YARN
Research Funding for Early Career Researchers & PhD Students
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Researcher Mobility Partnerships

● Postgraduate research students & staff
● Up to £2,500 during academic year 2017/18 to visit WUN partners. Deadline: 30th June
● To support the development of international networks, exchange expertise and share access to specialist facilities
Researcher Links & Institutional Links Schemes

- Researcher Links scheme offers funding for workshops and travel grants
- Specific topics in specific countries. Areas of collaborations include:
  - Agri-technology
  - biodiversity
  - food security
  - societal and environmental challenges

http://www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/International/funding-and-opportunities/newton/Pages/collaboration-opportunities.aspx
Major funder with a variety of funding streams tailored to career stage. Strong interest in Asia & Africa. “We work to improve health by funding great ideas”

- biomedical science
- population health
- product development and applied research
- humanities and social science
- public engagement and creative industries.
Examples for early career staff & students:

- **Seed awards** in Science/Humanities & Social Sciences. Up to £100k (science) and typically £25-£50k (humanities & social science) to develop novel ideas, 6-12 months. Themes TBC.

- **Small grants in humanities & social sciences.** Up to £30k to establish and develop networks, explore new areas and increase impact. 6-12 months. No deadlines.

- **Public engagement awards**
- **Research Fellowships**
- **Doctoral and Masters funding** (LMIC applicants)
Study Abroad Studentships

- Offer maintenance and research expenses to allow applicants to spend a period of 12 to 24 months on advanced postgraduate study or research at a centre of learning in any overseas country (excluding the USA). Non-UK residents are not eligible.

Early Career Fellowships (3 year duration)

- Provide career development opportunities for those who are at a relatively early stage of their academic careers (up to 4 years post PhD), but who have a proven record of research. Fellows should undertake a significant piece of publishable work.
British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowships Scheme

- Early Career researchers within 3 years of their PhD
- To enable outstanding early career researchers to complete a major research project in the UK and increase their chances of building an academic career in the Humanities or Social Sciences
- Awards are tenable for 3 years

British Academy Small Grants Scheme

- Up to £10k, short application form, multiple deadlines
- Post-doc standing
For early career researchers to undertake research in Japan - to advance their own research while contributing to the progress of research both in Japan and abroad.

Applicants must be ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom and hold a doctorate degree, received within six years prior to the award.

Awards are for between 12 months to 24 months.

Apply via British Academy, Royal Society or direct route via Japanese university host.

https://www.jsps.go.jp/english/
ESRC New Investigator Grants
- Up to 4 years post-PhD
- To make the transition to become independent researchers
- Up to £300k funding, no deadline

ESRC Post-doctoral Fellowships
- for first year post-PhD
- Pilot with possible expansion - linked to Doctoral Training Partnerships
Research grants - early career

- Support well-defined research projects enabling individual researchers to collaborate with, other individuals and organisations (including international co-investigators)
- Provide opportunities for less experienced researchers to develop their expertise and their careers by working collaboratively with senior researchers on well-defined projects and by leading projects themselves
- Funding of between £50k-£250k
- No deadline
- At point of application, within 8 years of PhD or 6 years of first academic appointment
Lots more at Research Professional
https://www.researchprofessional.com/0/rr/home
Funding for larger scale research collaborations

- Global Challenges Research Fund
- Newton Fund

Taken together, the Newton Fund and GCRF are part of a coherent UK research and innovation approach to help promote economic development and social welfare in developing countries and to support the UK research base.
Challenges manifest in developing countries
- Become a researcher on a funded grant
- Post-doc fellowships? (ESRC scheme in 2016)
- Become a Co-I on a new application
- Look out for smaller pots
- GCRF event 10th July
- Join the IDN