
The Humanities and Social Sciences Tackling Global Challenges

Frequently Asked Questions

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Q. Can I apply under the British Academy's *Humanities and Social Sciences Tackling Global Challenges* call and the *Special Research Grants: COVID-19* call?

A. You may submit applications to both programmes, however you will only be permitted to accept an award under one of the programmes unless the two proposed projects are sufficiently distinct that there is no overlap between them. The eligibility criteria for each programme must be met in all cases.

Q. I would like to undertake research related to COVID-19 under this programme; is that permitted?

A. There will be no priority given to research related to COVID-19, however, understandably given the current situation, the Academy warmly welcomes applications focused on COVID-19. These applications must, nevertheless, address one of the key themes as specified in point 8 of the scheme notes.

Q. My proposal will involve travelling which I can't do at the present time, and which is difficult to plan in current circumstances. What allowance will the Academy make for this, and how flexible are the awards likely to be when confirmed?

A. These awards are offered for a period of 24 months. We understand that planning of certain aspects of the grant might need to be deferred to a later point in the grant than usual, and we will be flexible about this. Using alternative means for dissemination of findings – online, via blogs or podcasts for example – and holding virtual workshops might offer alternative possibilities in some circumstances. The Academy is flexible in supporting award-holders during the course of their award if circumstances arise in which changes to plans need to be made.

Q. Can my Co-Applicants claim costs under this programme?

A. We will consider applications for reasonable, clearly justified costs/expenses from Co-Applicants in the Global South. Costs associated with Co-Applicants based in the Global South should be included under the 'Other Costs' heading on the budget table and should be fully justified in the 'justification' text box on the Flexi-Grant application form.