

Contents

Introduction.....	5
UK - possibilities for funding	5
UK International Collaborations.....	7
UK Research & Innovation (UKRI).....	7
Key schemes for initiating international collaboration	8
European Community and European Union.....	9
Horizon 2020.....	10
Horizon Europe 2021-2027.....	11
The British Academy.....	11
Arts Humanities Research Council (AHRC)	12
Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)	12
Natural Environment Research Council (NERC).....	13
Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC).....	13
Royal Society.....	13
UK funding agencies and basic schemes.....	14
Arts Humanities Research Council (AHRC)	14
British Academy	15
Department for International Development (DFID)	17
British Council	17
Economic and Social Science Research Council (ESRC)	17
Engineering Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC).....	19
Great Britain-China Centre (GBCC)	19
The Leverhulme Trust.....	20
Natural Environment Research Council UK (NERC)	21
Nuffield Foundation.....	22
Royal Geographic Society (RGS).....	23
UK Collaborative on Development Research (UKCDS)	23
UK Research & Innovation (UKRI)	24
Wellcome Trust.....	26
Other non-UK funding bodies	26
Africa.....	27
African Economic Research Consortium (AERC).....	27
Council for the development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA)	27
Australia.....	27

Australia Research Council (ARC).....	27
Global Connections Fund.....	27
International English Language Testing System (IELTS).....	27
University of Manchester – University of Melbourne.....	27
Brazil.....	28
FAPESP, Fundação de Amparo á Pesquisa do Estado de São Paulo. São Paulo’s Research Foundation.....	28
Canada.....	28
Canada-UK Foundation.....	28
CIFAR.....	28
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC).....	29
Grand Challenges Canada.....	29
International Development Research Centre (IDRC).....	29
Pierre Elliot Trudeau Foundation.....	29
University of Toronto – University of Manchester.....	29
China Region.....	30
Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS).....	30
Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK).....	30
Hong-Kong Research (HKIMR) Institute for Monetary.....	30
Huawei.....	30
Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for Scholarly Exchange (CCKF).....	31
Taiwan Foundation for Democracy (TFD).....	31
France.....	31
AXA Research Fund.....	31
French and British Governments.....	31
Embassy of France in UK.....	32
Fondation pour la Mémoire de la Shoah.....	32
Le Studium.....	32
Mobile Lives Forum.....	32
Joseph Wreskinski Foundation.....	32
IAS Sorbone.....	32
Germany.....	33
AHRC/DFG.....	33
DAAD - German Academic Exchange Service.....	33
DFG - Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (German Research Foundation).....	33
European Cultural Foundation & MitOst.....	33

Gerda Henkel Foundation.....	33
German Historical Institute London (GHIL)	34
Goethe-Institut.....	34
International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance	34
Max Weber Foundation	34
Thyssen Foundation.....	34
Volkswagen Foundation.....	34
ZiF - Center for Interdisciplinary Research	35
India	35
Indian Council for Historical Research (ICHR).....	35
Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR).....	35
Indian Ministry of Science & Technology	35
Tata	35
Japan.....	35
Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS).....	35
Suntory Foundation	36
Cannon Foundation.....	36
Daiwa Foundation.....	37
Sasakawa Peace Foundation SPF	37
Netherlands	37
Aids fonds.....	37
Hague Institute for Innovation Law (HiIL).....	37
Independent Social Research Foundation (ISRF) UK London Office.....	37
Netspar: Network for Studies on Pensions, Ageing and Retirement	37
Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO).....	37
MitOst	37
Prince Claus Fund.....	37
Rijksmuseum.....	37
Taal:unie.....	37
Think Forwards Initiative (TFI)	37
New Zealand	37
New Zealand Institute of Forestry (NZIF)	37
Reserve Bank of New Zealand	37
Royal Society Te Apārangi.....	37
Research New Zealand.....	37
South Africa – Africa	37

Human Sciences Research Council	38
South African Medical Research Council	38
South Africa Innovation Support (SAIS)	38
Shuttleworth Foundation.....	38
Water Research Commission	38
Turkey	38
TÜBİTAK: Scientific and Tehcnological Research Council of Turkey	38
USA	38
Agency for International Development (USAID).....	38
Bureau of Democracy Human Rights and Labor	38
Department of Defence	38
Department of Defence - Defence Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA).....	38
Department of Education - Institute of Education Sciences (IES)	38
Department of Justice.....	38
Department of Labor	38
Department of State	38
National Institutes of Health (NIH)	38
Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI)	38
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.....	41
Facebook.....	41
Ford Foundation.....	41
Microsoft.....	41
Russell Sage Foundation (RSF)	41
SESYNC National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center	42
Social Science Research Council (SSRC)	42
Spencer Foundation.....	42
Current key bilateral/multilateral agreements for Humanities and Social Sciences	42
AHRC / ESRC / FAPESP (UK-Brazil)	42
AHRC / ESRC / FNR (UK-Luxembourg).....	42
AHRC / ESRC / NERC / NSF (UK-USA)	42
British Academy / MOST (UK-Taiwan)	42
AHRC/DFG (UK-Germany).....	42
IZA/UKAid (UK-Germany).....	42
UKRI/Canadian doctoral studies (UK-Canada).....	42
University of Manchester/University of Melbourne (UK-Australia).....	42
University of Manchester/FAPESP (UK-Brazil).....	42

University of Manchester/University of Toronto (UK-Canada)	42
University of Manchester/Chinese University of Hong Kong (UK-China PRC)	43
International agencies/associations.....	43

Introduction

This document only pretends to guide and provide with a wide and broad idea of what it could be available on research funding and funding for collaborative projects at international level in the thematic areas of Humanities and Social Sciences. This is work in process and would be reviewed to include updates regularly.

Funding opportunities are explained in a very quick and succinct way including only key information, in some cases only a brief introduction or just listed schemes. It is always advisable to access the documentation/information provided by the funding bodies to obtain a more comprehensive view and any relevant updates.

It is advisable also to check the [Faculty of Humanities funding opportunities website](#) and the [database](#) available there where all the funding bodies are included with their key research schemes, the database is update weekly normally on Wednesdays. Any missed links in this document should be found there should the calls or funding schemes are still available online.

UK - possibilities for funding

Working with international researchers / institutions / organisations requesting funds to UK agencies / organisations.

The UK Government and its agencies currently strongly promotes the attraction to and settling in UK institutions of ‘the best researchers’ around the world. Any UK research agency, body, and funding schemes should provide the flexibility to attract international researchers.

The Global Talent Visa announced in January 2020, could partly help to stablish and, in the future, to attract an elite of researchers to the UK from 20 February 2020, specific criteria and documentation is [available on the UKRI website](#) with links to the UK Government VISA websites. The GTV could also support researchers in some of the following opportunities in the future:

- Including a non-UK researcher in a bid to a Research Council in UK. In this case, any of the permanent/reiterative schemes that allow the inclusion of researchers will be applicable.
- Including an International Co-investigator following specific research council rules. This applies to the ESRC, the AHRC, and to one of the NERC international schemes (below UK International Collaborations).
- UK researchers in humanities themes participating as international Co-investigator in proposals to the SNSF and the RCN supported by international agreements. For further information see below UK international agreements list.
- To try possibilities for funding from other specific organisations including private or public supported entities: it is recommendable to check the ESRC, AHRC, NERC, EPSRC webpages on international

collaborations including bilateral agreements, outlined below.

- Accepting and application from a non-UK applicant and submit it (being this a fellowship, project grant, visiting fellow, etc., including provision for the researcher's salary). The submission always with the support of the research support staff (RSS) previous confirmation from the Faculty relevant departments and schools.
- The Newton Fund could provide with opportunities to engage with researchers from specific ODA countries. (See UKRI)
- The Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) could also provide opportunities for engagement and/or collaboration with researchers from countries with ODA status. (See UKRI)
- Researchers participating in projects funding in and lead by LIMICs and EU Africa programmes, UKAid, USAid, EuropeAid tendering systems and other international organisations' opportunities: IDRC, Ford Foundation, UN, EBRD, etc.
- Knowledge Transfer Partnerships: including non-UK individuals could always be welcome. Something to explore with ESRC, AHRC, KTN.
- Participating in Horizon 2020, which is the EC 8th Research Framework ending 31 December 2020. H2020 brings opportunities for collaboration with European and non-European countries in diverse and very prestigious funding schemes.
- Participating in Horizon Europe, the EC 9th Research Framework for 2021-2027 as a third country in specific schemes/programmes selected and agreed by the UK Government and the EC, or as Associated Country accessing the whole framework. HSS could benefit of multi-country proposals from the new Pillar 2 Global Challenges (as a third country), and even from the ERC schemes: 1) as Associated Country; 2) or as third country agreeing for UK researchers participation in teams led abroad; 3) or exploring the 50% EU country rule in collaboration with other EU institutions. All depending on the final agreement in 2021 or/and beyond.
- Participating in UK Government- UKRI new lead international multi-agency programmes/schemes adding to those agreed with the EU for 2021-27. See below UKRI's FIC, first initiative in this direction.
- UK Government participating in all relevant multi-country joint agreements: JPIs, ERA-NETS, NORFACE, HERA, ORA, and any other that could arise.
- Scanning possibilities from other countries leading opportunities allowing for/requiring international participation and identify profiles in the university with international links to address to those possibilities. There are not many countries in this area but there is international interest in some, and this should increase but the UK government must be proactive for own interest scanning possibilities. See below.
- Subscribing to newsletters from agencies from other countries to receive information, and national and international research funding information from providers like Research Professional to receive funding information from all over the world: Research Africa, Asia, America. Networking to access and disseminate within the Faculty of Humanities other less obvious first hand source of information about the current panorama and future possibilities to warn key RSS (conferences, events, networks, social media, meetings, etc.).
- Using the University internal pump-priming opportunities arising from specific agreements between institutions: Universities of Toronto, Melbourne, Hong Kong, to explore and develop possibilities for new projects. These should wide geographically in time.

UK International Collaborations

UK Research & Innovation (UKRI)

UKRI created in 2019, replacing HEFCE and other government bodies, aims to strength the UK R&I international collaborations in view of an imminent withdrawal from the EU, the main source of research international collaboration in the UK directly and indirectly for decades (including other bodies created by the EU which have assumed leadership as funding agencies like Norface, HERA, etc.)

UKRI as the UK lead agency on research and innovation centralises previous UK research agencies competences, outlines and decides strategies, developing new schemes and programmes, and promotes agreements between the UK and other countries supporting collaborative research, a trend that has intensified in the last year. UKRI's international webpages are an indication and the window for researchers on this ongoing trend. These pages should be consulted regularly since it is expected that new collaborations will be taking place in the short and long term future. Subscribing to UKRI's newsletter is possible online. Those pages highlight partnerships, multilateral agreements and the UK overseas teams, and addresses the Research Councils for further information.

Partnerships: Memorandums of Understanding and Lead Agency Agreements. Note that most of them are extensions to previously negotiated agreement by previous bodies before the establishment of UKRI. Most of these are open schemes, submissions are allowed any time.

- UKRI-FAPESP. Supporting proposals from teams of researchers from the UK and Brazil in an open basis (submissions any time) following precise guidance from HSS research councils websites: AHRC, ESRC and NERC on the basis of the MoU. Open scheme
- UKRI-FNR. UKRI provides an 'operations guidance' document with links to key information for teams from UK and Luxembourg applying to joining proposals. Open scheme in UK.
- UKRI-NSF. The USA and the UK MoU have supported collaborative research between the NSF and UK Research Councils since 2013. The AHRC and the ESRC can join colleagues, applicants to the NSF in collaborative projects relevant to UK councils and NSF remits and research thematic areas. Detailed information is available from the AHRC and the ESRC websites. Applicants to the NERC can also join colleagues from the USA supported for its Lead Agency Agreement with the NSF.

Other partnerships not mentioned on the UKRI website:

- IZA – Institute of Labor Economics | UKAid. Growth and Labour Markets in Low-Income Countries (G²LM|LIC) Research Grants. Aiming at building a significant new body of evidence on gender, growth, and labour markets to help shape gender and labour market policies in low-income countries. Capacity building through involvement of researchers from low-income countries is strongly encouraged. Applications responding to specific call deadlines.
- AHRC Reciprocal agreements with the Research Council of Norway (RCN) and the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF). Allowing for UK international researchers to participate in their national research projects.

Other sources of collaboration relevant to the HSS but not strictly in the research area come from other agencies: overseas teams in China, India, North America and Europe, the British Council, the Commonwealth institutions, etc.

Multilateral engagement: opportunities for international collaborative proposals/projects could arise from interactions with the Global Research Council, Science Europe, and maybe future agency involvement from 2020.

The new fast tracked entry visa or Global Talent Visa includes various 'endorsement routes'. These could

be the source of collaboration for the future through key world networked researchers bringing collaborative projects to the Faculty.

Key schemes for initiating international collaboration

UKRI supports three new key schemes for the HSS (Global Professorships, FLF, and FIC) administered through the AHRC, ESRC, NERC, and the British Academy; and also schemes funded through the Newton Fund and the Global Challenges Research Fund (ODA), programmes initiated in 2014-2016, respectively, (and with a lifespan in principle of up to 2021), supporting schemes that attract individuals from abroad and boost international collaboration with LMICs, all of them administered by the British Academy. All are opportunities for establishing new links and liaisons with other LMICs countries' research systems. Summaries of the Funds are included in the UKRI section in this document.

Research Councils could also call for ad hoc opportunities for partnerships and network building announced through newsletters and social media.

Key schemes focusing on key individuals

Global Professorships

“This programme aims to demonstrate and further enhance the UK’s commitment to international research partnerships and collaboration as well as strengthen the UK’s research capacity and capability in the humanities and the social sciences”. Targeting “Mid-career to senior researchers who are currently employed outside the United Kingdom, in any field of the humanities or the social sciences” “to further their individual research goals while strengthening the UK research base and advancing the research goals and strategies of their UK host institutions”.

Future Leaders Fellowship (FLF)

“strong supply of talented individuals needed to ensure a vibrant environment for research and innovation in the UK”. “the best fellows no matter what their background”.

Eligibility: from anywhere in the world and supported by a UK based host organization.

Newton International Fellowships

Aiming “to attract the most promising early career postdoctoral researchers from overseas in the fields of natural sciences, physical sciences, medical sciences, social sciences”. PhDs of no more than 7 years of active full time postdoctoral experience.

Newton Advance Fellowships

Providing “early to mid-career international researchers who already have a track record with an opportunity to develop their research strengths and capabilities, and those of their group or network, through training, collaboration and visits with a partner in the UK”.

Key Funds for International Partnerships/Collaboration

Fund for International Collaboration (FIC)

Part of UKRI’s plan to maintain the UK’s global R&D leadership through global engagement based in

bilateral and multilateral programmes, announced in 2017 with a budget of £110m. Calls partners included the USA, Canada, Japan, Australia, Israel, South Korea, Singapore, China and India so far. Calls have been announced but not really frequently focusing on any research area within the HSS, cities and environment so far.

Newton Mobility Grants

Administered by the British Academy this scheme's objective is "to establish and develop collaboration with UK researchers around a specific jointly defined research project. These one-year awards are particularly suited to initiate new collaborative partnerships, between scholars who have not previously worked together, or new initiatives between scholars who have collaborated in the past"

GCRF Networkng Grants

Administered through the British Academy this scheme's objective is to "allow researchers from developing countries and the UK to forge new links and hold networking events to generate innovative and interdisciplinary research ideas to address global challenges"

GCRF Challenge-led Grants

"These interdisciplinary consortia will generate new approaches to significant and complex resilience problems facing developing countries and will consist of one UK research group and two developing country research groups"

Knowledge Transfer Partnerships (KTP)

"UK-wide programme that has been helping businesses for the past 40 years to improve their competitiveness and productivity through the better use of knowledge, technology and skills that reside within the UK Knowledge Base".

Supported primarily by Innovate UK but also the AHRC, the ESRC, the NERC, and partnering with the private sector, social enterprises, not-for-profit organisations, and charities to deliver required knowledge relevant to those organisations and charities which can clearly and measurably benefit from it while developing an individual of postgraduate or postdoctoral level. Four elements joining to success: universities, individuals, research agencies and the business and charity sector, transferring academic knowledge.

Focusing on UK business, elements from abroad sure will be welcomed if relevant.

European Community and European Union

The membership to the EU has been a source of research international collaboration over the 47 years relationship and, especially, since the starting of the EC Research Frameworks in the seventies to the latest H2020 RF8 2014-2020. Through all the eight research frameworks to date, and over 43 years, collaborative international driven excellent research has shaped the economy, research, innovation and leadership of the UK in Europe and the world as one of the main leaders and influencers within the EU and the world to date. The UK was there building all the past European research frameworks and influencing all the European policies.

The RPFs have been the main source of partnerships in Europe with all the European countries and increasingly with many other countries in the global world: Africa, China, Latin America, USA, Russia, Canada, Australia, India, etc. Non-European countries participate in the EC RFPs based on specific MoUs or

bilateral agreements and collaborations are expected will continue and increase in the future.

As a member of the EU and during the 2020 transition period the UK has access to most of the departments promoting research and the opportunities available to collaborate internationally in topics agreed with other European countries. Until something is agreed from 2021 the UK still can lead and collaborate participating in the opportunities available up to the end 2020. Possibilities are available in the Funding & tenders portal, TED and e-tendering, EuropeAid, and the EC Directorates and Agencies.

Horizon 2020

H2020 is the current EU research framework running from 2014 to end 2020. H2020 €80 billion are funded from various Commission directorates and the 28 EU members states and associated countries. It is the eighth research framework.

H2020 is organised in pillars or schemes and sub-schemes. Excellence Science, Competitive Industries, and Societal Challenges are key pillars outlining the main objectives. Each pillar will include key opportunities for research: the European Research Council (ERC) supporting individual grants of excellence, the Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions (MSCA) supporting individual mobility fellowships excellence, and the Societal Challenges funding key international collaborative calls for proposals under specific topics.

H2020 ends on 31 December 2020. Current opportunities for HSS during 2020 are limited already but below have been included some that will be also available during the next framework nine 2021-27 Horizon Europe, budget (€97.6 billion proposal) and participations still under discussions.

The Funding Opportunities website provides updates about the current transitional situation and possibilities after the UK-EU withdrawal agreement.

ERC AoG Advance grants

Supporting researchers that are scientifically independent and have a proved track-record and leadership profile in their fields of research. Award of up to €2.5m pro-rata over 5 years project duration

ERC CoG Consolidator Grant

Supporting excellent researchers that have completed their PhD between 7 to 12 years before the opening of the call for proposals. Funding of up to €2m pro-rata over 5 years.

ERC SoG Starting grants

Supporting excellent researchers with 2-7 years PhD experience before the deadline for submission. Funding of up to €1.5m pro-rata over 5 years.

ERC Synergy grants

High level multi-applicants scheme, frontier of knowledge, new methods and techniques, unconventional approaches, crossroad of established disciplines. Award of a max. €10m for a period of up to 6 years.

MSCA Individual Fellowships. IF

For fellows with more than 4 years of research experience. Individual grants. Various options: reintegration, secondments, fellowships in third countries with a return phase to the HEI beneficiary. Two sub-schemes: European Fellowships and Global Fellowships.

MSCA Innovative Training Networks, ITN

Targetting early career fellows with less than 4 years research experience. Institutions submit proposals based on fellowship programmes. Various sub-schemes: European Training Networks (ETN), European Industrial Doctorates (EID); and European Joint Doctorates (EJD).

MSCA Co-funding of Regional, National, and International Programmes (COFUND)

Organisations/institutions with doctoral mobility programmes that need additional financial support. Co-funding of regional, national and international programmes

Societal Challenges

The Societal Challenges fund robust and large collaborative projects involving most of the times several participants from EU and abroad. Although main participants to societal challenges are from EU members and associate countries, it is encouraged the inclusion of institutions/organisations from third countries, collaborations that will be framed by bilateral agreements like for example in the case of the People's Republic of China's through MOST, the Chinese Ministry of Science and Technology, supporting specific topics and schemes.

Horizon Europe 2021-2027

Participation to this new research framework Horizon Europe, framework nine, could be agreed between the EU and the UK during 2020. Possibilities have still to be framed but current eligibility rules could help to hypothesize.

Two specific research frameworks are essential for HSS: Pillar 1 Excellence Science (ERC and MSCA), and Pillar 2 Global Challenges and European Industrial Competitiveness.

The UK as a third country could envisage some basic possibilities:

The new HE Global Challenges should be made accessible to researchers with the support of the UK Government since the participation could incur in extra administrative costs being the UK a third country. The UK Government could agree the inclusion of all 6 challenges including the GC2 'Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society' which assimilates the current H2020 SC6 Inclusive Societies so relevant to HSS. Yet, all the GCs are relevant to HSS due to research multi- inter- disciplinary links. Participation in GCs calls will allow for continuation in multi-country collaborative proposals with EU member countries, associated countries and non-EU countries. It is an unparalleled platform for collaborative research.

Participation in ERC and MSCA calls could be possible as already indicated above.

National rules of UK participation would be disseminated if this goes ahead, the Canadian recently highlighted by UKRO could be a reference to improve in aspects of national peer reviewing after the submission for example.

Still all to be confirmed by end of 2020.

The British Academy

The British Academy does not include in its website a international research webpage but supports key schemes for international collaboration for the HSS, all mentioned above under the Key international opportunities, and listed just below:

- Global Professorships
- Newton International Fellowships
- Newton Advanced Fellowships
- Newton Mobility Grants
- GCRF Networking Grants
- GCRF Challenge-led Grants

Arts Humanities Research Council (AHRC)

The [AHRC international funding](#) pages highlight the following opportunities for international collaboration for the Humanities and Social Sciences. Some of them are opportunities running in a yearly basis, others are not so, subscribing to the AHRC newsletter is advisable:

- **International Co-Investigator policy.** Basically it is possible to include a non-UK co-investigator in most of the AHRC funding schemes (responsive mode mainly) and the cost will be awarded in its totality with specific exceptions. The policy indicated specific parameters and conditions that must be addressed.
- **International Research Placements** are promoted by the AHRC following special agreements with prestigious overseas institutions, given opportunities to researchers and students to broad their knowledge abroad, under some financial specific commitments.
- **The UK Global Challenges Research Foundation (GCRF)** funding come from the UK ODA commitments and therefore any funding is ODA related supporting collaborations with ODA countries under ODA rules.
- **The Newton Fund**, as above, but promoting collaboration with specific ODA countries in specific funding schemes supported by specific agreements with the UK, most schemes running in a yearly basis until 2021 in principle.
- **The Humanities in the European Research Area (HERA)** is a joint venture of some European countries research agencies and the EC with an objective of “firmly establishing the humanities in the European Research Area”. Calls could include non-European participants. It has been running frequently over the years. Requires consortiums of at least three countries and calls to specific topics.
- **The Joint Programme Initiative (JPI) Cultural Heritage.** JPIs originated from previous EC projects which have became permanent initiatives for collaboration. JPIs could be reviewed for the next EC Research Framework Horizon Europe 2021-27 but continuity is expected. Some relevant JPIs for the HSS: JPI Cultural Heritage, JPI Urban Europe, JPI Water, JPI Climate.
- **The EU-India Platform for the Social Sciences and Humanities (EqUIP).** Supports collaborations between the EU and India but has not called for research proposals for a while.
- **The Trans-Atlantic Platform**, focusing on data projects, have been calling for applications in the past and could bring future opportunities for HSS.
- **Lead agency and reciprocal funding opportunities.** These are essential bilateral agreements with other countries, [Brazil, USA, Norway and Switzerland](#), leading to joining applications for proposals. Outlined above.

Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)

The ESRC pages on [International research](#) offers all the relevant possibilities listed below. (For some of them see above AHRC).

- **Newton Fund**
- **GCRF**
- **Horizon 2020**
- **EqUIP**
- **Trans-Atlantic Platform**

- **International Co-investigator policy.** Similar to the AHRC's above but with ESRC specifications.
- **Fund for International Collaboration (FIC)**
- **NORFACE.** Standing for New Opportunities for Research Funding Agency Cooperation in Europe, and launched in 2004, calls from NORFACE have been relevant in the past for the HSS focusing on societal challenges and international collaboration and more calls are expected in the future.
- **Open Research Area (ORA).** Originated as an agreement between France, Germany, UK (ESRC), and The Netherlands research agencies. Five rounds have been completed funding 60 international partnerships and future calls are expected. The partnership includes other funding national agencies from other European and non-European countries wanting to participate in specific calls like the latest coordinated by the ESRC and including Canada.

Natural Environment Research Council (NERC)

The NERC [International Partnerships](#) website section brings everything, mentioning the below. (For some of them see above AHRC).

- The bilateral agreements mentioned above: UK with the NSF, FAPESP and FNR.
- **Newton Fund**
- **GCRF**
- **Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe**
- **JPIs**
- **ERA-NETs.** Are essentially funding tools for international collaborative research in EU, created by responding to previous and current EU research frameworks calls for national public funding, and allowing those responsive national agencies to team for the co-finance of specific research thematic areas, leading to the creation of consortiums of national funding bodies with the purpose of developing new calls for international consortia proposals for researchers ruled by their national research agencies. Sometimes the ERA-Nets actions fund calls that include non-European funding agencies. These research tools can be very successful and transform into long-life research networks.
- **FIC**
- Towards a Sustainable Earth
- **International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA).** The NERC, the ESRC and the EPSRC support an international co-investigator policy when including IIASA researchers in UK led proposals. (Note that NERC does not subscribe to the ESRC/AHRC International Co-investigator policy for responsive schemes as those do).
- **Belmont Forum.** “a high-level group of the world's major and emerging funders of global environmental change research”. The Fund participates in many different joint funding activities all over the world partnering recently with the JPI Urban Europe, NORFACE, and H2020, it has also participated in calls with the UK Research Councils. Activities are expected in the future.
- **Global Partnerships Seedcorn Fund (GPSF).** The GPSF allows UK environmental science researchers to shape and sustain new international partnerships supporting networks of international researchers from any location and far from the end of the grant. This scheme started in 2019 and continuity is supported.

Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC)

The EPSRC [International Partnerships](#) pages display all the available partnerships based on Lead Agency and MoUs.

- The above bilateral agreements and an additional with Science Foundation Ireland.
- Highlights on working with the USA, India, Japan, China, EU.

Royal Society

Cost Share Programme: Argentina/ China/ Ireland/Italy/Japan/ Russia/ Taiwan

“The Royal Society also partners with the following bodies to co-fund International Exchanges awards through a Cost Share scheme”.

UK funding agencies and basic schemes

Arts Humanities Research Council (AHRC)

Basic eligibility notes

Principal Investigators (PIs):

- Contract of employment covering the award.
- Institutional confirmation supporting the project in a required manner.
- Residence in the UK.
- Contract of employment in place by the time of the starting date of the project plus (a) or (b) and extended beyond the end of the research project.

Co-investigators require the same eligibility requirements than PIs. The International Co-investigator policy allows for the participation of overseas researchers straightforward, see below.

Projects including a research team will be able to employ ‘project named’ overseas research staff should this be necessary and justified. Also following internal procedures contracting overseas job applicants who fit the posts.

International co-investigator policy

This policy is about how to include a non-UK international investigator in a proposal and to act as Co-Investigators under the AHRC requirements highlighted in the guide for applicants. Up to 30% of the total budget can be used for this purpose and the co-investigator’s salary will be awarded 100% fEC excluding estates/indirect/overhead costs; other costs will follow the 80% fEC rule. It is advisable to check the co-investigator rules for updates and changes in relation to any specific call. AHRC only allows the inclusion of international co-investigators in the following schemes:

- [Research Grants Standard Route](#)
- [Research Grants Early Career](#)
- [Research Networking](#)
- [Follow on Funding for Impact Engagement](#). (Summaries are available below.)

The following are quick summaries of the AHRC main schemes; most of them open for submissions any time or running in a yearly basis.

AHRC Collaborative Doctoral Awards

Research studentships funded with the collaboration of HEIs and non-academic organisations and businesses. (Type CASE studentship but providing institutional allocations). Through this scheme institutions should be able to select their future researchers.

AHRC Research Grants - Standard

The scheme requires the inclusion of at least one co-investigator: jointly authored research outputs.

AHRC Research Grants - Early Career

Open call for proposals, submissions any time. Similar to the Standard Research Grants but focusing on early career researchers with specific eligibility criteria.

AHRC Leadership Fellows - Standard

Eligibility criteria: salaried member of staff at the RO submitting the proposal at least one year before the date of the submission of the proposal.

AHRC Leadership Fellows - Early Career

Under the same scope that the Standard Leadership Fellows, but supporting early career researchers with outstanding future leadership potential.

AHRC Research Networking Scheme

Supporting forums for the discussion and exchange of ideas on a specified thematic area, issue, or problem with the intention to facilitate interactions between researchers and stakeholders.

AHRC Follow-on Funding for Impact and Engagement (FoF)

Funds to support innovative and creative engagement with new audiences and user communities.

AHRC Knowledge Transfer Partnerships (KTPs)

Supporting UK business wishing to improve their competitiveness, productivity and performance by accessing the knowledge and expertise available within UK Universities.

AHRC also administrate calls from [GCRF](#) and [Newton Fund](#) funding programmes which are included in this document below.

British Academy

“The Academy fosters international collaboration and cultural interchange, of benefit to scholarship both in the UK and worldwide.”

The [British Academy](#) supports any field of study within humanities or social sciences. Each link below will bring the funding page. Some key funding schemes are full economic cost (fEC) funded only.

Basic eligibility criteria

For most schemes, the PI must be resident in the UK.

There are various possibilities for obtaining funding

- *There are some small geographical focused schemes under the BA Special fund:*

Taiwan Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST)
Sino-British Fellowship Trust
Ancient Persia Fund
44th International Congress of Americanists Fund
Stein-Arnold Exploration Fund

- *There are possibilities for cooperation:*

BA/Leverhulme Trust Small Grants

Supporting primary research in the humanities and social sciences including collaborative projects and also small projects for initial project planning, organisation of events, and visits by or to partner scholars.

British Academy Sustainable Development Programme

Supported by the Global Challenges Research Fund, GCRF. Interdisciplinary research programme on policies and interventions to improve fragile, conflict affected areas or developing countries.

Rising Star Engagement Awards

With a clear focus on engagement activities and events involving different partners and with the aim on career development of the applicants through interdisciplinary projects.

APEX Awards

Scheme involving the three UK Academies (British Academy, Royal Academy of Engineering and the Royal Society) with the aim of support world-leading interdisciplinary collaboration.

The Humanities and the Social Sciences Tackling the UK's International Challenges

Bringing new ideas and methods on international challenges looking to policy-relevant outputs.

- *There are possibilities to apply on any HSS theme supporting an international research/ academic at different levels of career development:*

Global Professorships

“This programme aims to demonstrate and further enhance the UK’s commitment to international research partnerships and collaboration as well as strengthen the UK’s research capacity and capability in the humanities and the social sciences”. Targeting “Mid-career to senior researchers who are currently employed outside the United Kingdom, in any field of the humanities or the social sciences” “to further their individual research goals while strengthening the UK research base and advancing the research goals and strategies of their UK host institutions”.

British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowships

Early career award, i.e. within a 3 year period from the formal award of the doctorate.

British Academy Mid-Career Fellowships

Supporting original, independent, excellence of research and capacity to communicate with broad audience.

British Academy/Leverhulme Trust Senior Research Fellowships

Enables mid-career scholars a sustained period of one year's research leave with funding being provided to cover the costs of replacement teaching at institutional levels.

British Academy Wolfson Research Professorships

This scheme gives an opportunity for extended research leave to a small number of the most outstanding established scholars to enable them to concentrate on a significant research programme, while freed from normal teaching and administrative commitments.

- *There are also opportunities from the British Academy including the [GCRF](#) and [Newton Fund](#)*

Both briefly explained in the UKRI's section of this document, also

Department for International Development (DFID)

The Department for International Development, DFID, is a UK government department working close with key research councils (ESRC on [Poverty Alleviation](#) and [Education](#) for development, EPSRC, and NERC) and in some joining international enterprises supporting calls for proposals on international development themes. Grants and contracts are also announced in key websites.

- [DFID procurement](#). Information for tenders and proposals.
- [International development funding](#) page provides with a list of calls for proposals.

British Council

The [British Council](#) supports projects focusing in building ties between the UK and other countries in the world.

Economic and Social Science Research Council (ESRC)

Basic eligibility notes

“Applicants are eligible for funding whether or not they are established members of a recognised Research Organisation (RO). Applicants for research grants who are not established members of a recognised RO must be accommodated by the RO and provided with appropriate facilities to carry out the research. These requirements also apply to all individuals named as co-applicants. They and other staff engaged in the research are normally expected to reside within reasonable travelling distance of the RO when not engaged in fieldwork. For such applicants, the RO must provide a covering statement confirming that, in the event of a grant, it will provide accommodation and facilities for the applicant such as would be provided for established members of staff”. “Research proposals may be submitted jointly by more than one applicant”.

Project research teams can include researchers from overseas as indicated below international co-Investigator policy.

International co-Investigator policy

The ESRC policy on including international co-investigators applies to any scheme/call that is not specifically indicating the contrary. In real terms though it applies to two responsive schemes available still, the Research Grants Scheme and the New Investigator Grants ; for any other calls specifications must be checked. Currently the ESRC allows for up to 30% of the budget for this purpose awarding 100% to the international co-investigator budget (and not the usual 80% fEC for UK institutions), but states, overheads/indirect costs cannot be included in the co-investigator's budget. Travel and consumable costs have also specific rules varying between the 100% - 80% fEC rules.

New Investigator Awards

Early career researchers looking to make the transition to an independent researcher through managing their first major research project. High quality candidates from anywhere in the world.

Research Grants Scheme

Scheme that supports excellent ideas.

Research Centres

These are major ESRC strategic investments therefore the ESRC strategy and delivery plans should be taken into the picture before applying. "In addition to taking forward an ambitious research agenda and making significant economic and/or societal impact, they add value by increasing research infrastructure, building capacity, encouraging interdisciplinary working in social science and beyond, and enabling research collaboration in the UK and internationally". This could be a way to include international research collaborations.

DFID for Poverty Alleviation

ESRC joining efforts with DFID. Supporting poverty alleviation under specific topics and funding rules. Under review. Probably displaced by the GCRC and Newton Fund.

DFID Raising Learning Outcomes in Education Systems Research Programme

As the previous Poverty Alleviation.

NORFACE

ESRC joining the country-agencies for calls for proposals. Normally European agencies but sometimes including other non-European participants in the joint calls. Further information under [NORFACE](#), and a note above under the ESRC International Collaborations.

Open Research (ORA)

Also a multi-country/agency opportunity. Supporting the social sciences under specific topic-calls. Future calls could allow for international researchers participation under specific Research Councils national guidelines.

ESRC also administrate calls from [GCRF](#) and [Newton Fund](#) funding programmes which are included in this document below.

Engineering Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC)

The [Engineering Physical Sciences Research Council, EPSRC](#) supports proposals on key [themes](#) highlighted in its webpages including the cross-council research themes (LWEC, Global Uncertainties, etc.). Some of them are relevant to humanities and some funding schemes offer the possibilities of interdisciplinary with humanities themes, and some clear opportunities for researchers in HUM. It is worth to explore also the [portfolio and funding routes](#) (international development research and EPSRC, for example).

EPSRC gives the opportunity of discussing research ideas and suitability of projects with key EPSRC research managers. There is the possibility of registering to [newsletters and mailing lists](#) to get updates on research funding information. The Council normally fund full economic cost (fEC) projects. EPSRC works closely with the Research Councils UK (RCUK) overseas offices established to enhance research funding partnerships.

Basic eligibility criteria

“Principal Investigators should normally hold a permanent post but fixed-term employees may be eligible provided that the EPSRC can be satisfied that the host research organisation is prepared to give the individual all the support normal for a permanent employee and that there is no conflict of interest between the investigator's obligations to the EPSRC and to any other organisation or employer. The term of employment of a fixed-term employee must extend beyond the duration of the proposed research project”.

EPSRC Fellowships

Opportunities at [any stage of the fello w’s career](#) with specific eligibility criteria.

EPSRC Interdisciplinary Research Collaboration (IRC)

These are centres of internationally-acknowledged scientific and technological excellence. Large, long-term grants.

EPSRC New Ideas and Networking opportunities

Transformative research stimulating creativity and adventure: IDEAS Factory, Sandpits, Bright IDEAS Award, Creativity@home, workshops, network grants.

Standard Research grants

Applying under the umbrella of a specific EPSRC theme.

EPSRC also administrate calls from [GCRF](#) and [Newton Fund](#) funding programmes which are included in this document below.

Great Britain-China Centre (GBCC)

The [GBCC](#) is a not-for profit company limited guarantee sponsored by the UK Foreign & Commonwealth Office that helps on building partnerships for cooperative projects. The GBCC administrates the [GBCET](#) or

GBC Educational Trust supporting Chinese students in UK via the [Chinese Students Awards](#) and other opportunities.

The Leverhulme Trust

The [Leverhulme Trust](#) funds research in any topic with the exception of Life Sciences and Medicine. It is a very competitive and sought source of funding in UK. Addressing its schemes' specifications carefully is really important as well as the Trust aims. All the schemes have reiterative deadlines in a yearly basis with the exception of some new schemes: Research Centres, Doctoral Scholarships, and the Art Scholarships scheme. The Trust awards direct project costs only. For project grants the budget formula is normally 75% staff + 25% associate costs. Being a trust, there is not salary retribution for PIs but replacement teaching costs could be included in most cases. Some schemes allow for researchers' team salaries.

Submissions are always confirmed by institutions supporting applicants and their projects therefore applicants from overseas will be able to apply if support is established and confirmed internally. The Leverhulme advice from the website applicants section, approach to grant-making, is key reference for prospective applicants.

Basic eligibility criteria

Overall grants are made to institutions where applicants are based and with scheme specific criteria.

International Professorships

Opportunity for universities to recruit excellent research leaders of any nationality, currently working outside the UK, in order to fill strategically important positions in the UK.

International Academic Fellowships

Enabling established researchers based in UK to spend a period of time overseas to develop new knowledge, skills and ideas.

Leverhulme Research Leadership Awards

Applicant with a contract with a university in the UK that extends beyond the end of the grant award. Sole applicant per institution supporting the building of research teams. A good opportunity to set a new team in a specific area.

Leverhulme Trust Research Project Grants

Applicants are already employed by an eligible institution or academics with close links with that institution following retirement. Innovative and original research projects of high quality and potential, including teaching replacement costs for the PI plus the salaries of researchers and other costs.

Leverhulme Trust Visiting Professorships

Aiming to inviting an eminent researcher from overseas to enhance knowledge and skills within the host institution.

The Leverhulme Trust Early Career Fellowships

“Applicants must not yet have held a full-time permanent academic post in a UK university or comparable

UK institution”. For ‘relatively’ early career researchers. Budget requirement of matching fund from the institution holding the award with a minimum of 50% of salary costs.

Philip Leverhulme Prizes

Holding permanent posts or long-term fellowship in a UK institution. Outstanding researchers of international recognition and with an exceptional promising career. Targeting annual key disciplines.

Leverhulme Trust Major Research Fellowships

Applicants employed by an university of other institution of higher education in the UK. Replacement teaching costs over two or three years for well-established and distinguished researchers.

Leverhulme Research Fellowships

Eligibility: UK residence. Supporting experienced researchers to conduct a programme of research in any discipline over three to twenty.

Arts Scholarships

Training opportunities across the whole range of artistic disciplines in the fine and performing arts.

Doctoral Scholarships

Grants to institutions funding full-time scholarships 48 months, for doctoral study in any subject area of institutional choice.

Research Centres

Research of outstanding originality and step-change scholarship. Centres could include research staff of any nationality.

Natural Environment Research Council UK (NERC)

NERC focus on ‘science of the environment’ including discovery science and strategic research that helps society benefit from natural resources, build resilience and manage the changing environment in a sustainable way. NERC has widened the research including interdisciplinary research in some calls supporting social implications in the projects (highlights and joint strategic projects).

To apply to NERC the remit and specifications of calls must be addressed. The Council normally fund full economic cost (fEC) projects.

- NERC Strategic research: funding research into environmental areas of major economic and societal importance.
- Research Programmes: resilience to natural hazards, valuing nature, etc.
- Highlight topics: calls twice a year; proposals for large grants
- Joint strategic response: when NERC is partnering with other organisations
-

Basic eligibility criteria

Applicants must be supported/confirmed by the institution submitting the bid by the time of the

application and complying with specific eligibility criteria by the starting of the award including provision for an employment contract extended beyond the end of the project grant. The gap between the award notice and the starting date could allow for a contract of employment but the employment institutional commitment is clear. Researchers from overseas could be included in projects' research teams.

NERC Discovery research

Discovery research supports excellent environmental research that is driven by curiosity. Demand management measures require that organisations will comply with a level of successful award to be able to apply to the Council.

Standard Grants

Scientific excellence.

Large grants

Adventurous, large scale and complex research with potential to be world-leading, thus the applicant must be linked to an UK institution when applying to this scheme, any overseas applicant must show this.

Urgency grants

Scheme only available for punctual exceptional events that can demand a quick response.

Funding for individuals

New Investigator Grants

Targeting early career applicants as PIs and leaders who can include unlimited number of co-investigators (who must meet the eligibility criteria for a PI).

Independent Research Fellowships (IRF)

Outstanding research scientists to devote their time to research and produce work of international importance, future science leaders. Applicants with specific research potential and track record. Those applying to the IRF cannot apply to the UKRI FLF.

Daphne Jackson Fellowship

For UK residents, with a career break of two or more years wanting to come back to academy.

NERC also administrate calls from GCRF and Newton Fund funding programmes which are included in this document below.

Nuffield Foundation

The Nuffield Foundation is a charitable trust that supports research in UK on specific in specific areas of policy research relying on rigorous academic scrutiny. It is possible to apply for funds to the Foundation in a collaborative basis including overseas partners, involving Chinese linkages, "welcome applications from

UK-based organisations to carry out collaborative projects, possibly involving overseas partners (and/or exploiting data relating to other countries)”.

Basic eligibility criteria

“a wide range of organisations including, but not confined to, universities based in the UK and for projects focused on the UK context. We do however, welcome applications from UK-based organisations to carry out collaborative projects, possibly involving overseas partners (and/or exploiting data relating to other countries), for example where:

- These provide useful comparators for UK experience in our areas of substantive interest.
- There are lessons to be learned from international experiences.
- Policy or practice overseas might be adapted for the UK.
- There is a capacity building dimension that might benefit the UK.

In exceptional circumstances, we might consider an application from an overseas organisation along the lines of the above where there is no workable arrangement whereby a UK-based organisation can host the grant. In these cases, the applicant must convince us that there are adequate arrangements for dissemination, engagement and impact in the UK context.”

PI: Employment or affiliation with the institution hosting the grant or organization and postdoctoral level.

The Research, Development & Analysis Fund

Research programme with two deadlines every year. Core themes are education, welfare and justice.

The Strategic Fund

Recently introduced opportunity for ambitious, interdisciplinary research projects. Including a Seed corn funding open opportunity.

Royal Geographic Society (RGS)

“As a charity, learned society and professional body, we reach millions of people each year through our work in advancing geography and supporting geographers”

RGS provides funding for geographical research, fieldwork, and teaching; for desk and field research, research teams and school teachers; working either in UK or abroad. The value ranges from £250 to £30k.

Small pockets of money to do fieldwork abroad and collaborative research. Examples

- **Hong Kong Research Grant**
- **Rob Potter award (the Caribbean and Latin America)**
- **Field Centre Awards (poorest countries)**
- **Frederick Soddy Award (anywhere in the world)**
- **Geographical Club award (anywhere in the world)**
- **Geographical Fieldwork Grant**

The RGS funds many other small grants that could be relevant. They are available [online](#).

UK Collaborative on Development Research (UKCDS)

UKCDS is a platform showing the possibilities and funding landscape on [research for development](#).

UK Research & Innovation (UKRI)

The UK Research & Innovation is the government agency coordinating the UK research and innovation in the UK, designing strategies and plans for all the UK following the UK Government Industrial Strategic plans. Under UKRI's umbrella are all the UK Research Councils following UKRI's policies and directions, including Innovation UK and the new created Research England.

Each Research Council highlights in their guidance documents specific applicants eligibility criteria.

More information available on the [UKRI's website](#). Main research interests:

- Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF).
- [EU exit](#). Source of policies and guidelines following the withdrawal agreement, during transition period and after 2021.
- [Global Talent Visa](#)
- UKRI international offices: 10 years liaison offices providing expertise and support to UKRI's strategy.
- International development. Focusing on the 0.7% GNI ODA investment administered through UKRI through:
 - GCRF
 - Newton Fund
- FIC or Fund for International Collaboration part of a package of UKRI measures to maintain UK's global R&D leadership and support the government Industrial Strategy. See above international collaborations.
- International funding opportunities. Re above international agreements and European funding below
- International partnerships. Also above international collaborations.
- Global Research council
- Newton Fund

UKRI also highlights in its website the EU exit, a new doctoral exchange with Canada, and various stages of international collaborative research which for the HSS are constrained to the AHRC International Placement Scheme (stage 1), the AHRC Research Networking Scheme (Stage 2), and Stage 4 International co-Investigator scheme and some topic-focused calls. Also mentioning the European Research Area.

The above *International collaborations section* highlights key schemes supported by UKRO. Below some notes about the Newton Fund and GCRF.

It is expected that UKRI's international pages will be developed in time: Schemes supporting international collaborations after leaving the EU adding to any agreed collaboration with the EU.

This space will be updated with new funding information from UKRI in the future.

Newton Fund

Launched in 2014 the [Newton Fund](#) focuses on research development in collaboration with specific partner's countries from the [ODA](#) umbrella only but only those countries that enter in agreement with the UK government on a specific topic at any given time. Submissions to the Newton Fund must address the

ODA requirements. Proposals should stress the benefit for the UK as well. This Fund in principle will last until 2021.

The UK involves various government research bodies or agencies to administrate the fund: British Academy, ESRC, AHRC, British Council and the International Unit (IU) are the most relevant for Humanities and Social Science. The Fund supports various schemes and partnerships, and individual exchanges.

Calls are announced when agreements are reached with selected ODA countries therefore they can vary from multi-country calls to focusing on a single agency, and from many disciplines to those restricted to STEM, sciences, and also Humanities and Social Science when the above UK funding bodies are involved.

Proposals responding to specific calls and themes and topics always targeting ODA countries' issues or/and attracting individuals to UK or UK individuals abroad. Main calls are announced by each UK agency therefore information will be available from each of the research councils. It is advisable to register for the newsletter from IU to get regular updates since deadlines for submissions are often close to the announcements.

Main funding streams

- **Research Links**. Supporting travel, exchanges, workshops; mobility of researchers. Supported by British Academy and British Council normally. These can be small multi-country calls, i.e. with the participation of various Newton Fund countries' organisations.
- **Research Institutional Links**. Also supported by British Council and British Academy.
- **Research Placements**. British Council supporting calls with agencies from India and China.
- **Research Fellowships**. British Academy Newton Advance Fellowships, International Fellowships.
- **Research Chairs**. Announced in 2016 to support research in South Africa.
- **Research Centres**. Calls supported by ESRC and AHRC in 2014 and 2015 with Chinese and South African partners CASS and NRF
- **Research Collaborative calls**. Projects supported by ESRC and South Africa NRF for example.

Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF)

The GCRF is a five-year £1.5bn UK government funding stream that started in 2016 and supports UK research that addresses problems faced by developing countries. The fund is based on ODA contributions and therefore funds projects that fit with the official ODA guidelines but which also benefit the UK. Calls should be announced until 2021 in principle.

GCRF funds projects for Humanities and Social Sciences through the usual UK research agencies: ESRC, British Academy, AHRC, NERC, EPSRC, and the British Council.

Information is available and received through their websites, social media and newsletters. Key links:

UK Research Council (UKRI): <https://www.ukri.org/research/global-challenges-research-fund/>

ESRC current page with information: <http://www.esrc.ac.uk/research/international-research/global-challenges-research-fund-gcrf/>

AHRC: <http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/funding/opportunities/current/gcrf-building-resilience/>

British Academy: <http://www.britac.ac.uk/sustainable-development-programme>

British Council: <https://www.britishcouncil.org/education/science/newton>

NERC: <https://nerc.ukri.org/research/partnerships/international/gcrf/>

EPSRC: <https://epsrc.ukri.org/research/ourportfolio/themes/engineering/activities/global-grand-challenges>

UKCDS or UK Collaborative on Development Sciences: a good source of funding information

Wellcome Trust

The Wellcome Trust Humanities and Social Science programme invests approx. £60m annually supporting research on health disparity, ethical and political issues related to health, and other social contexts on health; also in the intersection of medicine and development. Within this context any of the following HSS funding schemes could be relevant to research involving non-UK applicants and researchers.

Basic eligibility criteria

Are eligible to apply to the Trust, basically, those applicants from an eligible organization who hold an academic or research post and have a salary or the guarantee of a salary for the duration of the award.

These are all the HSS schemes with links to their webpages:

- **Investigator Awards** (currently paused)
- **Hub Awards**
- **Research Fellowships**
- **Research Resources Awards**
- **University Awards**
- **Wellcome Trust Centres** (strategic funding)
- **Seed Awards**
- **Doctoral Studies Awards**
- **Collaborative Awards** (currently paused)
- **Research Development Awards**
- **International Exchange Awards**
- **Research Awards for Health Professionals**
- **Small grants** (under review)
- **Master Awards**
- **Public Engagement Funding**
- **Europe and Global Challenges**
- **Doctoral Studentships**
- **Research Bursaries**
- **Springboard – Health of the Public2040 Awards**
- **Our Planet, Our Health**

Other non-UK funding bodies

It would be possible to support applications from non-UK funding bodies and non-UK applicants if rules allow for the administration of the funds in house, awarded grants that are paid through the University or participating in projects based abroad agreeing a subcontract administrated at Manchester, or even when expenses are being covered by the non-UK institutions. In any case collaborations are welcomed and are important for research, but only receiving income through the University will allow for administrative support from the University when preparing the proposal and after the award. Submissions with the support of the RSS, always with previous departmental and school confirmation, for example: H2020 requires support from the host institution when applying to MSCA IF calls through the submission tool.

Below a list of countries and opportunities in a very succinct way. Two main highlights:

Schemes offering possibilities of an award to UK institutions and those offering international collaboration based on national awards.

Africa

Multi-country associations. Mainly tendering for non-Africans and therefore open to any provider in principle.

African Economic Research Consortium (AERC)

Council for the development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA)

Australia

Australia Research Council (ARC)

- **Discovery Projects**

Opportunity for collaborations with ARC applicants including travel, subsistence costs and even possibility of teaching replacement costs under the specific clause Discovery International Award or DIA.

- **Linkage Grants**

Again opportunity of collaboration with ARC applicants including travel, subsistence costs and other direct costs.

Global Connections Fund

- **Bridging Grants**

Programme of assistance that targets early stage proof of concept and knowledge transfer, product development and market testing, innovation and commercialisation activities. The applicant must be Australian.

International English Language Testing System (IELTS)

- Applied research projects on IELTS.

University of Manchester – University of Melbourne

- **Manchester-Melbourne Research Fund**

To enable academic staff at both institutions to undertake short-term exchange visits to deepen and extend collaborative research links (not necessarily new links) with a view to enabling collaborators to subsequently make joint proposals to external funding agencies for the next phase of their research. In previous rounds the priority areas were the research beacons and education, cities, arts and heritage, digital humanities, and also other areas of mutual interest, with a fund of £60k (AUD 100k). Activities supported: symposium, workshops, staff exchanges, seminars, presentations and collaborative network.

Brazil

Brazil can be approached for research collaboration. BEIS provides with [a list of Brazilian governmental organisations](#) which could be sources for funding.

FAPESP, Fundação de Amparo à Pesquisa do Estado de São Paulo. São Paulo's Research Foundation

FAPESP is a research council in Brazil, source of funding for collaborative programmes, fellowships and studentships, its website is worth to check.

- **UKRI - FAPESP Memorandum of Understanding**

The MoU provides opportunities for submitting proposals in join applications between FAPESP and AHRC or ESRC.

AHRC: <http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/funding/opportunities/current/saopauloresearchfoundation/>

ESRC: <http://www.esrc.ac.uk/funding/funding-opportunities/rcuk-fapesp-bilateral-agreement/>

- **SPRINT**

The University of Manchester's Faculty of Sciences and Engineering (FSE) sustains an agreement with FAPESP bringing calls in a yearly basis. Collaboration with the Faculty of Humanities is possible always complying with the co-funding rules of £10k per project.

- **Visiting Research Grants**

Submissions any time for a period of 2 weeks to 12 months complying with specific requirements.

- **Post-doctoral fellowships**

Open for participation in research projects. Opportunities are advertised on the FAPESP website.

- **Newton Fund - Brazil**

Under the umbrella of the Newton Fund agreements under ODA rules allow for submissions to [calls announced](#) in an ad hoc basis by the Newton Fund, when agreements are reached.

Canada

The Canadian Government promotes research for nationals and supports schemes aiming to attract investigators to work with them but recently some collaborative schemes with the UK have been developed by UKRI. Some Canadian funding bodies allow for submissions from abroad:

Canada-UK Foundation

[The Canada- UK Foundation](#) objective is "to foster a greater understanding of Canada in the UK through education". Funding opportunities for scholars to support the following academic activities:

- **Research and Travel Awards**
- **Conference Support Awards**
- **Outreach Awards**
- **Publication awards**
- **Seed Funding Opportunities**
- **Doctoral Fellowship in Entrepreneurship and Innovation**
- **PhD Studentship Awards**

CIFAR

CIFAR is a Canadian-based global charitable organization supporting long-term interdisciplinary collaboration looking at new directions of inquiry and catalyzing changes in industry, government and society. Schemes:

- **Global Call for Ideas**
- **Artificial Intelligence programmes**

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)

The SSHRC is “the federal research funding agency that promotes postsecondary-based research and research training in the humanities and social sciences”.

- **Partnership Development Grants**
- **Connection Grants**
- **Belmont Forum - SSHRC**
- **Canada-UK Artificial Intelligence Initiative (2019 initiative)**

Grand Challenges Canada

Funded by the Government of Canada and other partners supporting innovators in low- and middle-income countries and Canada: bold ideas with big impact. Schemes:

- **OPTions Initiative**
- **Humanitarian Grand Challenge**
- **Transitions To Scale**

International Development Research Centre (IDRC)

The IDRC is a Canadian development agency investing in solutions to improve the lives of people in the developing world, researching ways to “break the cycle of poverty, reducing inequalities and vulnerabilities and help people live healthier and more sustainable lives”.

More often IDRC will support proposals from applicants from LMICs. Two ways to apply to IDRC:

- **Competitive grants**
- **Unsolicited grants**

Pierre Elliot Trudeau Foundation

The Foundation “encourages research, reflection and action in four areas important to Canadians: human rights and dignity, responsible citizenship, Canada and the world, and people and their natural environment”.

- **Doctoral Scholarships**

University of Toronto – University of Manchester

- **Manchester-Toronto Research Fund**

“The University of Manchester and the University of Toronto are contributing matching funds to support

collaborative research initiatives in areas of mutual strength and shared interest”.

Two round have been agreed so far and continuity is desired by researchers at the University of Manchester. Proposals opening and submissions in Spring.

China Region

People’s Republic of China

Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS)

Formed for several existing scientific institutes CAS is key to China’s S&T planning, and leading in international cooperation. Relevant areas for HSS: ecologic systems and environmental research, research development, and global challenges.

- **CAS President’s International Fellowship Initiative (PIFI)**
 - Category A PIFI for Distinguished Scientists. Lecturing for 1-2 weeks in China
 - Category B PIFI for Visiting Scientists. Cooperative projects over 1 to 12 months in China.
 - Category C PIFI for Postdoctoral Researchers to conduct research in China
 - Category D PIFI for International PhD Students. Supporting PhD degrees at the University of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (UCAS), the University of Science and Technology (USTC) or the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) institutes around China.

Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK)

The CUHK supports an international engagement fund for academics to develop key partnerships with institutions abroad. CHUK could be a source of research fund for Manchester’s academics supporting the visits of key CUHK academics and the opportunity to visit this institution.

- **CUHK-University of Manchester Research Fund.**
Joint research fund established in 2015-16 aiming to build and strengthen research collaboration between the two universities. Two calls in 2019:
 - Seed-corn Fund: short-term exchange visits to “jointly define new research questions or to consolidate existing links”. Up to £10k per project.
 - Strategic Research Fund: supporting projects resulting from the seed-corn fund. With a budget of up to £45k per project. Link to [CUHK](#) and the [UoM](#).

Hong-Kong Research (HKIMR) Institute for Monetary

The Institute objectives are to promote research on long-term and wide policy issues/options of relevance to monetary and finance development in Hong Kong and the Asia region, fostering cooperation.

- **Regular Research Fellowship programme**
- **Thematic Study Fellowship programme**

Huawei

“We aim to support customers in their digital transformation and lay the cornerstone of an intelligent world. We branch out into multiple paths in multiple waves and across multiple scenarios, building continuous leadership in solution competitiveness”.

- **Huawei Innovation Research Programme (HIRP)**

HIRP “provides funding opportunities to leading universities and research institutes conducting innovative research in communication technology, computer science, engineering, and related fields”.

Republic of China – Chinese Taipei

Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for Scholarly Exchange (CCKF)

Encouraging scholars to undertake research projects in the humanities and social sciences that can shed new light on Chinese culture and society, and engaging in international cooperation and exchange. Under the [European Region Programme](#) the following opportunities are available:

- Lecture Series Grants
- Research Grants
- Database Grants
- Conference and Seminar Grants
- Publication subsidies
- Fellowships for PhD Dissertations and Postdoctoral Research
- Dissertation Fellowships for Republic of China (ROC) Students Abroad

Taiwan Foundation for Democracy (TFD)

Initiated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2002, TFD aims to have a positive role in consolidating Taiwan’s democracy and human rights and to become a strong link in the world democratic network.

- **International Visiting Fellowship**

France

AXA Research Fund

[AXA](#) is the philanthropic initiative of the global insurance company AXA, funding on thematic areas related to Life risks, Socio-Economic Risks, and Environmental risks.

The system of submission is through calls to institutions/organisations that register to the Fund and will nominate their applicants for each call. Awards from this scheme could be ways to introduce and fund a chair or a post-doctoral fellowship on specific areas related to the above themes.

- **AXA Chairs**
- **AXA Fellowships**

French and British Governments

“to encourage reciprocal mobility between early career researchers in both countries, leading to closer collaboration on existing research projects as well as strengthening connections that could lead to more Franco-British collaboration on future projects”

- **Alliance Hubert Curien**

Embassy of France in UK

“As part of its mission to promote research collaborations between France and the United Kingdom, the Higher Education, Research and Innovation Department of the French Embassy in London aims to facilitate exchanges and meetings between researchers of both countries and reinforce their position within the European Research Area (ERA).

- **Funding for Seed Meetings**

Fondation pour la Mémoire de la Shoah

“The Foundation funds research on Holocaust-related topics, including its roots and its consequences to the present day, and the study of contemporary anti-Semitism. It also backs research on other 20th-century genocides”

- **Research and travel grants**

Le Studium

Institute of Advanced Studies covering all research thematic in one initiative aiming at boosting international scientific exchanges in the Centre-Val de Loire region.

- **Le Studium Professorship**
- **Le Studium Visiting Research**

Mobile Lives Forum

“The Mobile Lives Forum is using the humanities, social sciences and arts to prepare for the transition towards attractive, sustainable lifestyles from a mobility”.

- **Research Projects**

Joseph Wresinski Foundation

“La fondation Joseph Wresinski a pour but de promouvoir l'émergence et la diffusion d'une culture du refus de la misère en apportant son soutien à tout projet”

- **Émergence et diffusion d'une culture du refus de la misère**

IAS Sorbone

IAS offers internationally renowned academics five to ten-month research stays in Paris during which, freed from the obligations of academic life, they conduct the project of their choice in an interdisciplinary environment”.

- **Visiting Fellowships**
- **IAS Chair** (“Major Societal Changes” 2020-2021)

Germany

Below a selection of possible funding opportunities.

AHRC/DFG

- **UK-German Call for Proposals in the Humanities**

Together launched this bilateral “call for collaborative call for collaborative research proposals bringing together Arts and Humanities researchers in the UK with Humanities (including Law and Linguistics) researchers in Germany to conduct outstanding joint UK-German research projects”.

DAAD - German Academic Exchange Service

Study and research in Germany. Many opportunities for networking in Germany. The [International Programmes Database](#) is the source of all the possibilities.

- **Study Visits by Groups of Foreign Students**

DFG - Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (German Research Foundation)

“The DFG is the self-governing organisation for science and research in Germany. It serves all branches of science and the humanities. In organisational terms, the DFG is an association under private law. Its membership consists of German research universities, non-university research institutions, scientific associations and the Academies of Science and the Humanities”

- **Research group programme -equal opportunities module**
- **Research group programme - workshop module**
- **Mercator Fellows**
- **Initiation of international collaboration**
- **International scientific events**
- **International Research Training Groups**

European Cultural Foundation & MitOst

“[MitOst](#) connects active citizens in an open and diverse network in Europe and its neighbouring regions”. Membership required.

Gerda Henkel Foundation

“The [Foundation](#) concentrates its support on the historical humanities. In some of the programmes the Foundation furthermore addresses issues of great relevance to contemporary life and the future, above all as part of its special programme “Security, Society and the State””.

- **Funding Programme Democracy - Democracy as Utopia, Experience and Threat**
- **Funding Programme Lost Cities**
- **General Research Grants & Scholarships**
- **Patrimonies**
- **Special Programme Security**

German Historical Institute London (GHIL)

The GHIL "is an academically independent institution and part of the Max Weber Foundation – German Humanities Institutes Abroad. It promotes research on medieval and modern history, in particular on the history of Britain, on the British Empire and the Commonwealth, and on Anglo-German relations. Its public library specializes in German history".

- **Scholarships (British applicants)**

Goethe-Institut

"The Goethe-Institut is the Federal Republic of Germany's cultural institute, active worldwide. We promote the study of German abroad and encourage international cultural exchange".

- **Goethe-Institut International Coproduction Fund**

International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance

"Holocaust education, remembrance, and research worldwide and to uphold the commitments of the 2000 Stockholm Declaration". "A world without genocide"

- **Yehuda Bauer Grant**

Max Weber Foundation

"The Foundation's goal is to promote research with a focus on history, culture, economic and social sciences in selected countries and to promote a mutual understanding between Germany and those countries". Including UK (London branch).

- **Gerald D. Feldman Travel Grants**
- **Travel Grants China**
- **International Research Award**

Thyssen Foundation

Funding research in the areas of History, language and culture; interdisciplinary field "Image-Sound-Language"; State, economy and society; Medicine and natural sciences.

- **Conferences and grants for stipends, travel, printing subsidies, library subsidies**

Volkswagen Foundation

"In principle, academic institutions located in other countries are also eligible for funding. Applications must, however, refer to a specific funding initiative. In such cases, concrete details must be supplied to show that a substantial cooperation with researchers in Germany has been agreed upon. Many of the Foundation's funding initiatives require that the German research institute takes the lead with respect to the overall project responsibility"

The Foundation award grants to German institutions but international co-applicants are welcomed in many schemes and some fellowships are open to foreigners moving to Germany. A variety of thematic areas, some schemes within the HSS. Cooperation is welcomed.

- **“Original – isn’t it?”**
 - **Artificial Intelligence and the Society of the Future. Planning Grants and Full Grants**
 - **Challenges for Europe**
 - **Freigeist Fellowships**
 - **Life? - A Fresh Scientific Approach to the Basic Principles of Life**
 - **Mixed Methods in the Humanities? - Line 1: Projects: and Line 2: Summer schools and workshops**
 - **Structural Support for "Rare Subjects"**
 - **Symposia and Summer Schools**
 - **Science Communication and Knowledge Transfer**
 - **Off the Beaten Track**
-
- **Funding for Refugee Scholars and Scientists**

ZiF - Center for Interdisciplinary Research

“The ZiF is Bielefeld University's Institute for Advanced Study and fosters outstanding and innovative interdisciplinary research projects. The ZiF is an independent thematically open research institution and is open to scholars from all disciplines and all countries”

- **Funding and Organisation of Workshops**

India

Research collaboration between the UK and India are supported in UK basically by UKRI and the British Council. UKRI supports its international office in New Delhi enhancing the UK-India relationship, source of multiple collaborations. The GCRF and the Newton Fund have brought possibilities for research and new calls have been agreed between research councils and India research agencies or government departments and Indian companies:

Indian Council for Historical Research (ICHR)

Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR)

Indian Ministry of Science & Technology

Tata

Japan

Japanese research and innovation is national focused and very supportive with its neighbourhood countries in East Asia. Some funding bodies support also collaborations with European countries and the UK but mostly based in Japan.

Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)

The JSPS supports opportunities of collaboration through its international schemes and its London office, a couple of them through the British Academy and the Royal Society. Awards based in Japan.

- **Post-doctoral Fellowship Programme for Overseas Researchers**
- **Bilateral Joint Research Projects/Seminars**
- **Core-to-Core programme Advanced Research Networks**
- **International Fellowships for Research in Japan**
- **Invitation Fellowships**
- **Summer Programme**

The link below brings other link to a booklet provided by JSPS-London in 2016 (no response to an updated has been received to date) on possible funding opportunities for collaborative projects involving UK and Japanese agencies/organisations. The information should be checked carefully.

<http://www.jsps.org/news/2016/02/uk-japan-science-and-innovation-collaboration-booklet-201516.html>

Some notes to the booklet below:

- UK funding opportunities
 - There is always the possibility to include international co-investigators or researchers in any research council funded proposals.
 - In the booklet the mention of ‘nationality’ is a bit confusing, and it does not include reference to the ‘host institution’: Applicants from abroad must obtain confirmed support from UK institutions before any submission as PIs; it is possible but only with the confirmation from a UK organisation. Eligibility is only mentioned in three cases and this should be checked in each scheme/funder. The list includes the Leverhulme Trust International Networks that has been discontinued by the Trust.

(2) Japanese funding opportunities

Cannon Foundation Fellowships (page 40). HSS in UK for European and Japanese students in Europe. In most cases the research is based in Japanese institutions; only the Cannon Foundation supports HSS in European institutions.

- In relation to HSS thematic areas to highlight:
 - MEXT (page 30)
 - JSPS (pages 30—33)
 - Kyoto University (page 34)
 - Suntory Foundation (page 35)
- Additional information: Research schemes:

Suntory Foundation

Both Japanese submissions: <http://www.suntory.co.jp/sfnd/research/index.html>

- Support for Research Groups (deadline April yearly)
- Support for Young Researchers (Announcement in October)

Cannon Foundation

Deadline 15 September annually

- **Fellowships**

Awarded to European citizens for periods of minimum three months and maximum one year, regardless of the discipline and existing employment positions. Eligibility rules apply. Requirement of a period of

research in Japan during the project duration based in Europe.

Daiwa Foundation

Two yearly deadlines in 31 March and 30 September

- **Small grants**

Up to £7K supporting interaction between countries.

Sasakawa Peace Foundation SPF

Expected October yearly

- **Regular Grants**

Themes: Effort to ensure peace and security in the international community; addressing positive and negative aspects of globalization (market disparities, demographic changes and population movement); promotion mutual understanding between priority regions and Japan. One to three year's project duration and from US\$20k to US\$100k budgets.

Netherlands

The Netherlands hosts many international agencies supporting HSS interests. These have been included below. There are other funding bodies supporting research and other innovative forms of collaboration.

Aids fonds

Hague Institute for Innovation Law (HiIL)

Independent Social Research Foundation (ISRF) UK London Office

Netspar: Network for Studies on Pensions, Ageing and Retirement

Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO)

MitOst

Prince Claus Fund

Rijksmuseum

Taaul:unie

Think Forwards Initiative (TFI)

New Zealand

This is a geographical area to explore.

New Zealand Institute of Forestry (NZIF)

Reserve Bank of New Zealand

Royal Society Te Apārangi

Research New Zealand

South Africa – Africa

Other geographical area to explore.

Human Sciences Research Council
South African Medical Research Council
South Africa Innovation Support (SAIS)
Shuttleworth Foundation
Water Research Commission

Turkey

TÜBİTAK: Scientific and Tehcnological Research Council of Turkey

TÜBİTAK is the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey, “the leading agency for management, funding and conduct of research in Turkey”. Supports funding for international collaboration in the [International Support Programmes](#) webpage.

- **ERA-NET projects**
- **International Industrial R&D Projects grant programme based in EUREKA**
- **Fellowships for Visiting Scientists and Scientists on Sabbatical Leave**

USA

With exception from the above mentioned specific schemes (International Collaborations section) including the NSF, the USA is quite inaccessible for funding when looking to the USA’s Government funding. Like any other country in the world some funds allow for collaboration based and led by nationals only, there are some exceptions. Below a list of sources for funding from the USA government departments to which overseas institutions/organisations can apply when calls explicitly allow. The main source of information is the [Grants.gov](#) website.

Agency for International Development (USAID)
Bureau of Democracy Human Rights and Labor
Department of Defence
Department of Defence - Defence Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA)
Department of Education - Institute of Education Sciences (IES)
Department of Justice
Department of Labor
Department of State
National Institutes of Health (NIH)
Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI)

A long list of funding related to HSS is possible to extract from the database source mentioned above (introduction). This list in most cases addresses *small pockets of money extremely competitive and very thematically focused.*

- Academy Film Scholars
- Albert Baker Fund
- American Academy of Religion

- American Association of Physical Anthropologists (AAPA)
- American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS)
- American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP)
- American Historical Association (AHA)
- American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee
- American Philosophical Association (APA)
- American Psychological Foundation (APF)
- Archaeological Institute of America
- ARIAH - Association of Research Institutes in Art History
- Arthur W. Page Center
- ATLAS Network
- ATSA - Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers
- Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library, Yale University Library
- Bibliographical Society of America (BSA)
- Center for Ethics & Education
- Center for Philosophy of Religion
- Center for Retirement Research (Boston College)
- Centre for Ethics & Education
- Claims Conference
- Columbia University - Italian Academy
- Consortium of Humanities Centers and Institutes (CHCI)
- Dr Scholl Foundation
- Earth Institute, Columbia University
- Earthwatch Institute
- Endangered Language Fund, The
- Environmental Research & Education Foundation (EREF)
- Equipment Leasing & Finance Foundation
- ETS - Education Testing Service USA
- Experiment
- Filmmakers Without Borders (FWB)
- Fulbright Centre
- Fulbright Commission
- Getty Foundation
- Google
- Graham Foundation
- Grammy
- Guggenheim Foundation
- Harry Ransom Center Texas
- Harvard University Center for Italian Renaissance Studies
- Health Effects Institute (HEI)
- Henry Luce Foundation
- Hewlett Foundation
- Hodges Foundation for Philosophical Orientation
- Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy
- Huntington Library
- IDEO.Org
- Infinity Foundation
- Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA)
- INSTAP - Institute for Aegean Prehistory
- Institute for Humane Studies
- Institute for Research in the Humanities

- Institute of International Education (IIE)
- Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) Research Foundation
- Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)
- International Institute of Forecasters (IIF)
- International Journal for Urban and Regional Research (IJURR)
- International Olympic Committee
- ISHR - International Society for the History of Rhetoric
- Israel Institute
- Jacobs Research Funds
- James S. McDonnell Foundation (JSMF)
- John Carter Brown Library, The
- John Templeton Foundation
- Kellogg Foundation
- Library and Information Association, The, (CILIP)
- Library of Congress
- MacArthur Foundation
- Marketing Science Institute (MSI)
- Medici Archive Project
- Medieval Institute
- Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture (MFJC)
- Misk Foundation | Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- Mozilla
- NAEd - National Academy of Education - Spencer Foundation
- National Gallery of Art
- National Geographic
- National Geographic Society
- National Geographical Association
- National Humanities Center
- New Venture Fund
- Newberry Library
- OCP Policy Center
- Omohundro Institute
- Open Society Foundations
- OpenIDEO
- Pcori - Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute
- Peter G. Peterson Foundation
- Population Reference Bureau (PRB)
- Posen Foundation
- Project Management Institute (PMI)
- Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study Harvard University
- Research Society for Victorian Periodicals (RSVP)
- Rockefeller Foundation
- Shift Programme
- Simons Foundation
- Smithsonian American Art Museum
- Smithsonian Institution
- Society for Ethno-Musicology (SEM)
- Society of Architectural Historians (SAH)
- Society of Wetland Scientists
- Soil Science Society of America
- Terra Foundation for American Art

- Tinker Foundation
- TREE Fund - Tree Research and Education Endowment Fund
- University of Yale, The Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition (GLC)
- USITT - United States Institute for Theatre Technology
- Villa I Tatti Center for Italian Renaissance Studies, Harvard University
- Water Research Foundation
- Wenner-Gren Foundation
- William L. Clements Library
- Wilson Center
- YIVO Institute for Jewish Research

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

The Foundation supports projects addressing practical solutions to poverty in specific areas of need through the **Grand Challenges** and other schemes.

Facebook

Facebook have been calling for projects in areas including the social sciences, normally no-reiterative calls addressing specific topics. A couple of new schemes could have some recurrence in the future:

- **Fellowships and Emerging Scholars Programs**
- **Content Governance**

Ford Foundation

The Ford Foundation is the second-largest private foundation in the United States, with an endowment of \$12 billion, awarding 1400 grants worldwide every year. Seven programme areas focusing on challenging inequality. The award process require the applicant being involved in discussions with Ford programme teams to agree the proposal, to assure the award after the submission and acceptance of a Grant Inquiry and subsequent contract negotiation.

The Foundation is reviewing the funding system and it seems it will revive its previous universities programmes in the future investing \$600m annual funding (no clear if also outside USA).

- **Grants**

Microsoft

Microsoft supports research also in the area of economics, environment and social sciences.

- **AI for Earth Grant**
- **Microsoft Azure for Research**
- **Microsoft productivity research**

Russell Sage Foundation (RSF)

The Foundation supports annual reiterative funding schemes open to international applicants. All relevant to the social sciences.

- *Behavioral Economics*
- *Future of Work*
- *Race, Ethnicity and Immigration*
- *Social, Political and Economic Inequality*
- *Computational Social Science*
- *Immigration and Immigrant Integration*
- *Small Grants and Behavioural Economics*
- *Integrating Biology and Social Science Knowledge*

SESYNC National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center

- *Pursuit* is a possibility to undergo collaborative team-based synthesis research under annual specific themes.

Social Science Research Council (SSRC)

The SSRC calls for proposals on specific areas based on the SSRC programmes or thematic areas. Eligibility outside the USA should be checked.

Spencer Foundation

The Foundation supports annual recurrent schemes allowing international researchers to apply. All in the area of education.

- *NAED/Spencer Postdoctoral Fellowship*
- *Conference Grants for Advancing Education Research*
- *Lyle Spencer Research Awards*
- *Research Grants on Education (large and small)*
- *Research Practice Partnerships*

Current key bilateral/multilateral agreements for Humanities and Social Sciences

Bilateral collaborative opportunities are being supported at different levels (academic, research councils, and UKRI for example) and should increase with time. The current available and relevant to SSH are expected to be reiterative calls:

AHRC / ESRC / FAPESP (UK-Brazil)

AHRC / ESRC / FNR (UK-Luxembourg)

AHRC / ESRC / NERC / NSF (UK-USA)

British Academy / MOST (UK-Taiwan)

AHRC/DFG (UK-Germany)

IZA/UKAid (UK-Germany)

UKRI/Canadian doctoral studies (UK-Canada)

University of Manchester/University of Melbourne (UK-Australia)

University of Manchester/FAPESP (UK-Brazil)

University of Manchester/University of Toronto (UK-Canada)

University of Manchester/Chinese University of Hong Kong (UK-China PRC)

The highlights database (see introduction) can provide with more possibilities: collaborations from established centres or organisations aiming at this type of projects like the Canada–UK Foundation, Great Britain China Centre (GBCC), Humanitarian Grand Challenge, from the British Council, etc.

There are other possibilities of collaborative research and innovation with ODA countries from the UK Newton Fund and the GCRF schemes with own pages in this website, and even other ODA opportunities from other agencies like the British Council and British Academy also included in the database.

International agencies/associations

International networks, associations, foundations, hubs, groups, etc., can be sources of collaborations and sometimes collaborative research. This is an area to explore. Below some entities active in supporting past and current projects. All available in the humanities funding opportunities database.

3ie - International Initiative for Impact Evaluation
 African Union
 ASEM (Asia-Europe Meeting)
 Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU)
 Atlas Network
 Banco Interamericano de Desarrollo (BID) (Inter-American Bank for Development)
 Belmont Forum
 Commonwealth Foundation
 European Economic Area
 European Investment Bank (EIB)
 ERA-NET Climate Change
 ERA-NET FOSC Food Systems and Climate
 ERA-NET SUSFOOD2
 Esperantic Studies Foundation (ESF)
 European Association for Chinese Studies (EACS)
 European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
 European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)
 European Consortium for Sociological Research (ECSR)
 European Cultural Foundation
 European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)
 European University Association (EUA)
 Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF)
 Global Innovation Fund (GIF)
 Hivos
 Humanities in the European Research Area (HERA), JPR
 Independent Social Research Foundation (ISRF)
 International Union for Quaternary Research (INQUA)
 Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)
 International Development Research Centre (IDRC)
 Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)
 International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)
 International Labour Organisation (ILO) | Government Sweden
 International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion in Europe (IMISCOE)
 International Science Council (formerly ISSC)
 JPI A Healthy Diet for a Healthy Life (HDHL)
 JPI Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Change (FACCE)
 JPI Cultural Heritage and Global Change (JPICH)

JPI Connecting Climate Knowledge for Europe (JPI Climate)
JPI Urban Europe
JPI Water
NATO
Network for Studies on Pensions, Ageing and Retirement (Nestpar)
NORFACE Research Funding Agency Co-operation in Europe
North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO)
North European Regional Office of European Forest Institute (EFINORD)
Open Research Area (ORA)
Organization of American States (OAS)
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
Plan International
Red Sudamericana de Economía Aplicada (RED SUR) (Applied Economics South-American Network)
Regional Studies Association (RSA)
Science for Nature and People (SNAPP)
T-AP Trans-Atlantic Platform Social Sciences and Humanities
Transparency International (TI) (global coalition against corruption)
United Nations (UN)
UN Office on Drugs and Crime
UNESCO
UNICEF
UniCredit & Universities Foundation
UNU-WIDER
UN-Habitat
World Bank
World Health Organisation (WHO)
World Trade Organisation (WTO)