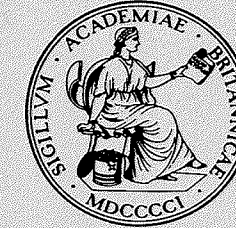


# *The British Academy*



## GUIDE TO AWARDS

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*and*  
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# THE BRITISH ACADEMY

The British Academy is the premier national learned society devoted to the promotion of advanced scholarship in the humanities and social sciences. Founded in 1901, it was granted its Charter by King Edward VII the following year, under the full title of 'The British Academy for the Promotion of Historical, Philosophical and Philological Studies'.

The Academy is an elected Fellowship, consisting of (a) Ordinary Fellows – those ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom – divided into 17 Sections covering particular fields; (b) Corresponding Fellows – foreign scholars of outstanding international distinction; and (c) Honorary Fellows. The governance of the Academy rests with the Ordinary Fellows and with the President and Council elected at the Annual General Meeting.

The purposes of the Academy's Charter are promoted in the following ways:

- **Research Grants.** Since 1926 the Academy has received Government funds for the support of research, and these are complemented by a number of private funds administered by the Academy for special purposes (see pages 13–14). These schemes are described in this booklet. They take many forms; grants are made both to individual scholars – ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom and of post-doctoral or equivalent status – for their private research, and to learned bodies and other groups. The schemes include significant provision for funding archaeological excavation in the United Kingdom and overseas.
- **Exchange Agreements.** There are now some 25 agreements (also described in this booklet) with other academies and academic institutions overseas. These provide for fixed numbers of exchange visits of the kind that would be difficult for individual scholars to arrange without official help.
- **Appointments.** The Academy administers two competitions: Readerships (see page 26), and Post-doctoral Fellowships (page 27).
- **Research Projects.** The Academy sponsors 29 collective research undertakings of its own, many of them being the British contribution to long-term international projects.
- **Sponsorship of British Schools and Institutes Overseas.** The Academy sponsors eight such institutions (in Amman, Ankara, Athens, Baghdad, Jerusalem, Nairobi, Rome and Teheran), as well as three organisations based in the United Kingdom and specialising in regions overseas (Egypt, Libya, and South Asia). Most of these bodies, whose principal focus is

upon archaeological studies, administer limited funds for research in their areas; further details may be obtained via the Academy.

- **Lectures, Discussion Meetings and the award of Prizes and Medals** for outstanding work in various fields of the humanities. Lectures are open to the public without charge, and lecture programmes are available on request.
- **Publication,** primarily of fundamental texts and research aids prepared under the direction of Academy committees. Limited schemes for supporting publications other than those commissioned by the Academy are described on pages 10, 24, and 25.
- **Postgraduate Studentships.** In 1984 the Academy assumed responsibility from the Department of Education and Science for the administration of the Postgraduate Studentships in the Humanities scheme. These are described in a separate booklet (see page 28 for details).
- **Advice to Government and other public bodies** on questions affecting the humanities and social sciences.

Further information about the Academy and its work is contained in a booklet obtainable on request.

## GENERAL NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF APPLICANTS

Please read these notes carefully. Most of them are applicable to all the schemes described in this booklet, but specific conditions are set out in the descriptions of some of the schemes. **It is therefore most important that you read the full entry for the scheme for which you intend to apply.**

### 1. Scope of awards:

- (a) Awards are offered for research at post-doctoral level in the humanities and social sciences. For this purpose the social sciences coming within the Academy's scope do not include accountancy, business studies, education studies, management or social work.
- (b) Support of larger-scale projects in certain fields may be regarded as more appropriate for consideration by the Economic and Social Research Council. These fields include:

Administration  
Economics  
Linguistics  
Politics  
Sociology  
Social anthropology  
Social psychology

Applications to the Academy for small travel grants, for expenses incurred by archival work, or for inclusion in one of the overseas exchange schemes may however be considered in these fields if funds permit.

Support for projects in economic history with a social science approach should be sought from the Economic and Social Research Council.

- (c) Projects in the history of science, history of medicine, etc., are within the scope of the Academy's schemes. The Royal Society also supports certain kinds of research in the history of science.
- (d) The Science and Engineering Research Council administers funds to support work on the scientific and technological aspects of research and development in archaeology.

### 2. Eligibility:

- (a) Applicants must be ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands. 'Ordinary residence' for this purpose does not extend to overseas scholars resident in the United Kingdom in order to hold appointments of less than one year's duration, or to United Kingdom residents holding full time appointments overseas of longer than one year.
- (b) Postgraduate students are not eligible to apply, whether or not the research proposed is related to the topic of their thesis. Schemes of postgraduate studentships such as those administered separately by the Academy (see page 28), or by the Economic and Social Research Council, are the proper channels for such applications. Academy awards are not otherwise made for the support of courses of study or research directed towards academic or professional qualifications. Members of the academic staffs of institutions of higher education in the United Kingdom who are registered for doctoral studies may, however, apply for awards for research projects unrelated to the topic of their thesis.
- (c) While Academy awards are made only to meet expenditure on an approved scheme of research at post-doctoral level, the term 'post-doctoral' does not mean that the applicant must of necessity have a doctoral degree.

### 3. Method of application:

- (a) Applications will only be considered if typed clearly on the prescribed form, according to instructions, and submitted before the relevant closing date.
- (b) The application form should indicate as far as possible, by *curriculum vitae*, list of publications, etc., the applicant's personal qualifications for the project. If foreign scholars are to be consulted or foreign documents studied, the Academy will expect an indication that the applicant is conversant with the language(s) required.
- (c) The project should be clearly defined and limited in extent, and the methods to be adopted in undertaking it should be stated as specifically as possible. Large, vague propositions are not likely to receive an award. The same is true of the excessively minute.
- (d) Since Academy awards are never made retrospectively, careful account should be taken of the closing date, the date on which the outcome of the application will be notified, and (where appropriate)

the subsequent period of time in which a nomination to another institution is to be made.

- (e) The Academy does not normally admit requests for supplementation of its grants once they have been allocated.
- (f) Applicants in doubt under which scheme to apply are advised to leave the matter to the judgement of the Academy.

#### 4. Referees:

All applications for Academy grants are considered in the light of referees' comments. Normally the views of two referees are sought, and for most award schemes (small personal and major research grants, overseas conference grants and the special funds) the applicant is responsible for sending a reference request sheet (which accompanies the application form) to each of the referees to complete, together with a photocopy of the application. For some other schemes the Academy writes direct to the nominated referees. Detailed instructions on the correct procedure for obtaining references are printed on the appropriate application forms.

Referees should be chosen who can give an informed view of the applicant's scholarly standing and ability to fulfil the project proposed. The choice of referee is entirely a matter for the applicant, but a particularly strong combination is a senior academic colleague in regular touch with the applicant's work and a scholar from another institution who has experience of the field in which the project lies. It is essential that referees be fully acquainted with the proposed project before writing their references. Applicants should first confirm with their referees that their names may be submitted. Applications are not normally considered if one or both references are not received by the Academy.

#### 5. Applications to other institutions:

Applicants' first recourse for research funding should be, where appropriate, to their own institutions. The fact that backing has been sought or promised from other sources is no bar to application to the Academy; indeed, it is advisable to investigate other possible sources of funding, since in present circumstances the Academy may not be able to do more than make a contribution towards the funds requested. Applicants are asked to give details of all other applications; the final amount of any Academy grant will depend upon their outcome.

#### 6. Conditions of award:

Academy awards are subject to a number of conditions. Each recipient of grant must:

- (a) confirm that the award will be expended in accordance with the breakdown of costs given in the application (changes in plan require the prior consent of the Academy);
- (b) continue to keep the Academy informed of any other grants, public or private, made in support of the research;
- (c) refund any balance of grant immediately upon completion of the project;
- (d) provide a report on the research undertaken;
- (e) provide a statement of accounts showing how the grant was spent;
- (f) make due acknowledgment of support received from the Academy in any publication resulting from the research, and send one copy of the publication to the Academy.

#### 7. Notification of awards:

In the case of an award-holder who is employed by a university, college or other institution of higher education or research (including a museum, gallery or library) the Academy will also notify that institution of the award in due course.

#### 8. Payment of awards:

- (a) Grants are issued only when expenditure is about to be incurred.
- (b) Grants are normally paid directly to the employing institution, provided that it is willing to act in this way.
- (c) Grants are not normally regarded as taxable, but recipients are responsible for notifying the Inland Revenue, where appropriate. The Academy does not enter into correspondence about questions of taxation arising in relation to an award.
- (d) Grants not taken up within one year of award are cancelled unless a postponement has exceptionally been permitted.

## RESEARCH GRANTS

From the beginning of the 1989/90 academic year, two principal schemes will be in operation:

**Small Personal Research Grants** to individual scholars, for their personal support, for sums of up to £5,000. These include Wolfson Foundation Small Grants in Classics and Ancient History, and travel awards from the Sir Ernest Cassel Educational Trust; no separate application is required. (See pages 9 and 10.)

**Major Research Grants** for research projects or programmes, whether undertaken by individuals or groups of scholars, or on behalf of institutions or learned bodies. (See pages 11 and 12.)

Applicants should bear in mind that the funds are limited, so that there is an element of competition even among projects that are judged worthy of support, and that in reaching decisions the Academy is bound to consider questions of cost as well as of academic merit. Applications under the above two schemes are considered in the following way.

Eligible applications are assessed in the first instance by subject sub-committees. In the case of a project which crosses subject boundaries, assessment may be made by more than one subject sub-committee. Sub-committees may, and often do, seek the advice of an outside assessor. All applications assessed by sub-committees as *prima facie* reaching the standard at which an award could be considered (including any which it is felt need modification after discussion with the applicant and which might thereafter be considered for an award) are then reviewed by another committee, on which all the disciplines covered by the Academy are represented. This committee has as its main tasks validation of the need for an award of a specified amount and the setting of priorities in the light of the funds available. An application may therefore be turned down, or a reduced grant offered, for a number of different reasons. For instance, there may be doubts about the ability of the applicant to complete the work in the time or with the resources proposed; other projects may have a higher priority in the context of the limited funds available. Many other combinations of reasons are possible. The Academy does not enter into correspondence about its decisions.

## SMALL PERSONAL RESEARCH GRANTS

- **Eligibility:** Applicants must be ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom. 'Ordinary residence' for this purpose does not extend to overseas scholars resident in the United Kingdom in order to hold appointments of less than one year's duration, nor to British scholars holding full-time appointments overseas of longer than one year. Grants are only available for research at post-doctoral level (see page 5 (2) of General Notes for the Guidance of Applicants).
- **Subject areas:** These grants are available for research projects in the humanities and social sciences (but see page 4 (1) of the General Notes for the Guidance of Applicants).

Certain types of research receive a lesser priority, as lying on the margins of the Academy's definition of advanced research in the humanities and social sciences. Others, including the following, are excluded altogether:

Preparation of handlists;  
Reading lists and catalogues not requiring detailed  
bibliographical or art historical descriptions;  
Surveys by questionnaire or multiple interview;  
Preparation of teaching aids;  
Research in teaching methods;  
Curriculum development;  
Education studies generally.

- **Purposes of grant:** These awards are intended for the following purposes:

**Travel and maintenance expenses** in the United Kingdom or overseas in connection with an approved programme of research. Applications for personal maintenance at home, in lieu of salary, are not admissible. Grant under this head is only intended to help meet extra costs of maintenance away from home arising from the research programme. Claims for minor out-of-pocket expenses (such as bus fares or lunches) are not entertained.

Claims for travel costs, whether in the United Kingdom or overseas, will be considered if the applicant is able to demonstrate a necessary connection between the travel and the research programme proposed, e.g. inspection of manuscript collections, archives or museum holdings. Travel claims are inadmissible if primarily for such purposes as lecture tours, the making of academic contacts or consultation with colleagues. Applicants who have access to an institutional travel fund (e.g. of their university), will be expected to have made an application to it and to report the result.

**Part-time research or secretarial assistance.** No allowance can be made for any element of salary to the applicant or to a person employed as a substitute. Payments for qualified research or secretarial assistance are allowable under this head (for employment of research staff, see the Major Research Grants scheme below). Normally, however, surveys of secondary sources, bibliographical search, translation, transliteration of difficult handwriting and collation of manuscripts are examples of work which an applicant for research support is expected to carry out personally.

**Costs of consumable items** (if they cannot be met by the applicant's institution) – e.g. microfilm, reprography, photographic materials.

The purchase of books for use in the research is not normally allowed as a charge to grant. Equipment, including computing equipment and word processors, is not normally allowable, although computer software, which is dedicated to the proposed project, may be.

**The costs of preparing research for publication** e.g. preparation of camera-ready copy, payment of fees to draughtsmen. The cost of preparing a typed fair copy of a manuscript will not normally be met by the Academy, unless it forms an integral part of a more extensive research project application. Where there is an agreement for commercial publication, expenses such as attendance at editorial conferences, copyright fees, and the costs of stationery, postage, etc., should normally be met by the publisher and/or author from the prospective proceeds of the book. Furthermore, where substantial income is expected from the prospective proceeds of the book (the project being, for example, the preparation of a standard text of a well-known author), the Academy expects that the publisher will contribute to the research costs. In such cases, a statement of any advance royalties or other advance payments agreed with the publisher should be made. (See also under Publication Subventions on page 25.)

- **Amount available:** Up to £5,000. Applicants are asked to bear in mind that the average size of grant in this category is well below £2,000. The awards are not renewable.
- **Number of awards made in 1988/89:** c.306.
- **Applications:** On the standard Academy Research Grant application form. There are four rounds of awards each year; the closing dates are 30 September, 30 November, 28 February and 30 April, and applicants will be notified of the outcome approximately three months later in each case.

For more detailed information on procedures, please see General Notes for the Guidance of Applicants (pages 4 – 7).

## MAJOR RESEARCH GRANTS

The Academy's Major Research Grants are intended to support larger-scale projects, either **collective** work (e.g. archaeological fieldwork or projects conducted by or on behalf of academic institutions, learned societies and similar bodies), or work by **individual scholars involving the need for the employment of research assistants** (although no allowance can be made for any element of salary to applicants themselves or to the persons employed as substitutes for them).

Major Research Grants are usually expected to be administered by the principal investigator's employing or sponsoring institution, though exception may be made in the case of certain archaeology applications.

**Research assistance.** Applicants who apply for a grant to cover the employment of staff should ensure that estimates of costs are drawn up in consultation with an appropriate administrative officer in the applicant's employing institution. Requests for supplementation of salary costs will be considered only in cases where national salary agreements are notified after the closing date for grant applications. Details of the proposed research officer or assistant, including curriculum vitae, should be submitted with the application. If it is proposed subsequently to advertise the research post, the Academy's approval of the intended appointee should be sought before making any offer of appointment.

**Equipment,** including computers and wordprocessors, is not normally an allowable cost, although computer software, dedicated to the proposed project, may be. Equipment purchased with Academy grant must be deposited with an appropriate institution; it does not become the property of the applicant.

There are two categories of Major Research Grant, as follows:

### Archaeology Grants

- **Eligibility:** Applications are invited from individuals and organisations based in the United Kingdom and undertaking academic archaeological research.
- **Purposes of grant:** These grants are intended to cover all archaeological fieldwork and post-excavation work, including the costs of qualified research assistance.
- **Amounts available:** Up to £15,000 in any one year. Few grants exceed £8,000–£10,000, and in many cases the Academy may only be able to offer a token contribution.

## SPECIAL FUNDS

- **Number of awards in 1988/89:** 60
- **Applications:** On the Major Research Grants: Archaeology application form. The closing date is 31 December. Applicants will receive provisional notification in March, subject to confirmation in May.

### Other Major Research Grants

- **Eligibility:** Applications are invited from individuals and organisations based in the United Kingdom, and undertaking large-scale academic research.
- **Subject areas:** The humanities, i.e. history in the widest sense, including the history of art, music, ideas, science, and of politics and economics, etc.; language and literature; law; philosophy; and religious studies. (All applications in archaeology will be considered under the heading **Archaeology Grants**, described immediately above.) Applicants wishing to undertake larger research projects in the social sciences are advised to approach the Economic and Social Research Council (see page 4 (1b)).
- **Purposes of grant:** Major Research Grants are designed to provide scholars with a means of undertaking more extensive and expensive research projects than would be possible under the Academy's other scheme.
- **Amounts available:** Up to £15,000 in any one year. The Academy is only able to fund projects on an annual basis, and the award of grant in one year cannot be regarded as committing the Academy to continuing support in a future year. Applications for renewal or extension will only be considered after receipt of a detailed report on the use of the original grant.
- **Number of awards in 1988/89:** 35
- **Applications:** On the standard Academy Research Grant application form. The closing date is 30 April and applicants will be notified of the outcome in July.

For more detailed information on procedures, please see the General Notes for the Guidance of Applicants (pages 4 – 7).

### Thank-offering to Britain Fellowships

In 1965 the Academy received a generous endowment from the proceeds of a 'Thank-you Britain Appeal', initiated by the Association of Jewish Refugees as a mark of gratitude to Britain for its provision of a home for Jews persecuted by the Nazi régime. Part of this endowment is used to fund research fellowships.

- **Eligibility:** Applicants must be ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom. The Fellowships are only available for research at post-doctoral level (see page 5 (2)).
- **Subject areas:** Fellowships are offered for specific programmes of investigation of a topic of an economic, industrial, social, political, literary or historical character relating to the British Isles. Preference will be given to projects in the modern period.
- **Nature of Fellowship:** The award is to provide scholars with the means to pursue their approved programme of study. A Fellowship may be held in conjunction with an academic or other post, but in such cases the Academy needs to be satisfied that the candidate will be in a position to devote sufficient time to his or her programme. It is expected that applicants will be attached to a university or other institution of higher education, but other arrangements for study may be proposed.
- **Amount of Fellowship:** £5,000. The number offered each year will depend on the funds available, but will be at least one. In certain cases a grant of a lesser amount may be offered.
- **Duration:** Appointment to a Fellowship will normally be for one year, and projects submitted for consideration should be capable of being completed in that time. In very exceptional circumstances, as, for example, where additional material or evidence has come to light during the tenure of a Fellowship, of such a quantity or significance that it would make impossible the completion of the project in one year, then a prolongation of up to twelve months might be allowed.
- **Applications:** On the standard Academy Research Grant application form. The closing date is 30 April. Short-listed candidates may be invited to attend for interview in London during July.

### Neil Ker Memorial Fund

The object of this fund, recently established by the family and friends of Neil R. Ker, F.B.A. (1908–82), is to promote the study of Western medieval manuscripts – and in particular those of British interest – by means of awards



in support of all aspects of research, including travel and publication, made to both younger and established scholars of any nationality.

- **Number and amount of awards:** Four annual awards of about £500 each.
- **Applications:** On the standard Academy Research Grant application form. The closing date is 30 April and applicants will be notified of the outcome approximately three months later.

## Stein–Arnold Exploration Fund

Sir Aurel Stein, F.B.A. (1862 – 1943), a pioneer explorer of Central Asia, left a bequest to the Academy to be associated with the name of his 'much beloved and valued friend' Sir Thomas Arnold, F.B.A. (1864–1930). The terms also acknowledged that Sir Aurel had been born in Budapest. The fund exists to encourage exploratory research on the antiquities, historical geography, early history or arts of those parts of Asia which come within the sphere of the ancient civilisations of India, China and Iran, including Central Asia, to be carried out, as far as possible, by British or Hungarian subjects; special consideration to be given to Afghanistan, including ancient Bactria, and to the north-western frontier region.

- **Applications:** On the standard Academy Research Grant application form. The closing date is 30 April. The number of awards offered each year will depend on the funds available, but their value will rarely exceed £2,500.

## The Elisabeth Barker Fund

This fund is intended for studies in recent European history, particularly through exchanges with countries in eastern Europe.

- **Eligibility:** Applicants must be scholars ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom, but need not be British nationals.
- **Scope of Awards:** Awards may be made to support individual, collective or institutional projects (including conferences). Awards to individuals may take the form of grants for private study and research in other European countries. British scholars and institutions may also apply for funds to assist scholars from other European countries to visit Great Britain, or to extend a stay following attendance at a conference.
- **Amount of awards:** Up to six annual awards of about £500 each.
- **Applications:** On the standard Academy Research Grants application form. The closing dates for applications are 30 September, 31 December, 28 February and 30 April.

For more detailed information on procedures, please see the General Notes for the Guidance of Applicants (pages 4 – 7).

## SCHOLARLY VISITS OVERSEAS

*Note:* The majority of individual applicants wishing to undertake work overseas will find it appropriate to apply for support under the Small Personal Research Grant scheme (see pages 9 and 10). However, the Academy operates a number of special programmes which may be more appropriate in certain cases.

### East Europe

The British Academy operates eight formal exchange agreements with academies in East Europe. The number of visits in each direction is limited, and is at present as follows:

Institution	Number of visits annually	Length of each visit	Annual total not to exceed
Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia	6	2 weeks to 3 months	8 months
Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences, Prague	9	over 2 weeks	9 months
Academy of Sciences of the German Democratic Republic, East Berlin	6	over 2 weeks	6 months
Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest	10	2 weeks to 3 months	12 months
Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw	8	2 weeks to 6 months	12 months
Romanian Academy of Social and Political Sciences, Bucharest	3	2 weeks to 3 months	5 months
Academy of Sciences of the U.S.S.R., Moscow	10	2 weeks to 3 months	15 months
Council of Academies of Sciences and Arts, Yugoslavia	8	over 2 weeks	32 weeks

- **Purpose of visit:** A scholar must present a specific and coherent scheme of private research. A visit at the invitation of an East European body to attend a conference or deliver lectures or seminars is not admissible, although the British Academy is prepared to consider a request from a scholar so invited if it also embodies an individual research programme.
- **Nature of the awards:** In all cases it is necessary that there should be some attachment, however nominal, to an institute of the relevant Academy. Generally a nomination is passed from the central Foreign Relations Department of the receiving Academy to the institute, which is then responsible for the arrangement of the programme. In certain cases the host Academy encounters difficulties in arranging contacts with bodies other than its own institutes. Where no attachment to an Academy institute is possible the applicant should consider whether the British Council's exchange programme might be more appropriate.

The British Academy will meet the travel expenses, from home to the receiving country, of the British scholar. The host institution will provide accommodation, a maintenance allowance and local travel expenses. No contribution can be made by either side towards the expenses of an accompanying husband or wife, although host institutions may be asked to facilitate their visit.

The scholar is required, within two months of the end of the visit, to provide the British Academy with a confidential written report. This should not only give details of the work accomplished but also provide general information which might be of use to subsequent visitors under the same programme.

- **Applications:** On the prescribed form. The closing dates are 30 September, 31 December, 28 February and 30 April, and applicants will be notified of the outcome approximately three months later in each case. Successful applicants are then nominated to the receiving Academy. (It should be noted that although nominations are usually a formality all the academies involved reserve the right to refuse a nomination.)
- **Timing of visits:** The Academy is required to give at least three months' notice of a nomination. A programme involving visits to several institutions may take rather longer to arrange. Applicants should therefore allow at least six months from the relevant closing date for applications to the proposed start of their visit.

For general information on procedures, please see the General Notes for the Guidance of Applicants (pages 4 – 7).

## China Exchange Schemes

The British Academy operates, jointly with the Economic and Social Research Council (E.S.R.C.), exchange arrangements with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, the Chinese Academy of Sciences (Academia Sinica) and certain Chinese provincial academies of social sciences. These schemes together provide for visits to an annual maximum of 24 man-months in each direction.

There are differences in subject coverage between these bodies, but almost all the disciplines covered by the British Academy and the E.S.R.C. are covered by one or other Chinese Academy. Advice is available on which Academy would be an appropriate host for a British scholar.

- **Eligibility:** Scholars ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom of post-doctoral or equivalent status who wish to do their own research in the People's Republic of China.
- **Nature of the awards:** Projects should be formulated with a view to work within (or with some attachment to) a Chinese Academy institution. Information on the Chinese Academies is available on request from the British Academy. If no research which corresponds to an individual's project is already being undertaken in one of the Chinese institutions, it may be difficult for the necessary arrangements to be made. Applicants who wish to work at Chinese universities are better advised to apply to the British Council for support.

The schemes provide for travel expenses to China to be met by the British side; the costs of accommodation, board and travel within China are met by the Chinese host.

- **Applications:** On the prescribed form. The closing dates are 28 February and 31 August, for consideration by the Selection Panel in April and October respectively. (It should be noted that although nominations to China are usually a formality Chinese institutions involved reserve the right to refuse a nomination.)
- **Timing of visits:** Scholars selected for nomination to China may expect to go there no less than four months after the relevant meeting of the Panel. Some projects, however, may take longer to arrange.

For general information on procedures, please see the General Notes for the Guidance of Applicants (pages 4 – 7).

## Sino-British Fellowship Trust

The Sino-British Fellowship Trust has generously made available to the British Academy a sum of £15,000 a year between 1989 and 1993 to support individual or co-operative research projects, which may be conducted either in this country or in China. Prospective applicants are invited to write to the Secretary of the Academy in the first instance.

## Other Countries

### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Exchange Agreements are operated with the Huntington Library in San Marino and the Newberry Library in Chicago. The principal areas of interest of the libraries, and the number of Fellowships available annually, are as follows:

Huntington Library: British and American history, literature and art: Fellowships of between 30 and 100 days each, to a total of 200 days per year;

Newberry Library: history of West Europe and the Americas from the late Middle Ages to the 19th century; literature; history of cartography: Fellowships of at least 30 days, to a total of 100 days each year.

The Academy pays the scholar's return fares and the receiving institution in the United States provides a maintenance allowance (at present the equivalent of approximately £20-£25 per diem), for visits of at least one month in length, preferably in term time. No contribution can be made by the Academy to meet the expenses of an accompanying wife or husband, though some of the libraries involved may be able to provide cheap (but not free) living accommodation.

### JAPAN

The Academy's Agreement with the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (J.S.P.S.) provides for the exchange of up to three scholars a year in each direction, within a quota of ten man-months per side, for purposes of study and research. Fares are payable by the sending side and maintenance by the host.

Three post-doctoral Fellowships are also available for periods of up to 12 months each, funded entirely by the J.S.P.S., in all fields of the humanities and social sciences except Japanese studies.

### SWITZERLAND

Under special arrangements operated with the Fonds National Suisse de la Recherche Scientifique (F.N.S.R.S.) for visits totalling twenty-five man-weeks annually, British scholars nominated by the Academy for study visits to Switzerland receive their travel expenses from the Academy and a maintenance allowance at an appropriate level from the F.N.S.R.S. The Agreement is principally intended to facilitate work at the Fondation Hardt pour l'Etude de l'Antiquité Classique, but visits to other institutions may also be supported.

### FRANCE

There are also special arrangements operated with the Maison des Sciences de l'Homme in Paris for visits to France within an approved programme of scholarly collaboration. Scholars interested in initiating or participating in Anglo-French co-operative projects are invited to write to the Secretary of the Academy in the first instance.

### SPAIN

Under an Agreement with the Fundación Pastor de Estudios Clásicos in Madrid, accommodation may be reserved for British scholars of any discipline, whether or not recipients of Academy awards, at subsidised prices. Scholars interested in making use of this facility are invited to write to the Secretary of the Academy.

### LATIN AMERICA

#### 44th International Congress of Americanists Fund

Surplus funds resulting from the 44th International Congress of Americanists (held in Manchester in 1982) have been given to the British Academy. The Fund will provide an income of approximately £1,000 a year from 1989/90, allowing two travel grants a year. One grant will provide travel expenses for a British scholar visiting Latin America; the other will assist with the expenses of a Latin American scholar visiting Britain. Awards from the Fund may be

combined with other Academy awards. Thus, applicants for an Academy Overseas Conference Grant or Research Grant may receive travel expenses from the Fund, while an Academy Visiting Professorship held by a Latin American scholar may be supplemented by travel expenses from the Fund.

#### **SOUTH-EAST ASIA**

Following the closure of the British Institute for South-East Asia, the British Academy established a Committee for South-East Asian Studies, for the purpose of sponsoring research projects in that area. Enquiries should in the first instance be addressed to Professor V.T. King, Centre for South-East Asian Studies, University of Hull.

- **Applications:** For the United States, Japan and Switzerland, applications should be made on the prescribed form. The closing dates are 30 September, 31 December, 28 February and 30 April, and applicants will be notified of the outcome approximately three months later in each case.
- **Timing of visits:** It is necessary to give at least three months' notice of a nomination. Applicants should therefore allow at least six months from the relevant closing date for applications to the proposed start of their visit.

**For general information on procedures, please see the General Notes for the Guidance of Applicants (pages 4 – 7).**

## **VISITING PROFESSORSHIPS FOR OVERSEAS SCHOLARS**

The Academy's Visiting Professorships scheme enables distinguished scholars from overseas to be invited to spend time in the United Kingdom in order to pursue their personal research.

- **Eligibility:** Candidates for nomination must be either established scholars of distinction or younger people who show great promise and who would benefit from time to pursue their research in the United Kingdom.
- **Subject Areas:** All subjects in the humanities and social sciences.
- **Nature of Visiting Professorships:** The Academy grants the title of British Academy Visiting Professor or (in the case of a person under 35 years of age) British Academy Visiting Scholar and awards a sum of money to cover all or part of the estimated travel and maintenance costs. All arrangements are undertaken by the visitor's British sponsor, in whose name the application is made. Visits must be for a minimum of two weeks.
- **Value of Visiting Professorships:** Visiting Professors and Scholars will normally receive a maximum sum of £500 a week for visits of up to three weeks, and an overall maximum of £2,000 for a visit of one month or more.
- **Amount available:** £25,000 has been allocated to this scheme for 1989/90.
- **Applications:** There is no prescribed form. Sponsors should write a letter in support of their nominated visitor, including a *curriculum vitae*, an outline research programme, information about the duration and location of the proposed visit, a breakdown of estimated expenditure and the names of two referees acquainted with the visitor; and they must undertake to make all administrative arrangements on behalf of the visitor. Applications are considered in February, in respect of visits to take place during the following financial year. The closing date for applications is 31 December. (It may be possible to entertain applications at other times of the year, but the Academy's aim is to allocate the available funds in one go.)



## CONFERENCE GRANTS

### British Conference Grants

Limited funds are available to help meet the costs (in the main, travel, but applications for maintenance will also be considered) of overseas scholars contributing major papers at conferences held in Britain. Support is usually offered for not more than two or three overseas participants in a given conference. Higher priority will be given to applications where the overseas scholars are from different countries. When the conference is very short, and the application is for funds to bring a scholar from a far-distant country, evidence should be offered that the invited scholar intends to extend the visit to Britain.

- **Amounts available:** There are no prescribed maximum amounts, but few grants rarely exceed £1,000 and are usually less than £750.
- **Applications:** On the prescribed form. The closing dates are 30 September, 31 December, 28 February and 30 April, and applicants will be notified of the outcome approximately three months later in each case. Applications will not normally be considered more than nine months in advance of the conference.

### Major International Conference Grants

Very limited funds are available to help meet the costs of organising major international congresses in Britain. Awards are offered where the congress is one of an established series, and where it is clearly the British turn to host the conference. Grants are for preliminary administrative and general expenses only, *not* for the costs of invited overseas participants. (Applicants may apply subsequently for support from the British Conference fund to help meet the costs of overseas scholars invited to participate.) Applications in respect of regular series of bilateral conferences will not be considered under this head.

- **Amounts available:** Four or five awards of up to £2,000 are normally available each year. Applicants are asked to consider whether an interest-free loan or a guarantee against loss would be acceptable.
- **Applications:** On the prescribed form. The closing dates are 30 September and 30 April, and applicants will be notified of the outcome approximately three months later in each case.

For general information on procedures, please see the General Notes for the Guidance of Applicants (pages 4 – 7).

## Overseas Conference Grants

Limited funds are available to help meet the costs of travel by British scholars to overseas conferences or similar gatherings.

- **Eligibility:** These awards are primarily intended for scholars presenting an academic paper by invitation of the conference organisers. In making its decisions the Academy will give preference to younger post-doctoral scholars, and account will be taken of previous Academy support for conference attendance.
- **Purposes of grant:** Awards will be contributions to travel expenses only. Applications for help with conference fees or maintenance costs will not be considered.
- **Amounts available:** Grants do not exceed the cost of the cheapest Apex-type fare, and are normally subject to a maximum of £650. Generally no more than four awards are made for any one conference; such applications will be considered at the same time, in accordance with the timetable given below.
- **Applications:** On the prescribed form. The closing dates are:
  - 30 September (for conferences taking place in January-March)
  - 31 December (for conferences taking place in April-June)
  - 28 February (for conferences taking place in July-September)
  - 30 April (for conferences taking place in October-December)

Applicants will be notified of the outcome approximately three months after the relevant closing date.

For general information on procedures, please see the General Notes for the Guidance of Applicants (pages 4 – 7).

## SUPPORT FOR LEARNED JOURNALS

Limited funds are available to help learned journals meet production costs. Priority is given to helping new journals to establish themselves.

Grants are intended to help defray production costs in cases where publication would not otherwise be possible. They are not provided simply to reduce subscription prices, and favourable consideration will be given to applicants who demonstrate a realistic approach to production and publication.

- **Amounts available:** No prescribed maximum amounts. In practice few awards exceed £1,000.
- **Number of awards made in 1988/89:** 28.
- **Applications:** On the prescribed form. The closing date is 30 November and applicants will be notified of the outcome in the following March.

## PUBLICATION SUBVENTIONS

- **Eligibility:** Limited funds are available for providing subventions for scholarly monographs on subjects in the humanities and social sciences. Collected editions of documents and texts may also be considered, but volumes such as conference papers and Festschriften are not eligible for award.

The manuscript must have been completed and accepted by a publisher (subject to any conditions that the publisher may impose concerning the provision of a subvention). In exceptional cases, awards are made for works published by foreign publishers, where there is a particularly strong connection between the work and the country of publication.

Applications are only considered from authors ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom. Particular emphasis is laid on assisting younger authors to obtain publication of a first academic work, but older authors are also welcome to apply.

- **Purposes of subvention:** Publication subventions are intended to help defray production costs in cases where publication would not otherwise be possible. They are not provided simply to reduce the retail price of a book. (See also page 10.)
- **Amounts available:** Subventions do not normally exceed 25% (to a maximum of c. £2,000) of the direct costs of production, excluding any element of publisher's overheads. Awards may be made either in the form of an interest-free loan to the author, repayable from the proceeds of sales, or in certain circumstances, in the form of an outright grant.
- **Applications:** On the prescribed form. The closing dates are 15 September, 12 December and 12 April, and applicants will be notified of the outcome approximately three months later in each case.

For general information on procedures, please see the General Notes for the Guidance of Applicants (pages 4 – 7).

## READERSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

### **British Academy Research Readerships, and British Academy/Leverhulme Trust Senior Research Fellowships**

These schemes, established in 1981 and 1989 respectively, are designed to allow established scholars time to undertake or complete an approved programme of research, relieved of their normal commitments of teaching and administration. The financial basis of both schemes is that awards are made direct to the employing institutions. In the case of the Readerships, they consist of the costs of replacement teaching; in that of the Fellowships, the full employment costs of the Fellow.

- **Fields and duration:** The **Readerships** are tenable in the humanities for two years from October 1991. Seven are supported by the Academy itself, and three have been generously financed by benefactors: the Marc Fitch Readership, the Wolfson Readership in History and the British Gas Readership in Landscape Archaeology.

The **Fellowships** – seven in number, and all funded by the Leverhulme Trust – are tenable in the humanities or the social sciences, for one year from October 1991.

- **Applications:** On the prescribed forms, available at the beginning of 1990 from university and polytechnic authorities to serving members of their academic staffs – typically those in mid-career (from the mid-30s to the late 40s).

Candidates should not send applications direct to the Academy; the forms are submitted to it by Vice-Chancellors, Principals or Directors.

## POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS IN THE HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL STUDIES

This scheme, introduced in 1985/86, is designed to enable a number of outstanding younger scholars to pursue mature research in central areas of the major disciplines and to gain some limited experience of teaching and administration in higher education. A competition for 30 fellowships, each tenable from October 1990 in a United Kingdom university or polytechnic, will be held in 1989/90.

- **Terms of award:** The selection of fellows will be by the Academy, but the prospective host institution will be asked to give its formal consent before the award is confirmed. Fellows will be employees of the institution in which they hold their award, and will be subject to the terms and conditions of appointment of that institution. Fellowships will be tenable for three years and will not be renewable. Initial salary will be within the first six points of the University Lecturers' scale, or on a comparable scale if the fellowship is held in a polytechnic.
- **Eligibility:** Candidates must
  - (a) be ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom and be able to take up post without needing to hold a work permit;
  - (b) be under the age of 30 on 1 October 1990 (subject to consideration of domestic responsibilities and other special factors);
  - (c) be in possession of a PhD or other appropriate research qualification by the end of June 1990, or supply evidence that by that date they will have satisfied all requirements for proceeding to their research qualification;
  - (d) not hold an established post in an institution of higher education. Candidates holding research assistant posts and the like are eligible to apply.
- **Applications:** On the prescribed form. The closing date is 19 January 1990 and applicants will be notified of the outcome approximately six months later.

## POSTGRADUATE STUDENTSHIPS

Since 1984 the Academy has administered, on behalf of the Secretary of State for Education and Science, the scheme of Postgraduate Studentships in the Humanities. Applications and enquiries concerning this scheme are dealt with in a different office from the Academy's other awards, and a separate booklet describing the Studentships is available. All communications concerning Postgraduate Studentships should be addressed as follows:

The British Academy,  
Postgraduate Studentships Office,  
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