

Forthcoming Funding Opportunities

Fellowships, etc. (inc. for early career researchers)

Funder	Funding opportunity	Deadline
March 2024		
Royal Society	Newton International Fellowship - non-UK scientists who are	19 th March 2024 (no
	at an early stage of their research career and wish to conduct	new applicants being
	research in the UK. Max. £420k funding based on 100% FEC.	accepted)
	Salary reimbursed at 80%, research expenses @ 100%	
May 2024		
BBSRC	2024 BBSRC Fellowships scheme – Three years of funding for	2 nd May 2024
	early career researchers. No limit on available budget	
July 2024		
Schmidt Science	Schmidt Science Fellows – an up-to-24 months-long	10th July (15 th April dept.
Foundation	postdoctoral placement in a lab that amounts to a significant disciplinary pivot	deadline ahead of 29 th April MPLS deadline)
August 2024		
European Commission	ERC Advanced Grant – up to 5 years of funding (max. €2.5m	29 th August 2024
	with a possible additional €1.0m) for established research	
	leaders	

New opportunities are highlighted



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September 2024	September 2024		
Royal Society	University Research Fellowship . For early career stage outstanding researchers (3-8 years post-PhD). Five years of funding but 80% of salary reimbursed.	September 2024 (tbc)	
Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC)	Ernest Rutherford Fellowship – early career researchers without a permanent academic position. Research topic must fit the STFC remit	September 2024 (tbc) with late July deadline for dept quota management process	
European Commission	MSCA Post-doctoral Fellowship – Two or three years of funding for PhD holders, moving between European countries, depending on whether a European or Global Fellowship	11 th September 2024	
Royal Academy of Engineering	Fellowship - 5 years of funding. Candidates must be an ECR whose doctorate has been awarded no more than 4 years before the RAE deadline.	September 2024 (tbc) – preceded by internal MPLS review, deadline July 2024 (tbc)	

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October 2024		I
Royal Society	Faraday Discovery Fellowship – max. of £8m over 10 years	2 nd October (for Stage 1);
	for mid-career researchers (10-20 years out from their PhD)	6 th February 2025 (for Stage 2 invited applicants)
Royal Astronomical	Research Fellowship – for ECRs or those completing their	October 2024 (tbc)
Society	PhD. Directly incurred costs only – salary, research expenses	
	only. Institution demand management process – 1 applicant.	
European Commission	ERC Starting Grant – For those between 2 and 7 years post-	October 2024 (tbc)
	PhD at 1 st Jan 2024. Up to 5 yrs. duration. Budget limit of	
November 2024	€1.5m.	
NERC	Independent Research Fellowship - 5 years of support provided. No funding limit.	November 2024 (tbc) – late Oct. for dept. and RS scrutiny.
European Commission	ERC Synergy Grant – groups of 2 to 4 PIs with ambitious	November 2024 (tbc)
	research projects. Awards are for up to 6 years. Value is up to	
	€10.0m plus a possible additional €4.0m.	
December 2024	·	
European Commission	ERC Consolidator Grant – For those between 7 and 12 years	December 2024 (tbc)
	post-PhD at 1 st Jan 2024. Up to 5 yrs. duration. Budget limit	
	of €2.0m. Possible access to extra £1.0m	





Fellowships, etc. with open or unconfirmed deadlines

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EPSRC	Post-doctoral fellowships – 3 years of support for those	Open deadline
	starting out in research, post-PhD. Research ideas will be	
	within the EPSRC remit	
EPSRC	Open Fellowships – Up to 5 years of support for those with a	Open deadline
	PhD and with research ideas within the EPSRC remit. Likely	
	to have been a recipient of significant research funding	
	already.	
University of Oxford	Junior Research Fellowships 2024 – 3 year Fellowships	Winter 2023/24 –
College Junior Research	aimed at ECRs, e.g. at Christ Church, Merton College, and St	CHECK INDIVIDUAL
Fellowships (JRFs)	John's College. Applicants must discuss department hosting	COLLEGE WEB SITES
	arrangements (and research funding) before applying	
All Souls College	Post-doctoral Research Fellowship - five-year fellowship,	2024 (tbc) –
	open to those who have recently completed or are about to	announcement to be
	complete a doctorate	made in May/June
		2024
L'Oréal-UNESCO UK and	Rising Talent Programme - Early stage women researchers	2024 (tbc)
Ireland For Women in	supported over 12 months with £15k to be spent in ways to	
Science	continue their research careers	

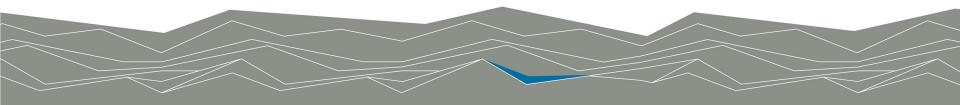


Research Project Grants, etc.

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University of	The Lockey Fund - Grants for attendance at overseas scientific	1 st March 2024 (then Friday
Oxford	conferences and symposia. Applicants must hold a DPhil/PhD	(5pm) of 7th week each term)
	and be a salaried employee of the University	
NERC	Large Grant – Outline Proposals - projects lasting for up to	7 th March 2024 (November
	five years with a budget of between £1.2 million and £3.7	2024 closing date for Full
	million (at 100% full economic cost). NERC will fund 80%.	Proposal)
EPSRC	Strategic infrastructure outlines - funding to purchase	7 th March 2024
	strategic infrastructure including equipment, resources or	
	both. >£400k in value, reimbursed at 100%	
University of	Agile Initiative – 12-month duration Agile Sprints, funded by	15 th March 2024 –
Oxford	NERC, which respond to a number of pressing topics put	Expression of Interest
	forward by policy partners	
UKRI	UKRI Ayrton Challenge Programme Outline Proposals -	9 th April 2024 for outline
	interdisciplinary, challenge-led research projects enabling the	stage 6 th August for full
	transition to low carbon energy in developing countries.	stage
	Three years' duration. Costs £2m-£3m.	
BBSRC	Standard research grant: 2024 round 2: responsive mode –	24 th April 2024
	call for research proposals in any area of BBSRC remit. Costs	
	of up to £2m for a 5 year proposal, reimbursed at 80%	



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NERC	NERC Global Partnerships Seedcorn Fund 2024 – projects creating new and sustainable global partnerships within NERCs remit. Project costs £100k and duration of up to 2 years. Costs reimbursed at 80%	25 th April 2024
University of	John Fell Fund – a range of relatively small amounts of money	1 st May 2024 (then
Oxford	to support small-scale research activities	Wednesday of week 2 each term thereafter)
EPSRC	 EPSRC programme grant outline stage January 2024 - flexible funding to world-leading research groups addressing significant major research challenges. 6 years programme duration 	25th June 2024 – successful applicants will be invited to full proposal stage
NERC	Pushing The Frontiers – funding of up to £1.0m for single institution applicants or consortia	July 2024 (tbc) – internal demand management process wef ~April 2024
NERC	NERC Highlight Topics 2024 – Five specific research topics. Proposals of 4 years duration maximum, 100% FEC project value of £2.35m or £4.7m, depending on topic. Awarded at 80%	9 th October 2024





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Leverhulme Trust	Research Project Grants - For researchers (inc. co-applicants)	Outline applications at any
	to undertake an innovative and original research project.	time. Detailed applications
	Maximum grant value £500,000. Duration up to five years	at 1 Dec, 21 Mar and 1
		Sept deadlines each year
National Science	Various programs in Directorate of Geosciences and Division	various
Foundation (NSF)	of Environmental Biology portfolios for collaboration with US	
	institutions (through a NSF-NERC arrangement)	
EPSRC	Standard Research Grant - short-term grants to multi-million-	No deadline for submitting
	pound research programmes lasting several years. No limit on	proposals
	the size of the grant or length of the project. 80% FEC	
Innovate UK	Innovate UK Smart Grants – commercially viable R&D	tbc
	innovation projects of up to 3 years duration and project costs	
	of £2m, that can a significant impact on the UK economy .	
	Must be led by a UK registered business.	

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