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Section roles and grants officers for 2024-2025: Paper B

This paper is for information
Purpose:
<i>This paper confirms the list of Section Officers for 2024-25.</i>
Recommendation(s):
<i>Sections are asked to note and, if necessary amend, the updated list of Section Officers for 2024-25.</i>
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Financial or resource implications, and/or risks to consider
<i>None</i>

Introduction

1. Sections are asked to note and, if necessary, amend the updated list of Section Officers for 2024-25:
 - (a) 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 2024-25.
 - (b) To confirm the appointment of British Academy International Fellowship Officers for 2024-25.
 - (c) To confirm a Conference/Publications Officer for 2024-25.

Appointment of Section Co-ordinators and Officers

2. 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 2025. Sections are invited to note the revised list of those who will serve during 2024-25**

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 Co-ordinators provide input to the work of the Publishing and Conferences Committee. The tasks (with an indication of when the work is likely to fall) are:
- to co-ordinate the Section’s assessment of proposals for British Academy Conferences (typically in February/March);
 - to co-ordinate the Section’s assessment of proposals for *Proceedings of the British Academy* themed volumes (typically three times a year in August, November, 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);
 - to advise the Editors of the *Journal of the British Academy* – commenting on proposals and advising on suitable referees for article texts (occasional).

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 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.

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- To manage and facilitate the identification of Sectional representatives (approved at the March Section meeting), including Section Grants Officers, Special Awards Committee representatives etc.
 - 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 (2024/25)

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 2024-25	0	£165k	3 years
BA/Wolfson Fellowships (WRF)	Not offered in 2024-25	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; up to 3 new awards being added in 24-25	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>	<u>2</u> years
Global Professorships	Variable	8	<£900k	4 years
Knowledge Frontiers: International Interdisciplinary Research Projects	c.120	8-10	£300k	2 years
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.12	£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 2024-25

Updated: 26.8.24

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 2024** until **July AGM 2025**. 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
CLA (H1)	Tim Whitmarsh (1)	Catharine Edwards (2) Emily Gowers (3) Edith Hall (1) Catherine Steel (1)	Tim Whitmarsh Emily Gowers	David Langslow (Manchester) (3)	Research Awards Co-ordinators were confirmed as: PDF: Richard Hunter SRF: Chris Carey MCF: Denis Feeney (2) SRG: Ian Rutherford	Robin Osborne (2)
TRS (H2)	Nicholas de Lange (3) (Martin Goodman for 2025-26 and David Fergusson for 2026-27.)	John Barclay (1) Paul Fiddes (2) Gavin Flood (3) Elaine Graham (1) Alec Ryrie (3) Nicolai Sinai (1)	Nicholas de Lange Alec Ryrie	Sacha Stern (2)	MCF and SRF: Sarah Coakley SRG: John Barclay PDF: Nicholas de Lange	David Brown (2)
AAME (H3)	Dawn Chatty (2)	Harry Englund (4) Richard Fardon (1) Annabel Gallop (4) Anne Gerritsen (1) Henrietta Harrison (4)	Dawn Chatty And tbc for Hums and Soc Sci	Dawn Chatty (2)	Coordinator: Dawn Chatty PDFs: Rosalind O'Hanlon MCF, SRF, SRG: Samuel Lieu	Karin Barber (2)

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		Samuel Lieu (2) Judith Olszowy-Schlanger (3)				
LAP (H4)	Robyn Carston (3) Bencie Woll will take over as chair in 2025-26.	David Adger (4) Caroline Heycock (4) Almut Hintze (1) Elena Lieven (5) Jane Stuart-Smith (1) Bencie Woll (4)	Robyn Carston & David Adger (Humanities Group) Robyn Carston & Bencie Woll (Social Sciences Group)	Aditi Lahiri (Oxford) (1)	MCF, SRF: Robyn Carston (2) SRG: Caroline Heycock (2) PDF: Elena Lieven (2)	Andreas Willi (1)
EML (H5)	Ingrid de Smet (3)	Brian Cummings (2) Andrew Hadfield (3) Lorna Hutson (7) James Raven (4) Nicholas Roe (6) Catriona Seth (6) Fiona Stafford (3)	Ingrid De Smet Andrew Hadfield?	Thomas Corns (Bangor) (2)	MCF: Thomas Corns (Bangor) PDF: Andrew Hadfield (Sussex) SRF: Ingrid de Smet SRG: Martin Butler (Leeds)	Andrew Hadfield (1)
MLL (H6)	Regenia Gagnier (2)	Michael Bell (4) Charles Forsdick (3) Ann Jefferson (4) Diana Knight (3) Sharon Monteith (2) Pablo Mukherjee (2) Ritchie Robertson (5) Emma Wilson (2)	Regenia Gagnier Pablo Mukherjee	Ritchie Robertson (Oxford) (1)	PDF, SRF: Regenia Gagnier (1) MCF: Charles Forsdick (1) SRG: Diana Knight (1)	Nigel Leask (1)

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ARC (H7)	Matthew Collins (1)	Amy Bogaard (4) Melanie Giles (2) John Gowlett (4) Anne Haour (4) Timothy Insoll (1) Roger Matthews (4) Nicky Milner (5) Alison Sheridan (5)	Matthew Collins Nicky Milner	Matthew Collins	PDF: Roger Matthews MCF, SRF: Matthew Collins SRG: Alison Sheridan (National Museums Scotland)	John Baines (2) Martin Bell (1)
MED (H8)	Julia Barrow (2)	Anna Sapir Abulafia (4) Barbara Bombi (2) Julia Crick (3) John Haldon (3) John Hudson (1) Ad Putter (5) Daniel Wakelin (1)	Julia Barrow Ad Putter	International Fellowships: Annette Wolfing (for applications in literature) Chris Woolgar (for applications in history)	PDF: Ad Putter (1) SRF, SRG: Kathryn Rudy (1) MCF: Judith Jesch (1)	Nicholas Vincent (1)
EMH (H9)	Alexandra Walsham (1)	Susan Brigden (3) Rebecca Earle (3) Robert Frost (1) Colin Kidd (1) Miles Ogborn (1)	Alexandra Walsham Susan Brigden	Margot Finn (UCL) (1)	PDF, MCF and SRF: Peter Marshall (chair), Anne Gerritsen, Laura Gowing, Andrew, Pettegree, Jim Secord, and Andy Wood. SRG: Sean Connolly and Laurence Brockliss	Ulinka Rublack (1)
MH (H10)	Peter Gatrell (4)	Robert Bickers (1) Janet Browne (1) Alison Light (3) Peter Mandler (4) Nicola Miller (2)	Peter Gatrell Alison Light	Peter Gatrell (Manchester) (2)	MCF: Peter Gatrell Newton: Nicola Miller PDF: Peter Mandler SRF: Eugene Rogan	Nicola Miller (1)

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		Eugene Rogan (2)			SRG: Janet Browne for round 1; Alison Light for round 2	
HAM (H11)	Jaś Elsner (3)	Tia DeNora (4) Katharine Ellis (9) Julian Johnson (3) Lynda Nead (3) Alex Potts (4) Kathryn Rudy (2) Caroline Van Eck (2)	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: Katharine Ellis (1) PDF, MCF, Music Julian Johnson as Small Research Grant coordinator (Music).	Jas Elsner (Art) (1) Martin Stokes (Music) (3)
PHI (H12)	MM McCabe (5)	Helen Beebee (1) Quassim Cassam (2) Ursula Coope (3) Gregory Currie (4) Richard Holton (3) Samir Okasha (4) Ian Rumfitt (4) John Skorupski (1) Helen Steward (2)	MM McCabe Gregory Currie	Quassim Cassam (1)	Gregory Currie as the PDF Coordinator Susan James as the SRC coordinator Richard Bradley as the SRG Coordinator Helen Steward as the MCF Coordinator	Ursula Coope (2)

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CMP	Simon Shepherd (4) & Ananya Jahanara Kabir (1)	Theresa Buckland (2) David Hesmondhalgh (3) Esther Leslie (4) Lucia Nagib (1)	Simon Shepherd Felix Driver (<i>for SS</i>) Simon Shepherd Ian Christie (<i>for Humanities</i>)	Angela McRobbie (1)	PDF (outline): Emma Wilson, Theresa Buckland SRF: Felix Driver (RHUL) MCF: Steven Connor (Cam) SRG: Ben Highmore, Sonia Livingstone (LSE)	Ian Christie (5)
LAW (S1)	Alan Norrie (2)	Catherine Barnard (3) Joanne Conaghan (3) Simon Deakin (3) Michael Lobban (5) Kieran McEvoy (3) David Nelken (1) Rebecca Probert (1) Gerry Simpson (3)	Alan Norrie + TBC	Alan Norrie (1)	PDF, SRF, MCF: Alan Norrie (1) SRG: Michael Lobban (LSE)	Gerry Simpson (1)
EEH (S2)	Richard J Smith (3)	Franklin Allen (3) Mark Harrison (3) Ian Jewitt (3) Henry Overman (2) Carol Propper (5)	Richard J Smith Carol Propper	Richard J Smith	PDF: Ian Jewitt (1) SRF: Richard J Smith MCF: Frank Windmeijer (1) SRG: Professor Mark Harrison	Professor Patricia Hudson (1)
A&G (S3)	Deborah James (1)	James Fairhead (convenor, Anth) (1) Jonathan Rigg (convenor, Geog) (2) Roy Ellen (Anth) (4) Georgina Endfield (Geog) (1) Rob Foley (Anth) (2)	Deborah James Jonathan Rigg	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 Kuchler (UCL)	Richard Fardon (4) (Anthropology) Mike Heffernan (2) (Geography)

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		Peter Jackson (Geog) (2) Gillian Rose (Geog) (2)			SRF, MCF Anthropology: Roy Ellen (Kent) SRG Anthropology: Jonathan Spencer (Edinburgh)	
SDSS (S4)	John Scott (3) Sylvia Walby (2025) shadow Chair before then.	Mary Daly (5) Emily Grundy (3) David Hand (5) Sarah Nettleton (3) Peter Smith (4) Peter Taylor-Gooby (4) Sylvia Walby (1) Alan Warde (5)	John Scott Sylvia Walby	Peter Taylor Gooby (1)	PDF, SRG: John Scott (1) MCF, SRF: Professor Peter Smith (1)	Sylvia Walby (1)
EDU	Anna Vignoles (1)	Stephen Ball (1) Simon Burgess (2) Becky Francis (2) David Gillborn (4) Cristina Ianelli (1) Li Wei (3) Simon Marginson (1) Janet Watson (3)	Anna Vignoles David Gillborn (March) Li Wei	Kathy Silva (Oxford) (2)	Research Grant Coordinator: David Gillborn (will be lead from 2024/25) with Elaine Unterhalter and Maggie Snowling enabling the workload to be shared.	Kathy Sylva (2)
MBS	Charles Baden-Fuller (2)	Saul Estrin (2) Annabelle Gawer (1) David Knights (3) Jaideep Prabhu (2) Mari Sako (1) Hugh Willmott (7)	Charles Baden-Fuller TBC?	Julian Birkinshaw (5)	PDF: Charles Baden-Fuller (City) SRF: Leslie Hannah (LSE) MCF: Leslie Hannah (LSE) SRG: to be announced	Peter Buckley (1) TBC
POLIS (S5)	Cheryl Schonhardt-Bailey (1)	Sub-Section Chairs: • Peter John (taking over from Michael	Cheryl Schonhardt-Bailey Desmond King	Desmond King (4)	Desmond King (SRG convenor for Comp Gov, non-UK and joint co-ordinator for PDFs)	Rana Mitter (6)

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		Keating (CP convenor) • David Miller (Theory convenor) (2) • Jason Sharman (3) (IR convenor) Helen Margetts (4) Tariq Modood (4) Shirin Rai (3)			Duncan Snidal (SRG coordinator and IR convenor) Patrick Dunleavy (SRG convenor for Comp Gov, UK) David Miller (MCFs), Peter John (SRFs) PDF: Peter John (KCL)	
PSY (S6)	Susan Michie (1)	Mike Burton (5) Nick Chater (5) Anke Ehlers (2) Francesca Happe (1) Rik Henson (1) Charles Hulme (1) Matt Lambon Ralph (2) Terrie Moffit (2) Martin Pickering (1) Andrew Pickles (4) Constantine Sedikides (4) Essi Viding (4)	Susan Michie Martin Eimer	Martin Eimer (Birkbeck) (2)	PDF: Martin Pickering SRF: Rik Henson MCF: Anke Ehlers SRG: TBC (co-ordinator), Vicki Bruce, Robert Plomin.	Cecilia Heyes (4)