



Notes for applicants for the British Academy Conferences scheme, 2021 competition

PLEASE READ THESE SCHEME NOTES CAREFULLY
Any application which is incorrectly submitted will not be eligible

Aim of the scheme

The British Academy Conferences scheme presents an exceptional opportunity for UK scholars to run a landmark event featuring leading-edge research as part of the Academy's events programme.

Proposals should be for conferences that will be pivotal events, of lasting significance in their field: a chance for established and emerging scholars to examine current and future issues surrounding novel, dynamic, innovative and exciting subject areas in the humanities and social sciences.

The events should feature experts in their fields invited to present on the latest developments in the subject and to stimulate discussion among those attending. Where relevant, there should be appropriate international representation.

The Academy welcomes proposals for conferences held in collaboration with other organisations. A list of [recent and forthcoming British Academy Conferences](#) is available.

Number of conferences to be adopted into the 2021 programme

The Academy is looking to host up to four British Academy Conferences at its own premises and to offer a contribution to travel and accommodation costs for approximately five conferences to be held at venues *other than* the British Academy in 2021.

Proposers should be aware that the British Academy will be highly selective in what it adopts into the 2021 programme of British Academy Conferences, and in how it will allocate its limited resources for support under this scheme. In some instances where the proposer has indicated that the British Academy is their preferred venue, but where the Academy is unable to provide full organisational and hosting support, the Academy may instead offer a contribution towards travel and accommodation costs to help enable a conference to be held elsewhere.

Eligibility

Applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Applicants who submit a proposal as the ‘principal proposer/convenor’ must be postdoctoral scholars, or individuals at an equivalent level without a doctorate, in the fields of the humanities and social sciences (you may list additional convenors on the proposal form). **Postgraduate students are not eligible to apply.**
- Applicants must be resident in the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands (that is, classed as ‘ordinarily resident’ for tax purposes).
- Conferences adopted into the programme of British Academy Conferences must take place between January and December 2021. Please note that the British Academy does not hold conferences in the month of August, or on a Saturday or Sunday – unless there are exceptional reasons for holding a conference at these times.
- Proposals should be for one or two-day conferences that will take place *either* at the British Academy’s own premises in London, *or* at other appropriate venues in the UK (e.g. at a university). Convenors should indicate their preferred choice of venue in their proposal. Please note that we will not entertain proposals for conferences longer than two days, unless the principal proposer can indicate that they have funds to cover the cost of these additional days.
- Proposals should have an interdisciplinary or multidisciplinary nature – preferably embracing both humanities and social sciences disciplines.

The Academy runs this scheme once per year, with the timeline for 2021 as follows:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scheme opens: 22 November 2019• Deadline for submissions (including references): 29 January 2020, 5pm• Proposals assessed: February – April 2020• Selection of conferences to be adopted into the 2021 programme of British Academy Conferences: May 2020• Principal proposers notified: end of May 2020 |
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Summary of support available through the British Academy Conferences scheme

For all events adopted into the 2021 programme of British Academy Conferences, the British Academy will:

- contribute to travel and accommodation for speakers, convenors and chairs
- help you to promote the conference
- where approved, publish a themed collection of papers in the *Proceedings of the British Academy* series (or in the *Journal of the British Academy*) arising from the conference

In addition, for those 2021 British Academy Conferences that are held at the Academy’s own premises in London, the British Academy will:

- provide the venue, facilities, and catering (tea/coffee breaks, lunch)
- handle the administration of the conference, so that convenors can focus on ensuring the quality of the scholarship presented is of the highest possible calibre
- handle the registration of delegates

Information about the different types of support offered under the British Academy Conferences scheme is as follows:

Travel and accommodation costs

For conferences selected for support, the Academy will make a contribution to the total travel and accommodation costs for speakers, convenors and chairs.

The Academy has some expectation that participants from well-resourced countries may be able to meet their own travel costs. Proposers should indicate on the proposal form, in the financial details, justification section, those speakers for whom financial support should be regarded as a priority.

While there is no formal limit on the amount that may be offered for travel and accommodation costs, sums in the region of £2000, £5000 or £8000 may be regarded as indicative. The awarding committee will aim to offer sums to make viable each conference that it selects for support, but its funds are limited and in some instances it may offer less than was sought.

Where the conference is held at a venue *other than* the British Academy, the Academy will reimburse travel and accommodation costs – usually as a lump sum – up to the offered amount, one month *before* the conference. Payment will be made automatically via electronic transfer (BACS) to the host organisation, or in the case of independent scholars as a personal payment. A final statement of expenditure will be required after the conference has taken place.

Conferences hosted at the British Academy's own premises

The British Academy's premises are at Carlton House Terrace in central London, close to Westminster and Piccadilly Circus, and are easily accessible by train from each of London's five airports. The venue is ideal for up to 100 participants. Accommodation is booked at a nearby hotel.

Where conferences are held at Carlton House Terrace, the Academy covers the cost of administration, catering (tea/coffee breaks, lunch), preparation of delegates' packs, and promotional material.

The Academy does not arrange an evening reception or dinner in connection with a British Academy Conference.

The Academy does not host any conferences on a Saturday or Sunday or in the month of August (unless there are exceptional reasons for hosting a conference on a weekend or during the summer break).

Role of the principal convenor

If your proposal is successful, you will be the academic convenor of the conference. You will:

- provide the academic theme and develop the overall objectives of the conference. The British Academy Conferences scheme is particularly suitable for themes that encourage the participation of both academic and other specialist communities. Subjects that address topical issues or contribute to public policy debates are also welcome.
- select and approach speakers and chairs and brief them on the required academic focus. The British Academy is committed to showcasing a diverse community of scholars across the humanities and social sciences. Convenors should bear this in mind when putting

together their proposal.

- work with British Academy staff to identify the best channels to market the conference. After the conference, comply with the Academy's instructions for securing feedback about the conference and evaluating its success.
 - aim to put together a proposal for a themed collection of papers arising from the conference to be published in the *Proceedings of the British Academy* series (or in the *Journal of the British Academy*), and where approved, act as editor to steer the collection towards publication.
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Publication by the British Academy

While recognising that the criteria for a successful conference and for a good publication are not identical, the British Academy attaches considerable importance to formal dissemination to wider scholarly and other expert readerships. There is a presumption that the convenors of those events that are adopted into the 2021 programme of British Academy Conferences will aspire to publish an edited collection of papers arising from the conference, and it is expected that, in due course, a proposal will be submitted for such a collection to be published by the British Academy. Publication would normally be as a volume in the [Proceedings of the British Academy](#) series, but in certain circumstances it may be possible as a supplementary issue of the [Journal of the British Academy](#): convenors will be able to discuss options with the Academy's Publications Department.

Nominated referee

Applicants are required to nominate one referee and to ensure that the supporting statement from their chosen referee is submitted on the British Academy Flexi-Grant® Grant Management System (GMS) by the application submission deadline. Please note this deadline is final.

The reference must be submitted before the application can be approved. Any application without a supporting reference will not be able to be submitted. Please also note that the reference must be received in time to allow you to submit the application for approval by your employing organisation for the same deadline.

Your referee has to be drawn from outside your own employing institution and from outside the employing institution of your co-proposer(s), if any. They must also not be directly involved with any aspect of the conference. References from scholars based outside the UK are acceptable.

Before listing your referee on your application form, you should seek permission from them that they are happy to provide this by the deadline. **It is essential that you enter the correct email address for your referee, otherwise your referee will not receive the automated messages delivered from the British Academy Flexi-Grant® GMS.** We strongly advise that you complete your application as early as possible to allow your referee enough time to provide their reference in the system. An application cannot be considered for an award unless the proposal and reference have been submitted on time.

Please note that references must be provided through the GMS; they cannot be provided as an email attachment nor sent by post in hard copy. Any references received after the deadline, or outside of the system, or by another academic at the same institution as you or a co-applicant(s) will not be accepted, and your application will be withdrawn from this competition.

Code of Practice

The Academy has a [Code of Practice](#) for assessing funding applications, setting out the principles of equity, integrity and confidentiality governing the treatment of all applications for support. The Code of Practice also covers Data Protection, the Academy's ethics policy and the appeals procedure. The Code of Practice may be viewed on the Academy's website.

Feedback is not a feature of the British Academy Conferences scheme, and the Academy is regrettably unable to enter into correspondence regarding the decisions of the awarding Committee, which are governed by the Code of Practice. Please note that by applying, applicants undertake to accept the terms under which applications are assessed.

Application information

Applications can only be submitted online using the [British Academy Flexi-Grant® Grant Management System \(GMS\)](#). Further information [about the GMS is available](#). If you have not previously used the British Academy's Flexi-Grant® GMS and were not previously registered in the e-GAP system, please follow the registration process from the Flexi-Grant® homepage. Applications cannot be submitted on paper or in any other format.

Before completing the online form, all applicants should check that they comply with the eligibility requirements and ensure all necessary information is presented in the application. These requirements are strictly adhered to, and applications without all the necessary information, or evidence to show the assessment criteria are met, will be rejected.

Registered approving organisations will be available in the search bar. If your organisation is not listed, and is not affiliated with any organisations already in the system, then please contact us at grants@thebritishacademy.ac.uk to request the addition of the organisation.

Applicants should be aware that this application form will be considered by appropriate assessors who will be subject specialists. Applications assessed as being worthy of funding will be submitted to the Publications and Conferences Committee who will make a final decision on the awards. The application will be treated as confidential at all times.

When completing your application, it is recommended that you take note of the following points:

Personal details: When registered in the British Academy Flexi-Grant® GMS, a user has the option to add or update personal information such as contact details, log-in details (including email address and password), interests, research and employment details, at any time. This does not form part of the specific application form for any individual scheme but represents a personal record of your account in the system. Please keep this information up to date.

Automatic log-out: You are strongly advised to save your work regularly to prevent accidental loss of text. The Flexi-Grant website will automatically log people out if no activity is detected. It is recommended that you work offline in a separate word document and copy and paste completed text online once complete.

Multiple sessions: Do not have multiple browser windows/tabs of your application open at the same time as this may cause information to be lost.

Word limits: If you exceed the word limit, you will not be able to save the page you are working on.

Plain text: If entering plain text, please avoid using symbols as some may not be accepted by Flexi-Grant: This includes the following symbols: < >

PDF documents: When uploading PDF documents, please add your name and a heading at the top of every page to show what the document is. Please avoid uploading documents containing illustrations with fine details or colour as this can cause problems when creating a PDF of the application. Each PDF cannot exceed 3 Mb in size.

Email addresses: It is essential that you ensure your email address is up to date and actively monitored, or you may miss important notification emails.

Submission: You will not be able to submit your application until you have completed each section in full. You should submit your application for approval by your host organisation at least five working days before the closing date to allow for your host organisation's administrative procedures. You should also check whether your institution has its own internal deadlines. We strongly advise that you contact your referee as early as possible to avoid any last-minute issues before the submission deadline.

Application deletion: You can delete your application at any time although it is often a lot easier to just edit your existing application. We will be able to recover a deleted application for a period of seven days after deletion. After this, it will be permanently removed from the system.

Application returned for editing: The organisation approver can return your application to you for further editing, but the original deadline remains in place.

Please note that it is essential that you create a PDF of your completed application (by clicking 'Print Application') and check it thoroughly before submitting it for approval by your host organisation. It may not be possible to rectify any mistakes after this in time for the deadline.

Word limits apply to plain text only. Page limits apply to PDFs only.

All fields marked with an asterisk * are mandatory.

Completing the application form

The application can be completed by using the navigation tabs on the application summary page, with each page categorised as follows:

- Page 1: Eligibility
- Page 2: Lead Applicant Details
- Page 3: Lead Applicant Career Summary
- Page 4: Conference Proposal
- Page 5: Publication
- Page 6: Promotion
- Page 7: Financial Details
- Page 8: Equal Opportunities
- Page 9: Lead Applicant Referee Statement

A full list of question fields to be completed as part of the application can be found in the following table. Each box in the table represents a page of the application form: the left-hand column contains the questions within each of these pages as set out in the form; the right-hand column contains useful guidance on its completion. An asterisk (*) indicates which questions are mandatory and therefore must be completed before the application can be submitted.

Please read the guidance notes carefully before completing the form.

SUMMARY

<p>Summary table</p>	<p>When your application form is complete, all sections on this summary table will be marked as 'Complete'. The 'Complete' status will only appear when all the mandatory fields in that section have been completed. All mandatory fields are marked with an asterisk '*'. Only then will a 'Submit' button appear for you to be able to submit your application.</p>
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PAGE 1: ELIGIBILITY

<p>Primary and secondary subjects and multidisciplinary proposals</p>	<p>Your application must be relevant to the humanities and/or social sciences and you will need to select the relevant subject areas and fields from the drop-down list. You can add further information about the subject spread under 'Multidisciplinary Proposal'.</p>
<p>Time period and regional interests</p>	<p>These fields provide the opportunity to give further indications of the relevance of your subject area. They are optional fields.</p>
<p>Employing organisation Please be aware that it is your responsibility to ensure that you complete your application in time for your employing institution to process it and provide their approval by the closing date.</p>	<p>Please select your current employing organisation (or independent scholar if appropriate). The majority of appropriate establishments are registered in the system. If your employing organisation is not there, however, please contact the institution's research support services, or equivalent, and ask them to provide the Research Awards Department with contact details of an appropriate person in the organisation to act as an approver on its behalf at grants@thebritishacademy.ac.uk.</p> <p>All applications must be approved by the employing organisation authorities e.g. research grants office, finance department, etc. The approving department will receive email notification once you have completed your application and submitted it. They will be asked to provide approval and then submit the application to the British Academy. The deadline for this round is the deadline by which approval must be given. Remember that the application cannot be submitted for approval before the referee has submitted their reference, so it is essential to obtain the reference well before the deadline.</p> <p>It is strongly recommended that the applicant maintains an open dialogue with the approving department at their employing institution as the British Academy cannot be held responsible for emails being caught in spam filters or not being received.</p> <p>It is recommended that you allow at least five working days for this process. Once they have checked your application, they will contact you if any changes are required, please note if changes need to be made these will have to be done before the deadline as they cannot be done afterwards.</p>
<p>Co-applicants</p>	<p>Please note that all applications must have one lead applicant, and only they will have access to the application. Please note that all correspondence is sent via the system only to the individual in whose name the application is submitted on the British Academy Flexi-</p>

	<p>Grant® GMS.</p> <p>If a co-applicant(s) wants to input into the proposal, the lead applicant should draft text in a word document and send this to the co-applicant(s) via email for input in advance of completing the application form.</p> <p>There is no limit on the number of co-applicants that can be named.</p> <p>Postgraduate students are not eligible to apply for grant support from the Academy, and applicants are asked to confirm in the personal details section(s) that they, and their co-applicants, are not currently working towards a PhD, nor awaiting the outcome of a <i>viva voce</i> examination, nor awaiting the acceptance of any corrections required by the examiners.</p>
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PAGE 2: LEAD APPLICANT DETAILS

<p>Lead applicant contact details</p>	<p>Please take care to review and complete your personal details. Errors in this section can cause difficulties in the processing of your application.</p> <p>You can update your personal details by checking ‘my account’ and selecting the link to ‘my contact details’ and ‘my organisation’ and ensuring the relevant details are up to date.</p>
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PAGE 3: LEAD APPLICANT CAREER SUMMARY

<p>Statement of qualifications and career</p>	<p>Please give details of up to 4 qualifications in reverse chronological order.</p>
<p>Present appointment, employing institution and department</p>	<p>Please give details of your current appointment.</p> <p>Applications are welcomed from independent or retired scholars, and such applicants should indicate ‘independent scholar’ here and select this as their ‘organisation’ in the eligibility section. ‘Approval’ of their application will be given by the BA as appropriate</p>
<p>PhD confirmation</p>	<p>Applicants working towards a PhD or awaiting the outcome of their viva/submission of corrections are not eligible to apply. Please therefore confirm that you have a PhD by answering yes. If you are an established scholar with relevant equivalent experience, but no doctorate, please select ‘no’ and indicate in the ‘personal statement’ field why you should be eligible for consideration.</p>
<p>Personal statement</p>	<p>This field is optional, but may be used, for example, in providing information regarding interruptions to an academic career. The limit on this field is 150 words.</p>
<p>Publications, unpublished research</p>	<p>Please list up to 6 relevant publications to date in reverse chronological order under publications; and any unpublished studies previously funded by any agency, including but not restricted to the British Academy. Please give details of planned publication dates or</p>

	explain why the research has not yet been published.
Previous support dates	Please give details of any research applications submitted to the British Academy within the last five years. Please note that current and former British Academy award holders are welcome to apply.
Where did you hear of this scheme?	This field is optional. It helps the British Academy to target appropriate resources towards the promotion of the scheme to know where an applicant hears about it. As appropriate please state BA website; BA literature; PhD supervisor; University Research Office; Twitter, other colleague etc.

PAGE 4: CONFERENCE PROPOSAL

Title/summary	Please add a succinct title and a short summary about your proposed conference (150 words maximum).
Details of conference	Please give more information about the aims and objectives of the conference. Please refer to the bullet points included in this question to steer your answer.
Preferred conference date	Please state the month in which you'd prefer your conference to take place. If you can be flexible with dates, please indicate this here.
Length of conference	Please indicate whether your proposal is for a one-day symposium or two-day conference. The Academy will not support conferences longer than two days, unless you indicate here that you have the funds to cover the cost of additional days.
Venue	Please indicate if you would like your conference to take place at the British Academy or another venue around the UK. If the latter, please indicate if you have secured the use of the venue.
List of potential speakers	<p>Draw up a list of potential speakers who would make up a balanced programme, giving a brief outline of the topics to be covered. You should consider diversity when making your selection, and where appropriate, convenors should also consider including speakers from other specialist communities.</p> <p>Preference will be given to proposals with a list of speakers who have agreed to speak and to provide a written paper. Regardless of whether they have given you such final confirmation that they will speak, you must secure the permission of each individual speaker to be listed as a potential speaker in this proposal.</p> <p>The Academy will offer travel/accommodation support for a maximum of eight speakers per day (16 speakers over two days). Please indicate which speakers should be regarded as priority candidates for travel/accommodation support.</p> <p>If any session is to take the form of a panel discussion, rather than a sequence of speakers, please indicate this in the other comments box.</p> <p>Please note that convenors are expected to have an active role in the conference – as either speakers or chairs.</p>
Source of	Please provide details of other support given or applied for in

<p>funding</p>	<p>connection with the current proposal.</p> <p>Please indicate whether any other grant applications relating to this conference proposal have been submitted to any other funder. Applications submitted to the Academy by separate applicants will not be accepted if it is considered that both (or all, if more than two) applications relate to the same proposal.</p> <p>The Academy has no objection to its grants being held in conjunction with awards from other bodies, if there is no duplication of expenditure. Applicants are requested to keep the Academy informed of the outcomes of any other applications by email to conferences@thebritishacademy.ac.uk. Failure to do so may jeopardise the application's prospects of success. In cases where simultaneous applications to the Academy and to another funding agency covering the same elements of a project are both successful, the applicant will be asked to choose which award to accept.</p>
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PAGE 5: PUBLICATION

<p>Publication by the British Academy</p>	<p>There is a presumption that conference convenors of those events that are adopted into the programme of British Academy Conferences will aspire to publish an edited collection of papers arising from the conference, and it is expected that, in due course, a proposal will be submitted for such a collection to be published by the British Academy. Please give details of your publication plans here.</p>
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PAGE 6: PROMOTION

<p>Promotion of the conference</p>	<p>This field provides the opportunity to give further indications of the audience(s) for your conference and the likely routes of promotion.</p>
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PAGE 7: FINANCIAL DETAILS

<p>Financial details/justification</p>	<p>Please provide an estimate of the travel and accommodation costs of those speakers for whom financial support should be regarded as a priority.</p> <p>Proposers can apply for support for a maximum of eight speakers per day (16 speakers across a two-day conference) – please note that this excludes chairs. Chairs should be drawn from the pool of convenors/speakers, or you can invite chairs who would not otherwise be presenting (and therefore not included in your list of 16 speakers), but they must be UK based. Chairs will be unlikely to be regarded as a priority for support (unless they are a convenor), but if you can make a case for them being included please also add costings for their travel and accommodation.</p> <p>Please note that convenors are expected to have an active role in the conference – as either speakers or chairs.</p> <p>Costings should be fair estimates, i.e. for a two-day conference, UK and European speakers should be offered 2 nights accommodation, while</p>
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	<p>those based further afield should be offered 3 nights accommodation. Please calculate your costings based on the daily rate of a reasonably priced hotel located close to your preferred venue. For travel costings, please calculate estimates based on your speakers' locations and the time of year that they would be travelling.</p> <p>Costs should be clearly itemised and justified. If the Academy is being asked to support only a proportion of the total costs, please explain this clearly in the justifications box.</p> <p>Please note that research expenses are not allowed.</p> <p>Please do not use '£' signs in the amount boxes.</p>
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PAGE 8: EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

<p>Equal opportunities</p>	<p>This section is optional; however, the Academy would greatly appreciate it if you can complete the details to assist us in our diversity monitoring.</p> <p>The British Academy is committed to its policy of Equal Opportunity in the provision of its grants and awards. Please help us to monitor the effectiveness of this policy by providing information concerning your age, gender, ethnic origin and disabilities (if any).</p> <p>This information will be kept separately from the rest of your application and will not be seen by those involved in making decisions in the selection process, including referees etc.</p>
<p>Date of birth</p>	<p>To select a date in the past using the calendar feature, click on the month and year in between the two arrows at the top of the box. To change the year keep clicking on the box – a second click will produce a decade. Use the arrows to move back or forward in time. To change the month, a second box will appear where you can select the month you wish and then you can type the year you require in the box provided. Click on the date and the calendar will take you to the month and year you have selected where you can pick the relevant date for display.</p>

PAGE 9: LEAD APPLICANT REFEREE STATEMENT

<p>Referee</p>	<p>Applicants are required to nominate one referee and ensure that the supporting statement from their chosen referee is submitted on the British Academy Flexi-Grant® GMS well in advance of the deadline for the submission of your application.</p> <p>Please note that the reference must be submitted into the British Academy Flexi-Grant® GMS <i>before</i> you can submit the application for approval, and you are strongly advised to ensure that your referee submits the reference well in advance of the formal deadline for the submission of your application</p> <p>Please be aware that the deadline as it appears to the referee is the same deadline as the submission of your application, and you also need to allow time for approval to be given by your employing organisation. Please note this deadline is</p>
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final.

Your referee should be familiar with your proposal and able to comment on your abilities, in addition to the academic quality and scholarly importance of the conference, the focus of the conference programme and theme(s), the likely impact on scholarship, the wider significance and interest, the scholarly standing of and contribution to be made by the named key speakers, and the intended outputs. The reference may be supplied by a scholar based outside the UK if you wish. **Your referee must be drawn from outside your own employing institution and from outside the employing institution of your co-applicant(s), if any.**

Before listing your referee on your application form, you should seek permission from them that they are happy to provide this by the deadline. **It is essential that you enter the correct email address for your referee otherwise your referee will not receive the automated messages delivered from the British Academy Flexi-Grant® GMS.**

We strongly advise that you alert your referee as early as possible to allow them enough time to provide their reference in the system. Note that the deadline shown to the referee is the deadline for the whole application to be submitted. The application needs to be approved before the same deadline, and it cannot be submitted for approval before the reference is submitted.

An application cannot be considered unless the proposal and reference have been submitted on time.

Please note that references must be provided through the British Academy Flexi-Grant® GMS, they cannot be provided as an email attachment nor sent by post in hard copy. Any references received after the deadline, or outside of the system, or by another academic at the same institution as you or a co-applicant(s) will not be accepted, and your application will be withdrawn from this competition.

Submission of Application

Once you have submitted your application for approval by your host organisation, automatic emails will be sent to your host organisation approver asking them to log on to the system.

You will not be able to edit your application after it has been submitted to your host organisation for approval. The host organisation approver will either: approve and submit your application, 'send back' your application and contact you to request modifications or decline your application and contact you.

Please be aware that it is your responsibility to ensure that you complete your application in time for your host organisation to process it (including requesting changes) and provide their approval by the closing date. It is recommended that you allow at least five working days for this process, but please check with your proposed host institution as their internal timetables may require earlier submission.

If your host organisation approver requests modifications through the British Academy Flexi-Grant® GMS email facility, they can unlock your application, allowing you to edit it. They can do this by selecting 'Return to Applicant'. An automatic email will be sent to you alerting you of this fact. Once you have completed and saved the requested changes, please re-submit your application for approval by your host organisation.

Once your host organisation has approved your application and submitted it to the British Academy it will not be possible to make any changes.

Please note that once the closing date has passed, host organisation approvers cannot approve applications and submit them to the British Academy; unapproved applications are removed from consideration. No late applications will be accepted.

It is recommended that you check that your application is submitted in time. To see the details of the host organisation approver and to check the status of your application, you should log into the British Academy Flexi-Grant® GMS and click on the link to the Application Portal where a summary of your application will be displayed.

Submitted applications will be passed to relevant assessors for review in February – March 2020. Assessors, who are Fellows of the British Academy, will be subject specialists who will review all conference proposals relevant to their subject area (proposals of a multi-/interdisciplinary nature will be sent to more than one Fellow, with scores combined).

Assessors will consider how well the conference is conceived, its scholarly importance, the calibre and range of the proposed participants, and the likely impact of the conference and scholarship. Graded applications will then be passed before the Academy's Publications and Conferences Committee, who will meet in May. They will decide how best to allocate the available funds to the highest ranked applications, with the outcome conveyed to proposers in late May.

N.B. The administration of the scheme is undertaken solely by the British Academy and all aspects of the application process, assessment process and award management is undertaken by the Academy.

Outcome of Application

Once your application has been submitted, complete with the reference, and it has been approved, you will not be contacted again by the British Academy until the decisions have been made. You can track the progress of your application by logging in again to the Flexi-Grant system at any time. Results are issued by email.

Applicants in any doubt about their eligibility or any other aspect of their application are advised to contact the Events Team at the Academy, where staff will be pleased to assist.

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London SW1Y 5AH

Tel: 020 7969 5279
Email: conferences@thebritishacademy.ac.uk

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. I am not a UK national; can I apply?

A. The requirement is that the principal proposer/convenor must be a UK-based scholar.

Q. I am a retired academic, can I still apply?

A. Yes. Any UK-based scholar can apply, regardless of whether they are in post.

Q. I do not have a doctorate, can I still apply?

A. Yes if you are an individual at an equivalent level, e.g. a museum curator.

Q. I am a PhD student. Can I still apply?

A. No. Postgraduate students are not eligible to apply. Applicants must either hold a doctorate or be an individual at an equivalent level.

Q. Don't you have to be a Fellow of the British Academy to convene a conference?

A. No – any UK-based scholar is eligible to propose a conference. Applications are judged on merit by the relevant British Academy committee.

Q. Can I apply if I am a current or former British Academy award holder?

A. Yes. Current and former award holders are welcome to apply.

Q. Can my co-proposer(s) access and edit the proposal?

A. No. If a co-applicant(s) wants to input into the proposal, the lead applicant should draft text in a word document and send this to the co-applicant(s) via email for input in advance of completing the application form.

Q. May I submit a proposal for a one-day symposium under the British Academy Conferences scheme?

A. Yes – these guidelines and the proposal form use the word ‘conference’ throughout, but events adopted into the 2021 programme of British Academy Conferences can have the character of a one-day symposium. The proposal form asks you to list your conference speakers and you should only add information for one day and leave the second day blank.

Q. Can I propose the idea of a conference, and then issue a call for papers once the proposal has been approved in principle?

A. No – you must be able to list the potential speakers on the proposal form, as this information is essential for the assessment of the proposal.

Q. If the proposal is successful, when will the conference take place?

A. Conferences accepted will take place between January and December 2021.

Q. I want to hold my conference on a weekend. Can I propose this?

A. Yes. Most conferences will take place on a weekday, however if there are exceptional reasons (e.g. due to the availability of your target audience) for holding a conference at the weekend, we will try to accommodate your request.

Q. If the proposal is successful, can I make changes to the programme and speaker line-up?

A. Successful convenors will be expected to deliver the proposal they submitted. The British Academy accepts that some speakers may drop out and that the focus of sessions may change as a result. The lead convenor must inform the British Academy as soon as any significant divergence from the original proposal emerges, and replacement speakers must be approved by the Academy.

Q. I want to invite more than sixteen speakers to present at my two-day conference. Is this allowed?

A. The Academy will offer travel and accommodation support for up to 16 speakers. If convenors can find funds for additional speakers, they are welcome to include these in the

programme. We do however recommend that the programme is not too crowded, otherwise the conference will not run to time and the speakers will not get enough time to present their research.

Q. If my chairs are not drawn from my pool of 16 speakers, can I still apply for financial support for them?

A. Yes, although they are unlikely to be a priority for support unless they are a convenor. But if you can make a case for them being included please also add costings for their travel and accommodation.

Q. I have previously submitted an application to hold a British Academy Conference. Can I submit another application?

A. Yes. The Academy will accept applications from those who have applied before (regardless or whether they were successful or unsuccessful). A fresh proposal must be prepared each time.

Q. When do I find out if I have been successful?

A. We will contact you with the outcome of the committee's decision by the end of May 2020.

Q. What should I do if I have a query about proposing a British Academy Conference?

A. Email your query to conferences@thebritishacademy.ac.uk.