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Section roles and grants officers for 2023-2024: Paper B

This paper is for information
Purpose:
<i>This paper confirms the list of Section Officers for 2023-24.</i>
Recommendation(s):
<i>Sections are asked to note and, if necessary amend, the updated list of Section Officers for 2023-24.</i>
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Financial or resource implications, and/or risks to consider
<i>None</i>

Introduction

- Sections are asked to note and, if necessary, amend the updated list of Section Officers for 2023-24:
 - To confirm the appointment of Co-ordinators for the assessment of applications for Postdoctoral Fellowships; Mid-Career Fellowships; Senior Research Fellowships and Small Grants for 2023-24.
 - To confirm the appointment of British Academy International Fellowship Officers for 2023-24.
 - To confirm a Conference/Publications Officer for 2023-24.

Appointment of Section Co-ordinators and Officers

- In previous years, Sections have appointed Grants, International, Newton Fellowship, and Conference/Publications Officers to assess applications for various schemes run

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by the Academy. A table showing the range of research award and international schemes is at Appendix 1, and information on the anticipated burden and expected timetable for assessment is at Appendix 2. The current list of Officers updated following the summer meetings of the Section Standing Committees is attached at Appendix 3, and **Sections are reminded that these Officers will serve until the AGM in July 2024. Sections are invited to note the revised list of those who will serve during 2023-24**

3. The Academy is extremely grateful to all those who serve as assessors, especially as the burden of numbers of applications to be assessed remains very high. Sections are very strongly encouraged to ensure that as wide a range of Fellows as possible is involved in the assessment process, to spread the load, and that, in particular a Section Chair or single, individual co-ordinator is not appointed to take on more than one scheme. This is especially important with regard to the co-ordination of the Postdoctoral Fellowships and Small Research Grants, both of which have very heavy burdens of numbers of applications, and which may still overlap in assessment requirements in December-January each year.
4. Following a Review of the Academy's Peer Review processes in 2019 it was confirmed that the Panel Co-ordination process used in the assessment of applications in many of the Research Awards Schemes should continue. Ongoing schemes are the Postdoctoral Fellowships (PDF); Mid-Career Fellowships (MCF); Senior Research Fellowships (SRF) and Small Research Grants (SRG). Typically, a Section will appoint one person (not necessarily the Section Chair) to be the 'Co-ordinator' of the Section's views on applications for that scheme. The co-ordinator is responsible for moderating the views of colleagues who can be added to membership of the Section's assessment panel in Flexi-Grant and with whom applications can be shared. There is no limit to the number of people who can be added to membership of the relevant assessment panel, and the Review Group recommended that all Sections should adopt processes that draw upon the full range of expertise within the Section, whether or not the relevant potential assessor is a member of the Standing Committee. All Fellows should be expected to undertake assessment duties as a matter of course when asked to do so by the Section Co-ordinator.
5. The BA International Fellowship scheme continues to be assessed using the same process as in previous years, which involves a Section Officer helping the International team to identify suitable individual assessors for each application.
6. Other schemes such as the Innovation Fellowships, Talent Development Awards and other international schemes involve the office identifying suitable assessors to complete initial assessment and then a formally constituted final panel making the final decisions on award. These schemes frequently draw on the assistance of past award-holders to undertake peer review for the Academy. The Review of Peer Review Working Group concluded that the differences of decision pathways between the

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different awards was justified given the differences in character and scale of the awards involved.

7. Section Conference/Publications Officers provide input to the work of the Publications and Conferences Committee. The tasks (with an indication of when the work is likely to fall) are:
 - to assess proposals for British Academy Conferences (typically in February/March);
 - to assess proposals for *Proceedings of the British Academy* themed volumes (typically three times a year in September, December, and March);
 - to advise the Publications and Conferences Committee on suitable assessors for early career Monograph proposals (typically three times a year in August, November, and March).

Section Chairs and Standing Committees

8. Section chairs are elected to serve from AGM in July. The chair's term of service is normally three years. The Section chair's role is broadly to lead the Section in relation to the work of the Academy in promoting fields covered by the Academy, and to effectively organize the Section's contributions to the Academy's grantgiving and electoral processes. Chairs are also regularly consulted on a range of issues to do with the Academy. More specifically the job may be seen as encompassing the following responsibilities:
 - To chair the meetings of Section (currently twice a year in October and March), and deal with Section-related matters throughout the year, in liaison with the Fellowship Manager.
 - To chair the meeting of the Standing Committee (usually once a year in spring/summer, or as necessary) and keep a record of the discussions at the meeting.
 - To be an effective member of Group (meets twice a year).
 - To ensure the effective co-ordination of the assessment of applications for the award of Postdoctoral, Mid-Career and other Fellowship schemes.
 - To assist with the Newton International Fellowship competition by identifying a small pool of assessors and allocating applications accordingly (or identify another individual within Section to undertake this task).
 - To maintain effective communications with Section members.
 - To lead the development and maintenance of active lists of candidates, and in the selection of assessors.
 - To receive and collate the results of the ballot prior to the spring Section meeting.
 - To manage and facilitate the identification of Sectional representatives (approved at the March Section meeting), including Section Grants Officers, Special Awards Committee representatives etc.

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- To act as the first point of contact for questions relating to the disciplines of the Section.
 - To monitor the state of the Section's subjects in the wider academic world.
 - To assist with selection of memorialists for deceased members of the Section.
9. Section Standing Committees have a membership of usually 6 but there is no upper limit on how many can serve. Terms of service are conventionally for 3 years. Rotation is advisable but there is no formal limit on terms. Section Standing Committees play an important role in preparing for Section deliberations. They are the principal source of advice for the Section chair. They maintain 'long lists' of eligible candidates, sift names brought to their attention by Fellows or put forward by Vice-Chancellors, and agree on those to be put before the Section (including the preparation of Proposal Forms and identification of names of Independent Assessors). They meet once a year between June and August, date to be arranged to suit members.

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Research and International Awards Selection Procedures

Application stage: The Academy's selection processes vary, but all are predicated on dividing applications for assessment by one or more representative of the relevant Section based on the subject matter of the application. The table below summarises the scale of the various schemes.

Table 1: Current Schemes (2023/24)

Scheme	Applications	Awards	Value	Length
Postdoctoral Fellowships (PDF)	c.400-600	Up to 55	Average £331k	3 years
Mid-Career Fellowships (MCF)	c.300	Up to 35	Average £126k	6 to 12 months
Wolfson Research Professorships (WRP)	Not offered in 2023-24	0	£165k	3 years
BA/Wolfson Fellowships (WRF)	Not offered in 2023-24	6	£130k	3 years
BA/Leverhulme Senior Research Fellowships	c. 100	10-11	No fixed value, usually c.£60k	1 year
BA/Leverhulme Small Research Grants	c.1700	c.450	<£10k	Up to 2 years
Academy Research Projects/Excellence Kitemark	c.10-15 reviewed in detail each year; no new awards being added in 23-24	54	£5k	Indefinite, subject to detailed review every 5 years
BIRI	n/a	8	Total programme value c. £5m pa	Indefinite
International Fellowships	c.200	12-15	<u>Average c£300K</u>	3 years
Global Professorships	Variable	8	<£900k	4 years
Knowledge Frontiers: International Interdisciplinary Research Projects	c.120	8-10	£300k	2 years
Writing Workshops	c.80-100	c.35	<£30k	1 year
Conferences	c.50	c.10	Not necessarily monetary award	2-3 days
Talent Development Awards	c.20-35	c.20	<£10k	1 year
Innovation Fellowships, Route A Researcher-led and Route B Policy-led	c.50	c.20	£120k	1 year

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Appendix 2

Research and International Awards Selection Procedures

Assessment procedures: The expected burden and anticipated timetable for each scheme is listed below.

Scheme	Expected Burden per Section	Timetable
Postdoctoral Fellowships (PDF)	Outline Stage: burden normally c.25-30, varies from c.10-c.60	Assessment required Nov to Dec (pre-Christmas)
Postdoctoral Fellowships (PDF)	Second Stage: burden normally c.80 in Humanities and c.40 in Social Sciences	Assessment required late March to late April
Mid-Career Fellowships (MCF)	Outline Stage: burden normally c.10-15, varies from c.3-c.30	Assessment required Sept-Oct
Wolfson Research Professorships (WRP) (Not annual competition)	Burden normally c.5-10	(no awards 2023-24)
BA/Wolfson Fellowships (Not annual competition)	Not normally submitted to Section assessors, Individual assessors approached	(no awards 2023-24)
BA/Leverhulme Senior Research Fellowships	Burden normally c.5-10	Assessment required Jan
BA/Leverhulme Small Research Grants	2 rounds per year, burden varies widely between Sections from c.<10-c.120 per round	Round 1 assessment required Jan to mid-Feb Round 2 assessment required June to July
Academy Research Projects	Not normally submitted to Section assessors	Projects Committee assessment Dec to Feb
International Fellowships	Total numbers normally c.200-220, individual burden not usually exceed c.15-20.	Assessment required April-May
International schemes	Total numbers vary widely depending on programme, Individual assessors approached	Varies depending on timing of call
Conferences	Last round, total numbers c.50. Individual burden ranged c.5-15	Assessment required March
Talent Development Awards	Not assessed using Section Co-ordination approach. Individual assessors approached	Assessors required Oct-Nov
Innovation Fellowships	Not assessed using Section Co-ordination approach. Total numbers might vary in next round. Individual assessors approached	Varies, depending on agreements on Policy-led route – autumn for Route A

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Section Officers 2023-24

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The number in brackets after a person's name, indicates how many years the Section Officer will be in the process of serving between **July AGM 2023** until **July AGM 2024**. It is recommended that there should be a normal term of service of three years to ensure regular rotation.

SN	Chair	Standing Committee	Group Representatives	Newton International Fellowship Officer (Co-ordinator) – or state if being done by Standing Committee	Research Awards Co-ordinators	Conference/Publications Officers
H1	Robert Fowler (3)	Douglas Cairns (3) Gillian Clark (3) Catharine Edwards (1) Emily Gowers (2) Stephen Mitchell (3) Rosalind Thomas (3) Tim Whitmarsh (1)	Robert Fowler Emily Gowers	David Langslow (Manchester) (2)	PDF: Richard Hunter (Cam) SRF: Robert Fowler (Bristol) MCF: Professor Denis Feeney (1) SRG: Catherine Morgan (Ox)	Robin Osborne (1)
H2	Nicholas de Lange (2)	Douglas Davies (3) Paul Fiddes (1) Gavin Flood (2) Carol Harrison (4) Alec Ryrie (2)	Nicholas de Lange Carol Harrison	Professor Sacha Stern (1)	MCF: Professor David Thomas SRF: Professor Sarah Coakley SRG: Professor John Barclay PDF: Professor Nicholas de Lange	Revd Professor David Brown (1)
H3	Dawn Chatty (1)	Karin Barber (6) Harry Englund (3) Annabel Gallop (3) Andrew Gerstle (6) Henrietta Harrison (3) Samuel Lieu (1)	Dawn Chatty +tbc for Hums +tbc for Soc Sci	Professor Dawn Chatty (1)	PDFs: Professor Rosalind O'Hanlon MCF, SRF, SRG: Professor Janet Watson	Karin Barber (2)

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		Judith Olszowy-Schlanger (2)				
H4	Robyn Carston (2)	David Adger (3) Caroline Heycock (3) Elena Lieven (4) Bencie Woll (3)	Robyn Carston & David Adger (Humanities Group) Robyn Carston & Bencie Woll (Social Sciences Group)	Professor Aditi Lahiri (Oxford) (1)	MCF, PDF, SRF: Robyn Carston (1) SRG: Robyn Carston (until Dec 2023 and then Caroline Heycock) PDF: Elena Lieven (1)	Ian Roberts (2)
H5	Ingrid de Smet (2)	Brian Cummings (1) Andrew Hadfield (2) Lorna Hutson (6) James Raven (3) Nicholas Roe (5) Catriona Seth (5) Fiona Stafford (2)	Ingrid De Smet Andrew Hadfield	Thomas Corns (Bangor) (2)	MCF: Thomas Corns (Bangor) PDF: Nicholas Roe and Ingrid de Smet SRF: Ingrid de Smet SRG: Martin Butler (Leeds)	Andrew Hadfield (1)
H6	Regenia Gagnier (1)	Michael Bell (3) Charles Forsdick (2) Ann Jefferson (3) Diana Knight (2) Pablo Mukherjee (1) Ritchie Robertson (4) Emma Wilson (1) Clair Wills (2)	Regenia Gagnier + tbc	Ritchie Robertson (Oxford) (1)	PDF, SRF: Regenia Gagnier (1) MCF: Charles Forsdick (1) SRG: Diana Knight (1)	Nigel Leask (1)

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H7	Nancy Edwards (3)	Amy Bogaard (3) Matthew Collins (7) John Gowlett (3) Anne Haour (3) Roger Matthews (3) Nicky Milner (4) Alison Sheridan (4) Christopher Evans (6) leaving in Oct 23.	Nancy Edwards Matthew Collins	Nancy Edwards (Bangor)	PDF, MCF, SRF: Nancy Edwards (Bangor) SRG: Alison Sheridan (National Museums Scotland)	John Baines (2) Martin Bell (1)
H8	Julia Barrow (1)	Anna Sapir Abulafia (3) Barbara Bombi (1) Julia Crick (2) John Haldon (2) Judith Jesch (3) Ad Putter (4) Chris Woolgar (3)	Julia Barrow and Ad Putter	International Fellowships: Annette Wolfing (for applications in literature) Chris Woolgar (for applications in history)	PDF: Professor Ad Putter (1) SRF, SRG: Dauvit Broun (Glasgow) MCF: Professor Judith Jesch (1)	Nicholas Vincent (1)
H9	Julian Hoppit (3)	Susan Brigden (2) Craig Clunas (3) Rebecca Earle (2) Robert Frost (3) Ronald Hutton (3) Alex Walsham (1)	Julian Hoppit Susan Brigden	Margot Finn (UCL) (1)	PDF, MCF and SRF: Chaired by Professor Joachim Whaley, and including Professor Brian Cummings, Professor Jane Humphries, Professor Peter Marshall, Professor Andrew Pettegree and Professor Jim Secord. SRG: Professor Sean Connolly and Professor Laurence Brockliss	Ulinka Rublack (1)

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H10	Peter Gatrell (3)	Lynn Abrams (6) Gary Gerstle (6) Alison Light (2) Peter Mandler (3) Nicola Miller (1) Eugene Rogan (1)	Peter Gatrell and Lynn Abrams	Peter Gatrell (Manchester) (1)	MCF: Peter Gatrell Newton: Nicola Miller PDF and SRF: Peter Mandler SRG: Alison Light (June-July 2023); Lynn Abrams (Jan-Feb 2024)	Nicola Miller (1)
H11	Jaś Elsner (2)	Tia DeNora (3) Katharine Ellis (8) Julian Johnson (2) Lynda Nead (2) Alex Potts (3) Kathryn Rudy (1) Katie Scott (4) Caroline Van Eck (1)	Jaś Elsner Katharine Ellis	Jaś Elsner (Ox) (1)	Art History Grants Coordinator: Jaś Elsner (Ox) SRF, MCF. Kate Rudy, Small Research Grant coordinator (Art History) Alex Potts Post-Doctoral Fellowship coordinator (Art History), Music Research Grants Co-ordinator: Professor Katharine Ellis (1) PDF, MCF, SRG Music Julian Johnson as Small Research Grant coordinator (Music).	Jas Elsner (Art) (1) Martin Stokes (Music) (3)
H12	MM McCabe (4)	Quassim Cassam (1) Ursula Coope (2) Gregory Currie (3)	MM McCabe Gregory Currie	MM McCabe (1)	PDF: MM McCabe (KCL) SRF: Greg Currie (York) MCF: Samir Okasha (Bristol) <i>but check with Chair</i>	Ursula Coope (1)

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		Richard Holton (2) Susan James (3) Samir Okasha (3) Ian Rumfitt (3) Robert Stern (1) Helen Steward (1)			SRG: Greg Currie (York)	
CMP	Simon Shepherd (3)	Theresa Buckland (1) Steven Connor (6) David Hesmondhalgh (2) Esther Leslie (3) Eyal Weizman (3)	Simon Shepherd & Felix Driver (<i>for SS</i>) Simon Shepherd & either Ian Christie or Dawn Adés (<i>for Humanities</i>)	Richard Dyer (KCL/St Andrews) (4)	PDF (outline): Emma Wilson, Theresa Buckland PDF (second round): Robert S C Gordon SRF: Felix Driver (RHUL) MCF: Steven Connor (Cam) SRG: Ben Highmore, Sonia Livingstone (LSE)	Ian Christie (4)
S1	Alan Norrie (1)	Catherine Barnard (2) Joanne Conaghan (2) Simon Deakin (2) Michael Lobban (4) Kieran McEvoy (2) Niamh Moloney (4) Gerry Simpson (2)	Alan Norrie + TBC	Alan Norrie (1)	PDF, SRF, MCF: Alan Norrie (1) SRG: Michael Lobban (LSE)	Gerry Simpson (1)
S2	Richard J Smith (2)	Franklin Allen (2) Christian Dustmann (6) Mark Harrison (2) Ian Jewitt (2) Henry Overman (1) Carol Propper (4)	Richard J Smith Carol Propper	Richard J Smith	PDF: Peter Hammond (Warwick) (until the end of 2023-24 after which Ian Jewitt) SRF: Richard J Smith MCF: Professor Ian Jewitt SRG: Professor Mark Harrison	Avner Offer (5) (until the end of 2023-24)

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S3	Mike Heffernan (3)	Melissa Leach (acting convenor, Anthropology) (1) Sarah Curtis (convenor, Geography) (6) Felix Driver (Geog) (5) Roy Ellen (Anth) (3) Rob Foley (Anth) (1) Peter Jackson (Geog) (1) Deborah James (Anth) (1) Jonathan Rigg (Geog) (1) Gillian Rose (Anth) (1) Nicholas Thomas (Anthro)	Mike Heffernan G Janet Carsten A	Linda Newson (for Geography) Hastings Donnan (for Anthropology).	PDF Geography: Charles Withers SRF Geography: Miles Ogborn (QMUL) MCF Geography: Robert Mayhew SRG Geography: Tim O’Riordan (UEA) PDF Anthropology: Susanne Küchler (UCL) SRF, MCF Anthropology: Roy Ellen (Kent) SRG Anthropology: Jonathan Spencer (Edinburgh)	Richard Fardon (3) (Anthropology) Mike Heffernan (1) (Geography)
S4	John Scott (2)	Mary Daly (4) Emily Grundy (2) David Hand (4) Sarah Nettleton (2) Peter Smith (3) Peter Taylor-Gooby (3) Alan Warde (4)	John Scott Tariq Modood	Peter Taylor Gooby (1)	PDF, SRG: John Scott (1) MCF, SRF: Alan Warde (Manchester)	Sylvia Walby (1)

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Edu	Margaret Snowling (3) (Anna Vignoles for 24/25)	Simon Burgess (1) Becky Francis (1) David Gillborn (3) Li Wei (2) Peter Tymms (3) Anna Vignoles (2) Janet Watson (2)	Margaret Snowling Anna Vignoles	Kathy Silva (Oxford) (1)	MCF, PDF, SRF, SRG: Elaine Unterhalter (UCL) with assistance from Professor David Gillborn (who will be lead from 2024/25).	Kathy Sylva (1)
MBS	Charles Baden-Fuller (1)	Paula Jarzabkowski (3) David Knights (2) Hugh Willmott (6)	Charles Baden-Fuller Julian Birkinshaw	Julian Birkinshaw (5)	PDF: Julian Birkinshaw SRF: Paul Edwards (Birm) MCF: Leslie Hannah (LSE) SRG: Erkko Autio (Imperial)(to step down after a replacement has been found)	Peter Buckley (1) TBC
S5	Desmond King (4)	Michael Keating (2) (CG convenor) Matthew Kramer (5) Helen Margetts (3) David Miller (Theory convenor) (1) Tariq Modood (3) Shirin Rai (2) Jason Sharman (2) (IR convenor)	Desmond King Richard English	Desmond King (3)	Professor Desmond King (SRG convenor for Comp Gov, non-UK and joint co-ordinator for PDFs) Professor Duncan Snidal (SRG coordinator and IR convenor), Professor Patrick Dunleavy (SRG convenor for Comp Gov, UK) Professor David Miller (MCFs), Professor Susan Banducci (SRFs), Professor Ben Ansell (joint co-coordinator for PDFs with Des King)	Rana Mitter (5)

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S6	Martin Eimer (3) (Summer 2024 Chair will be Susan Michie)	TBC Jan Atkinson (4) Mike Burton (4) Nick Chater (4) Anke Ehlers (1) Matt Lambon Ralph (1) Ivana Marková (5) Susan Michie (1) Terrie Moffit (1) Kia Nobre (2) Andrew Pickles (3) Constantine Sedikides (3) Essi Viding (3)	Martin Eimer + Susan Michie	Martin Eimer (Birkbeck) (1)	PDF: Martin Eimer (Bbk) SRF: Edmund Sonuga-Barke (KCL) MCF: Constantine Sedikides SRG: Essi Viding (co-ordinator), Vicki Bruce, Robert Plomin.	Cecilia Heyes (3)