

Science, Trust, and Policy-making Project

Frequently Asked Questions

I am currently studying a post-graduate course. Am I eligible to apply to this call?

No. Unfortunately, the Academy does not have any funds available to provide funding for students. Funding is provided for research at post-doctoral level only.

I have just completed my Ph.D. Can I apply to this call?

Yes, provided you have relevant experience to meet the aims of the call. The Academy welcomes applications from recent postdoctoral scholars. In order to be eligible, you must have successfully passed your viva voce examination and completed any corrections.

I do not have a Ph.D. Can I apply for a grant?

Yes, we accept applications from those who have equivalent experience, for example an individual in an established post, and/or who has teaching experience, and/or who has a track record of publications in their relevant field.

The only restriction to this would be if you are currently registered as a Ph.D. student whilst in your academic post, as Ph.D. students are not eligible to apply.

Can I use the funds to pay for my/my Co-I's salary or time?

Yes. This call is intended to offer funding to enable the PI/Co-Is to be able to focus effort on this project and part of their time can therefore be bought out to work on this project.

I am not affiliated to a UK academic institution. Can I apply for funding?

No. The Principal Investigator must hold an established role in an eligible UK University or UK research institute.

I am on a fixed-term employment contract, can I apply through my institution?

If your employment contract lasts the duration of your research project, or is likely to be extended, then you may apply via your institution if you wish to do so. If your employment contract will end before or during your research period, we would recommend contacting your Research Office to find out if your institution is happy to support your application and administer any potential award.

I am currently a Principal or Co-Applicant on another British Academy grant. Am I eligible to apply?

Duplicate applications for the same purpose to more than one Academy scheme will not be accepted.

Please note the following:

- If you currently hold a Mid-Career Fellowship, you cannot apply for a different project as the Mid-Career Fellowship Scheme buys 100% of your time.
- If you currently hold a BA Postdoctoral Fellowship, you cannot apply for a different project as the Postdoctoral Fellowship Scheme buys 100% of your time.
- If you currently hold a BA/Leverhulme Small Research Grant, you may apply to this call as the Small Grant does not pay for your time to focus on the project for which that grant was awarded.

Does my Co-Applicant(s) have to be based in the UK?

Yes. We expect to see Principal Investigators and Co-Applicants based in the UK.

I am not sure whether to list someone as a Co-Applicant or other participant. What is the difference?

A 'Co-Applicant' is a joint director of the project with equal responsibility for the academic management of the project. An 'other participant' can be anyone else actively associated with the project.

How many Co-Applicants can my research project have?

For the Science, Trust, and Policy-making project each application can have a maximum of two Co-Applicants.

My project is due to start before the decision date. Can I apply?

No. The scheme notes will specify the earliest date that research may commence.

What is the latest date I can apply to start my project?

Please look at the scheme notes which will specify the latest date that research must have commenced by.

Can I include a bibliography/reference list and, if so, where should I place this?

It is not a mandatory requirement that you include a bibliography/reference list. If you choose to include this as part of your application, then it should be placed as part of the main text in your research proposal – you cannot upload this as an additional document.

Who can offer institutional authorisation for my application?

Institutional authorisation must be given by the registered approver in the British Academy Flexi-Grant® Grant Management System (GMS). This is variable at each institution and will often be the Research Grants or Contracts Office or equivalent. You should seek advice at your home institution.

Please ensure that you give enough time for your institutional approver to approve your application before the deadline.

When I apply for funding through any of the awards offered by the British Academy, can I include in the application the cost of APCs (Article Processing Charges) to enable any articles that may arise from the research to be published in learned journals that offer a 'Gold' open access option?

No. Currently the Academy's position is that publication costs are not eligible.

Does the Academy require the outputs of the research it funds to be made available in any open access format?

No, this is not currently a stipulation of any Academy award.

Is the Apprenticeship Levy an eligible cost for this scheme?

No. This is not currently an eligible cost. Please see the scheme guidance notes for a list of eligible and ineligible costs.

I have another question, who should I contact?

If you cannot find the answer to your question in the FAQs, the scheme guidance notes or on our website, please email your query to policy@thebritishacademy.ac.uk and a member of the team will respond.