

# Research Services



## Research, Enterprise, Business Services

Before making a funding application to an organisation it is worth getting to know the funder you are applying to. Grant providers always have targets for the types of projects they wish to support. The key to making successful bids is having a good understanding of what your grant provider wants to achieve and then making sure your funding application demonstrates how your project helps them achieve those targets

## Quick Facts

<b>Funding Body</b>	Royal Society
<b>Overview of fund</b>	The Royal Societies purpose is to recognise, promote, and support excellence in science and to encourage the development and use of science for the benefit of humanity.
<b>How are they funded</b>	Government and individual donations
<b>Frequency of calls</b>	Most of the calls tend to have an annual cycle. However, they do not publish the dates in advance.
<b>Intervention Rate</b>	Many grants cover 80% of full economic costs.
<b>Application Procedure</b>	Online applications made though eGAP <a href="https://e-gap.royalsociety.org">https://e-gap.royalsociety.org</a>

## More Details

### Overview of the Royal Society

Nearly £42 million is allocated each year to support excellence in science. They currently fund about 1500 researchers, including approximately 600 research fellows, through grant schemes. The application and assessment process varies between the schemes but may include a shortlisting process, peer review and interview. Funding decisions are made by the relevant appointment panel, which is usually chaired by a Fellow of the Royal Society.

The Royal Society is a self-governing Fellowship of many of the world's most distinguished scientists drawn from all areas of science, engineering, and medicine. A major activity of the Society is identifying and supporting the work of outstanding scientists.

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### Priorities:

- Promoting science and its benefits
- Recognising excellence in science
- Supporting outstanding science
- Providing scientific advice for policy
- Fostering international and global cooperation
- Education and public engagement

### Early career schemes

**University Research Fellowship:** Outstanding scientists in the UK who have potential to become leaders in their field.

**Dorothy Hodgkin Fellowship:** Outstanding scientists in the UK who require a flexible working pattern.

**Sir Henry Dale Fellowship:** Outstanding post-doctoral scientists wishing to address an important biomedical question.

**Newton International Fellowship:** For non-UK scientists to conduct research in the UK.

### Senior career schemes

**Royal Society Wolfson Research Merit Award:** Five year salary enhancement to help recruit or retain a scientist the UK.

**Royal Society Leverhulme Trust Senior Research Fellowship:** One Year of full-time research without teaching and administrative duties.

**Royal Society Research Professorship:** For world-class scientists, long-term support to focus on research and collaboration.

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### Innovation and industry schemes

**Industry Fellowship:** Collaborative project with industry

**Brian Mercer Feasibility Award:** Investigate feasibility of commercialising research.

**Brian Mercer Award for Innovation:** Develop a proven concept or prototype to a near-market product.

**Paul Instrument Fund:** Design and construct a novel instrument to measure phenomena.

**Mercer Prize:** For commercially exploited research.

### Education schemes

**Education Research Fellowship:** For researchers in physics and mathematics education.

### Research and infrastructure schemes

**Research Grants:** Specialised equipment and consumables or to research the history of science.

**Royal Society Wolfson Laboratory Refurbishment Grant:** Refurbish or renovate research laboratories.

### Capacity building schemes

**Royal Society-DFID Africa Capacity Building Initiative:** Develop collaborative research consortia between sub-Saharan Africa and the UK.

**Leverhulme-Royal Society Africa Award:** Collaborative research between the UK and Ghana or Tanzania.

### Collaboration and travel schemes

**International Exchanges:** Stimulate new collaborations overseas through either a one-off visit or bilateral travel.

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### Funded Projects

It can be a good idea to help develop a bid to get an understanding of the types of projects the Royal Society has funded. There is a list of [case studies on this page](#).

They cover a range of schemes.

#### What is covered by the funding

The Royal Society covers 80% of full economic costs. This means you can include estate costs and indirect costs.

The Royal Society will fund 80% of the project costs. The University will need to contribute the remaining costs.

This can be in-kind through salary costs.

#### Submission details

Applications are made using the [Royal Societies online application system –e-GAP](#). When you submit to the Royal Society it is sent to the Universities External Projects Team for approval. The team are required to do this by the same deadline as the published call closing date. It is therefore important to notify the team that you are submitting in advance and vital to allow enough time for the team to read, comment and approve.

Once approved by the University an email will be automatically sent to your named referee and head of department. Usually nominated referee statements must be submitted within 5 working days of the application deadline, so make sure they will be around before you put their names down.

#### University procedures for bidding

If your bid is over £100,000 you will need Executive approval in addition to the usual Faculty approval. Before you submit the project budget must be put into the Universities External Projects Form (EPF) and sent to the financial support staff in your faculty.

#### Further Information

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