

SCIENCES				
Funder	Scheme	Financial Arrangements	Career Stage	Deadline Dates
BBSRC	Standard Grant: New Investigator Scheme for Early Career Researchers	Projects can range in size up to £2 million and last up to 5 years. Cover 80% of full economic costs. Research organisation must fund the remaining 20%.	No time limit from PhD. Must hold a lecturer or lecturer-equivalent position, or have a permanent position in place regardless of the outcome of the grant. Early career researcher who has not received competitively obtained research or support funding from any source as a principal investigator, where such funding includes or included postdoctoral research assistant staff support costs.	Open
BBSRC	Discovery Fellowship	The project's full economic cost (100% FEC) can be up to £500,000. BBSRC will fund 80% of this (£400,000). Discovery Fellowships are three years long	There is no limit on the number of years of postdoc experience. However, to be considered eligible applicants should have a PhD or be expecting to have undergone successful PhD viva prior to 30 November of the year of application. Applicants should not hold, or have held, an academic position of lecturer level (or the equivalent in institutions other than universities) or an equivalent competitive fellowship that provides the opportunity to establish an independent research	May annually

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			group and therefore independent researcher status. Nor should they have had an offer of such an appointment prior to the commencement of a fellowship, if awarded.	
Daphne Jackson Trust	Daphne Jackson Fellowship	Funder covers salary (2 years at 0.5FTE, usually). The host institution will cover all non-salary research costs such as bench fees and consumables, costs associated with use facilities, equipment purchase, equipment hire and maintenance and computing hardware and software.	A career break of at least 2 years' duration, taken for family, health or caring reasons	Open
ESRC	New investigator Grants	£100,000 to £300,000 up to 5 years, 80% FEC payable*	Early career researcher – individual to justify case.	Open
EPSRC	EPSRC postdoctoral fellowship	No limit on how much funding you can request. 80% FEC payable for up to 3 years.	At least 4 years' experience	Open
EPSRC	EPSRC synthetic biology postdoctoral fellowship	No limit on how much funding you can request. 80% FEC payable for up to 3 years.	At least 4 years' experience	Open
EPSRC	EPSRC open fellowship	No limit on how much funding you can request. 80% FEC payable for up to 3 years.	At least 4 years' experience	Open
EPSRC	New Investigator Award	No limit on how much funding you can request. 80% FEC payable for up to 3 years.	Must be either employed at the submitting research organisation at lecturer level and have not previously received a significant	Open

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			award or led an academic research group Or hold a fixed-term contract that extends beyond the duration of the proposed research project.	
European Commission	Marie Skłodowska-Curie (MSCA) Postdoctoral Fellowships	Budget calculated based on unit costs, multiplied by the requested person months – includes a small amount of funding to cover institutional costs (currently €650 per month). 2 or 3 years.	Maximum of 8 years experience in research, from the date of the award of their PhD degree	September/October annually – 14 th September 2022
European Research Council	Starting Grant	Up to €1.5m for up to 5 years; PI salary plus team salaries; covers up to 100% of the total eligible direct costs plus 25% of the total eligible costs towards indirect costs. .	2-7 years of experience since completion of PhD	January annually
Leverhulme Trust	Early Career Fellowship	50% of Fellow's salary (up to £25k p.a. provided) plus £6k p.a. research expenses for 3 years. No overheads payable.	Applicants must not yet have held a full-time permanent academic post.	February annually (please note we've already completed the internal selection process for the 2022 round)
National Institute for Health Research (NIHR)	Development and Skills Enhancement Award (DSE)	Fellow's salary and contribution to training and development costs for 3 years. Estates and Indirect costs can be claimed. Reimbursement at 80%.	Post-doctoral level to gain specific skills and experience to underpin the next phase of their research career.	March (31 st March 2022), July, November annually
National Institute for Health Research (NIHR)	Advanced Fellowship	No maximum, for 2-5 years. Estates and Indirect costs can be claimed. Reimbursement at 80%.	Post PhD, establishing independence as a researcher, transferring into applied research	July and January annually

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			or re-establishing a career following a career break.	
NERC	Knowledge Exchange Fellowships	Cover up to 100% of the Fellow's salary plus up to £40,000 for travel and other associated costs. Duration of 1 to 3 years. Direct costs only.	No limits on amount of postdoctoral experience.	Currently closed. Future rounds to be announced
NERC	Independent Research Fellowships	We will fund fellowships at 80% full economic cost for 5 years. You may apply for funding for facilities costs and cruise costs.	You must: • be an early career researcher • hold a PhD qualification or expect to submit your thesis before the fellowship interview. You are not eligible to apply if you hold a tenured academic post or academic position at lecturer level.	November annually
NERC	New Investigator Grants	The full economic cost of the project can be: • up to £800,000, for most proposals • more than £800,000 only in exceptional cases. EPSRC will usually fund 80% of the full economic cost.	The principal investigator must be employed by an eligible UK research organisation and employed at lecturer (or equivalent) level or above. New Investigators must: • be within five years of first becoming eligible for NERC funding as a principal investigator • not have received competitive research funding from any source as a principal investigator including post-doctoral research assistant staff support costs	Tbd – NERC schemes are changing

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Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851	Research Fellowships	There is no salary cap. Cover full payroll costs for 3 years plus £6k p.a. research expenses.	3 years or less post-doctoral research experience	January annually
The Royal Society	University Research Fellowship	Funding is initially provided for 5 years with the opportunity to apply for an extension of an additional three years. Research Fellows salary: 80% of the basic salary costs up to £41,340 in the first year, estates costs and indirect costs payable Contribution to research expenses of £13,000 in year one and £11,000 per year thereafter	3 - 8 years of research experience since your PhD. do not hold a permanent post or fellowship	September annually (will be an internal process)
UKRI	Future Leaders Fellowships	4 years' funding is available. There is no minimum or maximum award value, and awards may be renewed for a further three years.	Early stage of their research career but there is no limit on time since PhD.	All scheduled rounds of this competition have been completed. Currently awaiting announcements for possibly scheme replacement.
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British Academy	Postdoctoral Fellowships	Salary and a maximum of £6,000 for research expenses for 3 years.	No more than 3 years' experience from their PhD viva	February annually

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Standard grant schemes are shaded blue and have specific caveats surrounding non-permanent HEI employees applying for grants. All other schemes are Fellowship schemes.

Note that 100% of time for a PI would be on average £114k p.a. including Estates and Indirect costs (Classroom rate), so AHRC and ESRC awards can only support PI salaries for a reduced grant duration.

*The ESRC New Investigator scheme's ethos is to provide leadership training for the PI, especially in leading a team. This is in conflict with claiming 100% for salary costs for the project duration.

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