

Funding Opportunities for Media, Arts and Humanities (May 2023)



Wellcome Early-Career Awards

Aims: This award supports early-career researchers from any discipline to develop their research identity by leading an innovative research project. Research projects will need to deliver shifts in understanding that could improve human life, health, and well-being.

Eligibility: At the point of application, the applicant must be early-career research with a PhD (the examination must have been completed) or if not a PhD, at least four years' equivalent research experience. The applicant must also have no more than three years postdoctoral experience.

Value and duration: The scheme will fund the applicant's salary as well as up to £400,000 in research expenses. Projects can be up to 5 years in duration.

Deadline: 5 October 2023, 17:00.

For further information, please visit <https://wellcome.org/grant-funding/schemes/early-career-awards>



SHAPE Involve and Engage Pilot Programme

The British Academy has launched a pilot funding scheme to support ambitious projects to engage the public with the humanities and social sciences. This pilot programme offers the opportunity to think outside the box, test a new approach and be ambitious in your approach to engaging a public audience with your research.

Eligibility:

- Any researcher based in the UK who meets the conditions of the call.
- Prior public engagement experience, but applicants from a diverse range of backgrounds, experiences, expertise and career stages are also welcome to apply.
- Applicants who are current award holders of a BA Mid-Career or Wolfson Fellowship of active projects between October 2023 and October 2024 are unable to apply.

Funding amount and duration: Up to £8,000 is available for direct, public engagement work to be delivered between 1 October 2023 and 31 October 2024.

Deadline: 28 June 2023, 17:00.

Further information is available here: <https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/shape-involve-and-engage/>



These fellowships support outstanding individual researchers and outstanding communicators who will promote public engagement and understanding of the humanities and social sciences. Applicants will complete a major piece of research, and the Academy will also look for evidence of a clear commitment to a strategy of public engagement with and communication of the results of the research during the period of the Fellowship.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be employed at a UK university or other institution of high education.
- Awards are intended primarily to provide opportunities for scholars who have already published works of intellectual distinction or have established a significant track record as an excellent communicator and 'champion' in their field.
- Applicants who are normally within no more than 15 years from the award of their doctorate can apply.
- The Academy will consider career breaks and applicants who do not have doctorates, but do have relevant experience.

Funding and duration: Fellowships will be funded at 80% FEC to a total of £160,000 (£200,000 100% FEC). The fellow's salary will be capped at an upper limit of £80,000. Fellowships must be a minimum of 6 months and no longer than 12 months.

Further information is available here: <https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/mid-career-fellowships/>



The British Academy has set aside specific funding to support any additional needs that applicants and award holders may require. This funding would be in addition to the amount already requested for research expenses. Each request will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Eligibility:

- The applicant must be a current award holder on any British Academy scheme or intending to apply for a British Academy award in the next 6 months.
- If the applicant is not a current award holder, they must identify the scheme to which they intend to apply, and for which they need support applying for. The applicant must meet the eligibility requirements for the scheme they intend to apply for.
- If the applicant is a current award holder, the funds can only be used during the remaining time of the award.

Funding available and application process:

This funding pot is available for both current award holders and applicants who would like to apply for an award but need support with submitting their application. Some examples of what the funding could be used for are:

- Specific equipment to overcome barriers to people with disabilities undertaking research.
- Assistance to allow applicants living with sensory impairment to carry out their research.
- Bids for the cost of child, parent or other caring responsibilities may be considered if the carer is conducting research away from home and alternative arrangements are not possible.

Applications will be reviewed monthly with a response expected within 4 – 6 months from the point of submission.

Deadline: Rolling until further notice.

Further information is available here: <https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/additional-needs/>

For a list of current funding opportunities, please refer to the University's External Funding Deadline Calendar: [Find funding: University of Sussex](#)