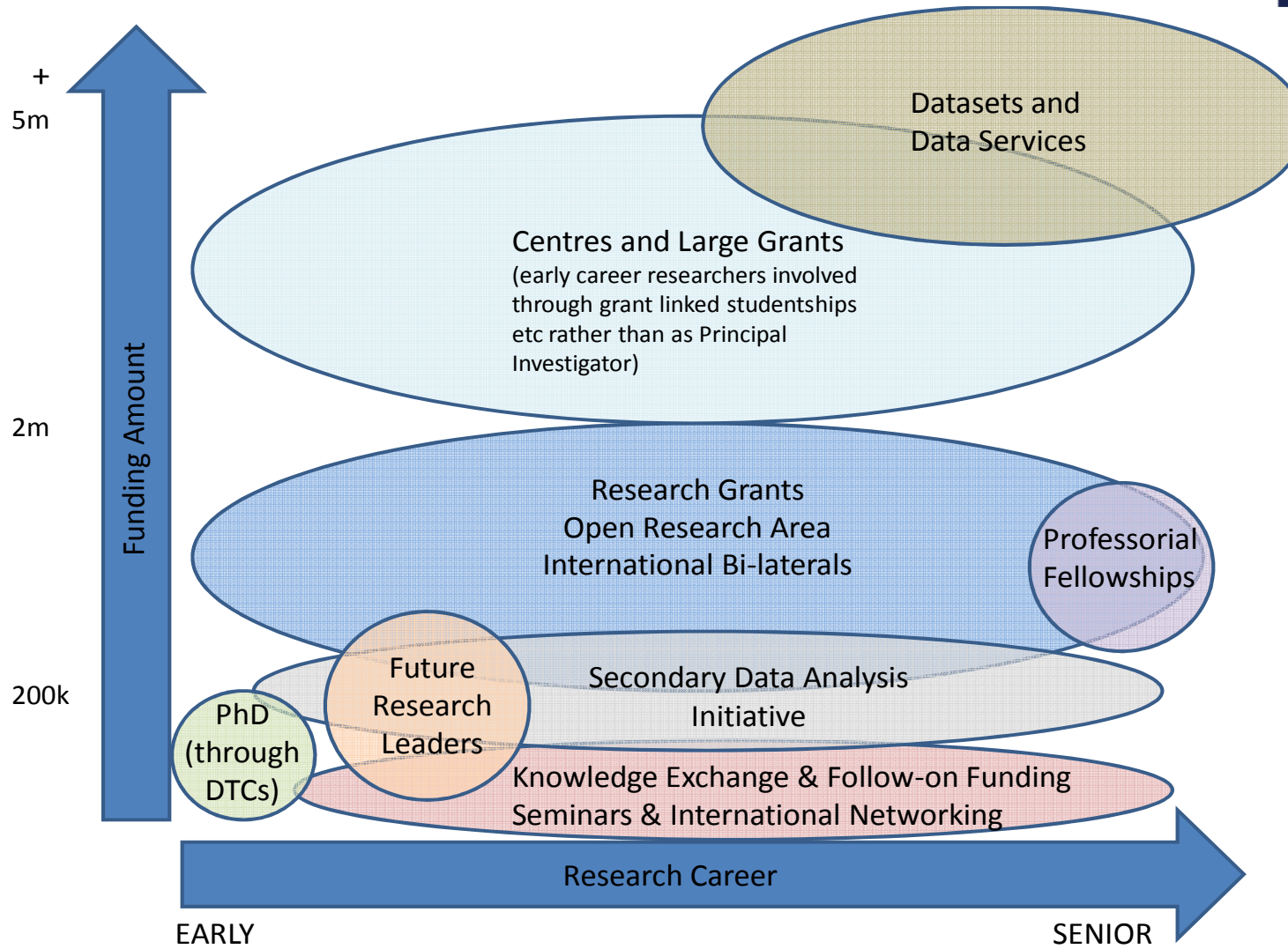
## 2. ESRC International Strategy

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- ▶ **Enable** the best researchers to work together regardless of international borders by identifying and removing barriers and by increasing research capacity.
  - ▶ **Encourage** UK social scientists to engage with international funding opportunities.
  - ▶ **Embed** international perspectives in all ESRC major research priorities and activities from and an early stage.
  - ▶ **Equip** researchers with the necessary skills, methods, data and resources needed to collaborate internationally or undertake international comparative work.
  - ▶ **Engage** and work with international agencies, other national agencies, our RCUK and other UK partners where this can bring benefits to the UK social science community.
  - ▶ **Evaluate** and benchmark the quality of UK social science internationally.


## 3. Health of Social Science Strategy

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- ▶ Providing support across all stages of the career
  - ▶ Expanding training and development opportunities – building a national training infrastructure
  - ▶ Opportunities for early and mid-career through PhDs and Future Research Leaders


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## 5. Types of International Funding

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- ▶ **PhDs** – relaxed international eligibility rules; international partnerships
  - ▶ **Future Leader Scheme** – promoting international mobility
  - ▶ **Knowledge Exchange/ Follow on Fund** – promoting impact on policy and practice nationally and internationally
  - ▶ **Secondary Data Analysis Initiative** – promoting international collaboration and comparison
  - ▶ **Research Seminars** – additional support for international participants/events
  - ▶ **Research Grants** – International Co-Investigator Policy & Lead Agency Agreements

## 6. Doctoral Training Centres


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- ▶ <http://www.esrc.ac.uk/funding-and-guidance/funding-opportunities/looking-for-funding/index.aspx>
  - ▶ 21 Doctoral Training Centres drawing together the best social science training
  - ▶ Fund over 600 studentships a year
  - ▶ Concentrating studentships in strategic areas (e.g. QM and macroeconomics)
  - ▶ Relaxed rules around international eligibility for overseas students in Economics or Advanced Quantitative Methods

## 7. ESRC Future Research Leaders Scheme

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- To enable early career social scientists to acquire the skill set to become future world leaders in their field
  - To include a programme of research skills development in collaboration with the grant holder's host organisation, including the appointment of a named research mentor of high international research standing
  - An in-depth opportunity to 'learn by doing': through designing and taking overall responsibility as a principal investigator



## 8. Scope of the Scheme

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- ▶ Maximum of 3 years in duration with an overall limit of £215,000 at 100 per cent full Economic Cost (fEC)
  - ▶ Applicants can claim up to 60% of their salary through the scheme
  - ▶ Awards due to start in October 2012
  - ▶ Eligibility - open to high-quality candidates from anywhere in the world who have a maximum of four years' postdoctoral experience (or equivalent professional experience)

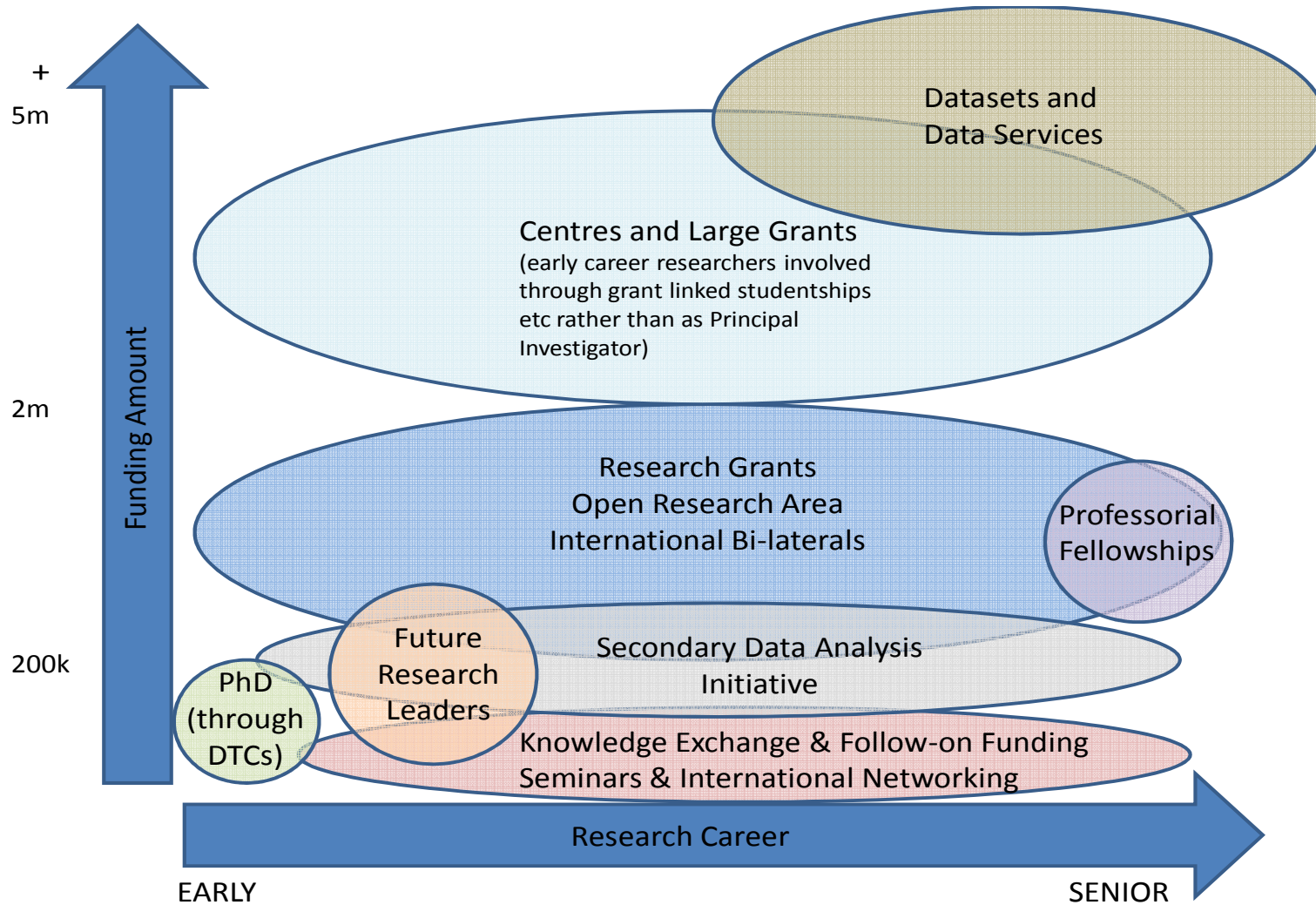
## 9. Further Information

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- ▶ The 2011 call documentation is available for reference at the following website:

[http://www.esrc.ac.uk/funding-and-guidance/funding-opportunities/15938/Future\\_Research\\_Leaders\\_Call\\_for\\_Outline\\_Proposals\\_2011.aspx](http://www.esrc.ac.uk/funding-and-guidance/funding-opportunities/15938/Future_Research_Leaders_Call_for_Outline_Proposals_2011.aspx)

- ▶ [futureresearchleaders@esrc.ac.uk](mailto:futureresearchleaders@esrc.ac.uk)

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# 11. Knowledge Exchange

## Knowledge Exchange Opportunities Scheme


- (e.g. Placement Fellowships and follow on funding scheme)
- <http://www.esrc.ac.uk/funding-and-guidance/collaboration/knowledge-exchange/opportunities/index.aspx>



## 12. International Partnership and Networking Scheme

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- ▶ Flexible support for activity designed to establish sustainable collaborations including
    - Scholar exchanges
    - Workshops
    - Summer schools
  - ▶ Encouraged to secure additional co-funding
  - ▶ <http://www.esrc.ac.uk/funding-and-guidance/funding-opportunities/15752/esrc-international-partnership-and-networking-scheme.aspx>
  - ▶ <http://www.esrc.ac.uk/funding-and-guidance/funding-opportunities/6086/bilateral-agreements.aspx>

## 13. ESRC policy on International Co-Investigators

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- ▶ ESRC encourages active collaboration between UK researchers and researchers in other countries in pursuing mutual interests
  - ▶ The inclusion of international co-investigators in ESRC proposals of research grants schemes is a practical tool of promoting international collaboration
  - ▶ Eligibility – any academic researcher from an established International Research Organisation of comparable standing to an ESRC recognised UK Research Organisations

## 14. Finally...

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- ▶ Any questions?
  - ▶ Contact me: [alexamills@esrc.ac.uk](mailto:alexamills@esrc.ac.uk)
  - ▶ Or look at our web pages:  
<http://www.esrc.ac.uk/funding-and-guidance/funding-opportunities/index.aspx>