

# The British Academy Handbook for Fellows 2024-2025



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# Foreword

Welcome to the 2024-25 edition of the British Academy's Handbook for Fellows.

The Handbook, published annually, is intended as an accessible reference and manual for Fellows. It provides information on the Academy's strategy and the range of its activities, and on the bye-laws, governance and management structures enabling those activities. It also provides a directory of all current Fellows, including the International and Honorary Fellowship.

Everything that the Academy undertakes and achieves is through its Fellowship. Since our founding in 1902, we have been first and foremost a Fellowship of scholars – we would not be who we are without you. At our Annual General Meeting in 2024 we elected 52 new UK Fellows, 30 new International Fellows, and 4 new Honorary Fellows. We now have a community of over 1,700 Fellows in total.

Your participation, as members of Sections, Committees and working groups, as assessors of grant applications and contributors in other respects, is the beating heart of the Academy's work. I know that, when elected, you agreed to play your part in the life of the Academy; but it can never be said too often how important all that you do, on a pro bono basis, is to the Academy's success. Thank you for your support and dedication.

A full list of Officers is on page 137. We will be seeking a number of new Vice-Presidents and Committee members in the coming year and will announce these in the Fellows Newsletter. If you are interested in getting more involved in this way, please do get in touch.

After a long period where the Academy's building has been relatively out of action due to the pandemic and then refurbishment, we are looking forward to a full re-opening from autumn 2024 including unveiling our three new beautiful spaces in the lower floors of the building. This will include a new public events programme to engage more people in our research and disciplines. Please do keep an eye on our website and the regular Fellows Newsletter for information about upcoming events. The refurbished building also has two new interconnected rooms for Fellows on the ground floor, and we hope that Fellows will feel welcome to come in, use and enjoy these spaces, which are very much intended specifically for you.

Although we secure the majority of our income from governmental sources, the Academy is a grant seeker as well as a grant maker. Philanthropic income provides valuable support by supplementing established grant programmes, seed-funding new ones, enabling infrastructure improvements and providing unrestricted income for the Academy to use when and where it is most needed. By diversifying our income sources we are helping to maintain our independence.

Over the last few years fundraising has focused on the building transformation but with the majority of the funding secured, attention is now turning to activities which open up the Academy to broader and more diverse audiences. Fundraising priorities for the next few years include the Early Career Researcher Network, the Book Prize, the public engagement programme including the Summer Showcase and ongoing fundraising for research programmes. We will continue to fundraise from our core supporter base of UK trusts and foundations but are planning to expand our portfolio of major donors in the coming years. The Fellows have been very generous in their support for the capital appeal and we are enormously grateful to everyone who has supported the project and also to those Fellows who make regular contributions to the Academy. Thank you! We are always keen to engage Fellows in fundraising in various ways including advice and guidance. If you feel that you could help in anyway please do get in touch with the Director of Development, Jo Hopkins.

In 2023 we undertook a review of Sections, consulting widely with the Fellowship and Section Chairs on a range of matters including how we monitor Section Structure and emerging disciplines, Section abbreviations, the ring-fencing of interstitial and independent candidate numbers, and the renaming of the Corresponding Fellowship. The recommendations of the Review were agreed at AGM 2024. You will see some immediate changes resulting from this review in the handbook – we have agreed to rename Corresponding Fellows as International Fellows and will be undertaking further work on how we might better integrate our global Fellowship into the work of the Academy. We have also simplified the abbreviations we use internally for the naming of Sections, replacing the former ‘H’ and ‘S’ codes with short acronyms which are hopefully much more user friendly and memorable. As with all such exercises, the value of taking time to listen to Fellows’ views lies not only in the positive changes we can make to our own processes, but the valuable opportunity they provide for the Academy leadership and staff to engage with, and talk to, our Fellowship as a whole.

We would be grateful if Fellows could check that the information about them in this Handbook is up to date and accurate. Please contact the Fellowship team ([thefellowship@thebritishacademy.ac.uk](mailto:thefellowship@thebritishacademy.ac.uk)), if necessary.

This year we have also reviewed the format and content of the Handbook, with a view to making it much more user friendly and focussed on the work of the Academy. We have introduced a new ‘Q&A/How do I?’ section designed to bring together some of the most frequently raised questions by Fellows and direct you to the relevant information or contact. We also have new sections and policies on public statements on behalf of the Academy and safeguarding.

I hope you find the Handbook to be useful. Please feel free to send us comments on it, or suggestions for how it might be improved. And if you would like to contact me to discuss any aspect of the Academy or how to contribute to its work, I would be delighted to speak to you.



Hetan Shah, Chief Executive  
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# Principal dates 2024-25

## 2024

<b>24 September</b>	Acceptance of Funds Group, 11-12pm
<b>1 October</b>	Public Policy Committee, 2pm
<b>7 October</b>	Development Board, 3-4.30pm New Fellows Ceremony, 6pm
<b>7-11 October</b>	Fellows' Week
<b>8 October</b>	International Engagement Committee, 10.30am
<b>8 October</b>	Standing Committee of Council (virtual), 2pm
<b>11 October</b>	Art Committee, 2pm
<b>17 October</b>	Heritage Committee, 2pm
<b>30 October</b>	Publishing and Conferences Committee, 2pm
<b>31 October</b>	Communications and Engagement Committee (virtual)
<b>31 October</b>	Research and Higher Education Policy Committee
<b>4 November</b>	Social Sciences Group, 2pm
<b>5 November</b>	Acceptance of Funds Group, 11-12pm Humanities Group, 2pm
<b>12 November</b>	Standing Committee of Council (informal), 11am Council (hybrid), 1pm Council Induction for new members tbc (virtual)
<b>19 November</b>	Fellowship and Structures Committee, 11am
<b>6 December</b>	BIRI Oversight and Engagement Committee
<b>10 December</b>	Development Board, 3-5pm
<b>11 December</b>	Midwinter drinks for Fellows and staff

## 2025

<b>10 January</b>	Audit Committee Communications and Engagement Committee (virtual)
<b>24 January</b>	Communications & Engagement Committee, 2pm (virtual)
<b>28 January</b>	Development Board, 3-5pm
<b>4 February</b>	Standing Committee of Council (virtual) 10am
<b>11 February</b>	International Engagement Committee, 10.30am
<b>19 February</b>	Publishing and Conferences Committee, 2pm Research Projects Committee (February TBC)
<b>22 February</b>	Art Committee, 2pm
<b>26 February</b>	Public Policy Committee, 11am
<b>27 February</b>	Research and Higher Education Policy Committee, 2pm
<b>10-14 March</b>	Fellows' Week
<b>13 March</b>	Heritage Committee, 2pm (tbc)
<b>18 March</b>	Standing Committee of Council (informal), 11am Council (hybrid), 1pm
<b>20 March</b>	Acceptance of Funds Group, 11-12pm
<b>24 April</b>	Communications & Engagement Committee (in person) TBC
<b>28 April</b>	Social Sciences Group, 1.30pm
<b>29 April</b>	Humanities Group, 1.30pm
<b>30 April</b>	Standing Committee of Council (virtual), 2pm
<b>1 May</b>	Development Board, 3-5pm
<b>13 May</b>	Fellowship and Structures Committee, 11am
<b>20 May</b>	International Engagement Committee, 10.30am BIRI Oversight and Engagement Committee (May date tbc)
<b>21 May</b>	Publishing and Conferences Committee, 2pm
<b>3 June</b>	Audit Committee
<b>5 June</b>	Research and Higher Education Policy Committee, 2pm

To add in Research Awards Committee in May 2025 – date TBC



<b>5 June</b>	Acceptance of Funds Group, 11-12pm
<b>17 June</b>	Standing Committee of Council (informal), 11am Council (hybrid), 1pm
<b>4 July</b>	Art Committee, 2pm
<b>8 July</b>	Development Board, 3-5pm
<b>13-15 July</b>	Summer Showcase 2024
<b>17 July</b>	Annual General Meeting and Summer Reception
<b>9 September</b>	Acceptance of Funds Group, 11-12pm
<b>26 September</b>	Development Board, 3-5pm
<b>6-10 October</b>	Fellows' Week
<b>7 October</b>	Standing Committee of Council (virtual), 2pm
<b>22 October</b>	Development Board, 3-5pm
<b>2 November</b>	Art Committee, 2pm
<b>3 November</b>	Social Sciences Group, 2pm
<b>4 November</b>	Humanities Group, 2pm
<b>11 November</b>	Standing Committee of Council (informal), 11am Council (hybrid), 1pm Council Induction for new members
<b>18 November</b>	Acceptance of Funds Group, 11-12pm

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# Strategic Plan 2023-27

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## British Academy Strategic Plan 2023–2027

In 2023 we published our new Strategic Plan for 2023-2027. The full plan can be found [here](#).

### About the Academy

#### Who we are

We are the UK's national academy for the humanities and social sciences.

- We are a fellowship of outstanding scholars and distinguished researchers.
- We are a community, for everyone engaged in the humanities and social sciences.
- We are a funder, supporting research and working for the benefit of the public.

#### What we are for

Our purpose is to deepen and share understanding of people, societies and cultures across time and place, enabling everyone to learn, progress and prosper.

#### What we do

We mobilise the humanities and social sciences to understand the world and shape a brighter future.

From artificial intelligence to climate change, from building prosperity to resolving conflicts – today's complex challenges can only be addressed by deepening our insight into people, cultures and societies across time and place.

We invest in researchers and projects across the UK and overseas to create new knowledge and insights, we engage with the public in fresh thinking and debates, and we bring together scholars, government, business and civil society to influence policy for the benefit of everyone.

#### What we believe in

We are guided by the following values in everything we do:

- **Integrity** – being honest, independent, impartial, trustworthy and fair
- **Diversity** – fostering a culture that is enriched by different perspectives
- **Creativity** – seeking new knowledge and insights
- **Rigour** – pursuing the highest levels of excellence and intellectual distinction
- **Collaboration** – working effectively and respectfully with everyone

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## **Our vision**

Our vision is to put the humanities and social sciences at the heart of understanding our world and shaping a brighter future.

## **Our strategic priorities for 2023-2027**

We have identified three strategic priorities for 2023-2027 to realise our vision.

### **1. Strengthening and championing the humanities and social sciences**

It is central to our role as the national academy for humanities and social sciences to support, strengthen and champion these disciplines. We will work with others to help bring about greater recognition of the essential contribution our subjects make, emphasising that understanding people and societies across time and place is core to our humanity and provides knowledge and insights which are essential to fostering a better, more sustainable and more prosperous world.

### **2. Mobilising our disciplines for the benefit of everyone**

We want to be relevant and responsive to society as well as to the academic communities that we represent and serve. We want to use our convening power and expertise in understanding people, societies and cultures – past, present and future – to address major contemporary challenges. We are committed to sharing more widely the benefits and value of the research that we fund, enabling people to learn, progress and prosper.

### **3. Opening up the Academy**

We want to inspire as many people as possible to engage with the humanities and social sciences and we will embed principles of equality, diversity and inclusivity within everything we do. We want to broaden the diversity of our fellowship, our staff and our funded researchers and to help foster a research community that is more representative of society. We will broaden the Academy's community by engaging with researchers that we do not currently fund, as well as those we do, particularly at early stages in their careers. We will also extend our national and international reach through new physical and digital facilities at our redeveloped London base, and through an enhanced programme of public events across the UK for students, scholars and everyone with curious minds.

These strategic priorities will guide our work over the next five years and with our values will guide how we achieve our core objectives:

1. To invest in the very best researchers and research
2. To celebrate and promote the humanities and social sciences
3. To inform and enrich debate around society's greatest questions
4. To ensure sustained international engagement and collaboration
5. To make the most of our people, partnerships and resources to secure the Academy for the future

The strategic plan will be underpinned by a more detailed operational plan and performance reviewed annually by our Council according to agreed criteria.

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# **Fellows and the British Academy / FAQs**

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**Overview:** As the breadth and scale of the Academy's work has expanded over recent years, it may be difficult to keep track of where to find the relevant information or contact. We have therefore introduced this new section to the Handbook which will hopefully address some of the most frequently asked queries and will be of use to new and existing Fellows alike.

## Getting involved in the work of the Academy

The success of the Academy and the delivery of its strategic ambitions [\[link\]](#) depends on the contribution of its Fellows.

Election to the Fellowship carries various responsibilities, including an expectation that Fellows will contribute to the work of the Academy. This means:

- All Fellows are asked to support the core purpose of the Academy by contributing to the effective distribution of funds, public and private, entrusted to the Academy for the support of excellent research in the humanities and social sciences (see page 76)
- Fellows are also asked to contribute to the life and work of the Academy's via involvement in the Academy's programme of events, prizes and medals (pages 29 to 32), international engagement (pages 59 to 62) publications (pages 50 to 52) or by actively contributing to the running of the Academy, for example by joining one of its committees (see pages 143 onwards)
- Fellows and their Sections are also asked to contribute to the formulation of views to be taken by the Academy on matters of interest or concern, and the ways in which the insights of research and expertise can shed light on issues of debate or policy
- Via their individual Sections, Fellows also contribute to the process whereby qualified scholars and social scientists are elected to the Fellowship, thus ensuring the sustained Academic excellence of the Academy.

Fellows also support the work of the Academy via their annual subscription fees. Fellows may wish to give regular donations in addition to these fees (see page 146).

The British Academy Early Career Researcher Network provides early career researchers (ECRs) with a space where they can develop their confidence, collaborate with others, and feel a sense of collegiality which is imperative in the often precarious world of academia. The Network is currently operating in the Midlands, South West, Scotland and Wales, and plans to be operating all over the UK by 2026. The ambition is for the network to be seen as a sectoral vehicle that is helping to bridge the gap between those ECRs who have security and funding and those who do not, enabling all researchers to develop their skills and explore opportunities – in addition, filling a gap for those ECRs who find themselves without access to support structures.

ECRs are very keen to engage with Fellows wherever possible to develop their professional and personal skills. The network is always looking for Fellows to provide mentorship and chair sessions. If this would be of interest, please do email us at [ecr\\_network@thebritishacademy.ac.uk](mailto:ecr_network@thebritishacademy.ac.uk).

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## How Do I...

- Propose an event?
- Propose a publication?
- Propose a research project?
- Propose a policy idea or project?
- Propose a nominee for the Fellowship?
- Book a room?
- Contact the President?
- Contact the Chief Executive?
- Contact a staff member?
- Contact other Fellows?
- Meet or find out more about other Fellows?
- Support the work of the Academy via a donation?
- Provide feedback, raise a complaint or issue?

### • **Propose an event?**

The Academy supports and organises a number of different events, for academic, public or other audiences such as policy makers. These may include individual talks, conferences or larger events such as the annual Summer Showcase.

Our public and academic event programmes are overseen by the Communications and Engagement Committee (see page 27).

Fellows may also wish to use the Academy for their own professional, private or social events (e.g. those not funded by the Academy). Rooms at Carlton House Terrace are available for Fellowship to hire at a discount (see page 68).

Further information on the British Academy Conference programme and process can be found on page 49. See also British Academy Lectures (page 29) and our public events (page 29).

We also invite Fellows to propose talks as part of our twice yearly 'By Fellows for Fellows' events during Fellows' Week. These are designed to encourage intellectual engagement between disciplines, and for Fellows only. These are commissioned by the Chairs' Forum and supported by the Fellowship Engagement Manager. Contact Johanna Empson ([J.Empson@thebritishacademy.ac.uk](mailto:J.Empson@thebritishacademy.ac.uk)).

### • **Propose a publication?**

The Academy recently relaunched its Journal of the British Academy, a multi- and interdisciplinary open access journal publishing articles in the humanities and social sciences (see page 52.)

See also Proceedings of the British Academy and British Academy Monographs (page 49.)

### • **Propose a research project?**

See Pages 41 onwards.

### • **Propose a policy idea or project**

The Academy's programmes of higher education and public policy activity are overseen by the Research and Higher Education Policy Committee (page 23) and the Public Policy Committee (page 53).

### • **Propose a nominee for the Fellowship?**

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There is an annual ‘call for names’, all suggestions are then reviewed by Section Standing Committees ahead of any discussion at Section. Fellows may suggest names throughout the year but suggestions may need to wait until the next electoral cycle. See Electoral Process (page 100)

- **Book a room?**

We now have a new and enlarged Fellows’ Room situated on the Ground Floor of Carlton House Terrace. Fellows may use the Fellows’ Room from Monday to Friday and booking is not required. The room offers a quiet place to sit and work: and is equipped with lounge seating, desks, spaces to meet, dedicated Wi-Fi and refreshments.

Fellows can also book meeting spaces within our offices free of charge, up to six times a year.

Fellows may also take advantage of a significant discount on venue hire for personal events; 25% off Tues-Weds and weekends in all spaces and 30% off Mondays and Fridays. Please contact [bookings@thebritishacademy.ac.uk](mailto:bookings@thebritishacademy.ac.uk)

Fellows being asked to attend a committee or meeting on behalf of the Academy who require a workspace within Carlton House Terrace should liaise with the relevant meeting organiser or committee Secretary.

- **Meet or find out more about other Fellows?**

Fellows’ Week takes place twice a year, in March and October, and is a chance to meet others in your Section and across the Fellowship. Section Meetings take place during this week, as well as a series of cross-disciplinary discussions curated for Fellows, by Fellows.

Each Fellow has their own page on the British Academy website. We ask Fellows to keep this information up to date.

We will be introducing a Fellows portal on the website where we will be able to provide tailored information for Fellows and improve the way in which information about individual Fellows and their research interests can be searched. Look out for more information on this in the Fellows’ Newsletter.

- **Support the work of the Academy via a donation?**

Fellows may wish to give regular donations in addition to their fees, contributing to the Academy’s strategic development and augmenting our flagship grants. The Development Office is on hand to assist you with recurring donations, legacy planning and major gifts (see page 145).

To make a donation or for more information on how to give financial support, please contact Lucy Johnstone, Senior Development Lead ([l.johnstone@thebritishacademy.ac.uk](mailto:l.johnstone@thebritishacademy.ac.uk)), or visit [thebritishacademy.ac.uk/support-us](http://thebritishacademy.ac.uk/support-us)

- **Provide feedback, raise a complaint or issue?**



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Any general comments or feedback can be addressed to  
ChiefExecPA@thebritishacademy.ac.uk.

The procedure for raising complaints regarding British Academy Fellows can be found here. [thebritishacademy.ac.uk/about/regulations/](http://thebritishacademy.ac.uk/about/regulations/)

- **Contact the President?**

You can email the President of the British Academy directly at  
President@thebritishacademy.ac.uk

- **Contact the Chief Executive?**

You can email the Chief Executive directly at ChiefExecPA@thebritishacademy.ac.uk  
or H.Shah@thebritishacademy.ac.uk

- **Contact a staff member?**

Directors and Team Leaders can be found (xx) and a list of all staff by  
department is (xx). If you are unsure who to address your query to, please contact  
ChiefExecPA@thebritishacademy.ac.uk in the first instance.

- **Contact other Fellows?**

Fellow's contact details are contained in our directory of Fellows which can be found  
as a separate document, on the website.

### **Other frequently asked questions**

- Where is the Fellows' Room?
- Are meetings in person again?
- What awards does the Academy give?
- Can I claim travel expenses if attending the Academy for a meeting?
- How are decisions made at the Academy?
- Why do we pay subscription fees?
- What is the Academy doing about diversity?
- Can I retire from being an active Fellow?
- How is the Fellowship organised?

- **Where is the Fellows' Room?**

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of Carlton House Terrace. You may use the Fellows' Room from Monday to Friday  
and booking is not required. The room offers a quiet seating space and is equipped  
with lounge seating, desks, spaces to meet, dedicated Wi-Fi and refreshments.  
See page 16.

- **Are meetings in person again?**

We continue to offer meetings in a variety of formats – in person, online or hybrid –  
according to the type of meeting and requirements such as accessibility. Many have  
welcomed the opportunity to meet in person again whilst we recognise that not  
everyone is able or willing to travel to London, so dial in options are also offered.

- **What awards does the Academy give?**

Please see pages 34 onwards.

- **Can I claim travel expenses if attending the Academy for a meeting?**

Yes you can – we will cover travel expenses for Academy meetings including Sections.  
Please contact ChiefExecPA@thebritishacademy.ac.uk and we can send you the form.

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- **How are decisions made at the Academy?**

The main decision making body of the Academy is our Council, which comprises 25 Fellows who are also Trustees of the Academy (see page 140). Council formally asks all Fellows to vote on certain matters, including election to the Fellowship, at our Annual General Meeting. Council is supported by a number of sub-committees, advisory bodies and working groups. We strongly encourage Fellows to play a part in our governance and vacancies on our various committee are advertised in our Fellows' Newsletter.

- **Why do we pay subscription fees?**

The British Academy is a charity and depends on financial support from Fellows and others who share its mission. The annual subscriptions we collect from Fellows are an important and much appreciated part of our income and in recent years we have kept increases below inflation. Fellows may be inspired to give financial support in addition to giving their time, providing advice and making introductions.

- **What is the Academy doing about diversity?**

We have placed diversity and 'opening up' at the core of our Strategy. We want to inspire as many people as possible to engage with the humanities and social sciences and we will embed principles of equality, diversity and inclusivity within everything we do. We want to broaden the diversity of our fellowship, our staff and our funded researchers and to help foster a research community that is more representative of society.

In 2024 we will be publishing an EDI strategy which will spell out our current and planned initiatives to fulfil this strategic ambition.

- **Can I retire from being an active Fellow?**

Yes you can. Any UK Fellow who indicates, at a time of his or her own choosing, after the age of 70, that he or she wishes to take no further active part in the work of the Academy, can request to be an 'Emeritus Fellow'. Emeritus Fellows are excused from the duties of Fellowship (they do not hold elective office or serve on Academy committees, e.g. the award of grants, prizes, selection of lecturers etc), and they do not participate in elections. They retain the privileges of Fellowship, e.g. the honorific FBA and use of the Academy's facilities, and receive news about the Academy, invitations to events etc. Emeritus Fellows (as all Fellows over 70) pay no subscription, but there is no formal link between Emeritus status and obligation to pay subscriptions. Entry to Emeritus Fellowship is by voluntary transfer; it is not possible to be elected as an Emeritus Fellow. There is no expectation that Fellows will opt for Emeritus status immediately upon or soon after turning 70: Fellows are reminded of the duties that go hand in hand with the honour of election.

- **How is the Fellowship organised?**

The Academy's Fellowship is organised into 21 academic Sections. Each Fellow, on election, is assigned to membership of a Primary Section, but can be a member of more than one (cross-membership) (see pages 72 onwards).

# The work of the Academy

(The sequence of activities described in the following pages loosely follows the order in which our five Strategic Objectives are listed on pages 25-26)

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## **Early Career Researcher Network**

The Early Career Researcher Network is an inclusive, researcher-led membership body accessible to all UK-based early career researchers (ECRs) working in the humanities and social sciences – regardless of their funding source or background.

The Network aims to provide early career researchers (ECRs) with a supportive environment to build confidence, enhance professional and personal skills, advance their careers and research, collaborate with each other, and foster a sense of collegiality, which is crucial in the often precarious world of academia. Currently, the Network operates in the Midlands, South West, Scotland, and Wales, with plans to expand across the entire UK by 2026. The ambition is for the Network to be recognized as a sector-wide initiative that bridges the gap between ECRs with secure funding and those without, enabling all researchers to develop their skills and explore opportunities. It also aims to fill the gap for ECRs who lack access to support structures.

ECRs are eager to engage and network with Fellows to gain advice and insights on developing and sustaining an academic and research career. Consequently, in Autumn 2023, the Network launched a pilot mentoring program, "Encourage and Engage," which brought Fellows and ECRs in Law together to share invaluable experiences and knowledge. The Fellows and ECRs met bimonthly online to discuss their subject area. The pilot was successful, with 92% of attendees stating it was a beneficial initiative for their development. The Network plans to trial another subject area in Autumn 2024.

Fellows are encouraged to participate in the Network by attending or speaking at in-person or online events, facilitating sessions, or mentoring.

The ECRN Governance Board

- Professor John Scott (Chair), FBA
- Professor Simon Swain, FBA (VP Research & Higher Education Policy)
- Dr Valeria Skafida (Co- Chair) (external member)
- Professor Mike Heffernan, FBA (VP for Social Sciences)
- Professor Hilary Graham, FBA
- Professor Conor Gearty, FBA
- Professor Isabel Torres, FBA
- Professor Ian Christie FBA
- Dr Blessing Marandure, ECR and Network member
- Professor Ram-Prasad Chakravarthi FBA

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## **Equality, Diversity and Inclusion**

The British Academy is committed to supporting equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) in everything we do. This applies to the people we fund, our Fellowship, how we support our disciplines, our policy making and public engagement, as well as our own employees.

### **Our EDI Groups and Workstreams**

In 2019 the Academy established two working groups - the Fellows Diversity Working Group (Chaired by Professor Aditi Lahiri CBE) and the Staff Diversity Working Group (Chaired by Myra Mansoor and Sharaiz Asin). These work side-by-side to examine current practices and policies related to equality, diversity and inclusion and identify ways forward. The working groups commissioned an independent review which looked at each of our three roles: an independent Fellowship of world-leading scholars and researchers; a funding body that supports new research, national and internationally and; a forum for debate and engagement – a voice that champions the humanities and social sciences.

Since then, the Academy has drawn up an EDI action plan and initiated a number of workstreams which address the areas covered in the review. The workstreams are:

- The Fellowship
- Leadership, strategy and governance
- Workforce
- Research funding
- Policy
- Public activities, events and publications
- Development and partnerships
- Data monitoring and benchmarking

Each workstream reports to the relevant Committee or the Senior Management Team depending on its area of work. Their work is supported by the EDI Manager who oversees the work of the various workstreams and ensures progress is made in a timely and synchronised manner. In 2023 Council established an EDI advisory sub-committee to work alongside the workstreams and develop an EDI Strategy for the British Academy. This will be published in 2024.

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## EDI Advisory Sub-Committee of Council

*Secretary:* EDI Manager

*Remit:* The EDI Advisory Committee is a sub committee of Council. Its role is to support, scrutinise and advise on all aspects of the Academy's activity on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) as delivered by the various EDI workstreams, on behalf of Council and to make recommendations to Council on this basis.

*Its duties include:* Providing strategic advice on the delivery of the Academy's EDI ambitions; Building and strengthening partnerships to support our EDI activity in the sector and with stakeholders, and; sharing best practice, horizon scanning and identifying risks.

### **Membership for 2024-25:**

*Chair:* Professor Judith Still FBA, *Vice-President Humanities (ex Officio)*

Professor Aditi Lahiri FBA, *Chair, Fellows' Diversity Group*

Professor Margot Finn FBA, *Vice-President (Research and HE Policy)*

Professor Anna Lawson FBA

Professor April McMahon FBA, *Treasurer (ex Officio)*

Professor Michael Worton CBE, *external member*

Jolene Foster, *Head of Diversity & Inclusion, The Royal Society external member*

Dr Nickolas Lambrianou, *Head of Fellowship & Engagement, The British Academy*

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## Research and Higher Education Policy

A core part of the British Academy's role as the national body for the humanities and social sciences is to provide strategic leadership for the research and education ecosystem to enable the sustainability and vibrancy of the humanities and social sciences. The Academy advocates on behalf of its disciplines with government and other sector bodies and acts as a bridge to the disciplinary community. This activity is both proactive – with topics and approaches chosen by the Academy itself – and responsive – taking account of emerging policy agendas through responses to consultations and inquiries and undertaking small scale targeted projects. Our long-term goal is to raise the profile of our disciplines and use our influence to shape the conditions that will enable them to thrive.

The Academy's activities in this area primarily relate to the Academy's Strategic Objectives (1) 'To invest in the very best researchers and research', (2) 'To celebrate and promote the humanities and social sciences'.

The committee with oversight of the activities in this section is the Research and Higher Education Policy Committee.

### Research and Higher Education Policy Committee

#### **Remit:**

- Sets overarching priorities and parameters for the Academy's higher education and skills policy work and research funding streams in the context of national requirements and overall strategy, and monitors progress towards these priorities.
- Advises Council on strategy and resources within these areas.
- Identifies synergies and relationships between the Academy's work on higher education and research policy, skills, and research funding and agrees how these can be maximised to add value.
- Oversees major policy projects and the direction of the Academy's funding schemes at a strategic level (with sub committees/groups responsible for operational delivery).
- Oversees evaluation of the Academy's policy activity and funding schemes and determines action to be taken in response to evaluation findings.
- Advises on communication of higher education and skills policy activity and research funding streams to raise the Academy's profile in this area.

**Reporting:** Responsible to Council.

**Assessment/guidance feeding into the Committee:** The Committee receives guidance from the Research Awards Committee (see page 32) and from the Research Projects Committee (see page 41). It draws on the expertise of the Higher Education Policy Development Group, the Advisory Committee for Languages and working/steering groups for specific policy projects or themes of work.

**Meetings in 2024-25:** 31 October 2024, 27 February 2024 and 5 June 2024.

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### **Membership for 2024-25**

Chair: Professor Margot Finn FBA, *Vice-President (Research and HE Policy)*

Professor Richard Blundell FBA, *Lead Fellow, Skills*

Michelle Doyle Wildman, *external member*

Professor Charles Forsdick FBA, *Lead Fellow, Languages*

Dr Hannah Gibson, *external member*

Professor Roberta Gilchrist FBA, *Chair, Research Projects Committee*

Professor Peter Mandler FBA, *Chair, Higher Education Policy Development Group*

Professor Ed Page FBA, *Chair, Research Awards Committee*

Professor Chakravarthi Ram-Prasad FBA

Professor John Scott FBA CBE, *Chair, Early Career Researcher Network*

Dr Valeria Skafida, *external member*

Professor Isabel Torres FBA

Professor James Wilsdon, *external member*

*Secretary: Sarah Cowan, Head of Policy, (Higher Education and Research)*

## **Providing leadership and research on higher education and research policy**

The Academy's advocacy on higher education and research issues is carried out both individually, on behalf of its own disciplines, and in partnership with the other three national academies, on matters relevant to the whole research base. This activity includes direct engagement with government, Parliament, devolved Administrations and the civil service, as well as with other policy making bodies in the higher education sector, including UKRI.

Current priorities include monitoring the health of our disciplines under the banner of the SHAPE Observatory - which aims to ensure the sustainability and capacity of the SHAPE research base by providing regular accounts of the analysis, skills and insights needed to tackle societies challenges; and articulating a vision for SHAPE research and innovation. The Vision concept examines the role of SHAPE disciplines and subjects in achieving the government ambition of growing R&D investment. It does so under the themes of People, Practices and Principles.

The Higher Education Policy Development Group, chaired by Professor Peter Mandler FBA, provides advice on the Academy's policy positions in this area, drawing on expertise from across the higher education sector.

*Staff contact: Sarah Cowan, Head of Policy (Higher Education and Skills)*  
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## **The SHAPE Observatory**

### **Monitoring the health of the disciplines**

The Academy's role in advocating for the humanities and social sciences extends across the education system, with particular attention to the pathways which lead to higher education and the research sector. The SHAPE Observatory includes examination of the current health of individual disciplines and monitoring areas of strategic national need through data analysis and wider evidence gathering.



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We are building a series of subject specific ‘state of the discipline’ reports to monitor the health of our constituent disciplines. This collection now includes work on Theology and Religious Studies; Archaeology; Business and Management Studies; English Studies; and Media, Screen, Journalism and Communication Studies. We are currently undertaking analysis on Politics and International Relations.

To support this work, we undertake analysis of student trends in studying SHAPE across the ‘pipeline’, from GCSEs through to A level and their equivalents, in further education, and in university. This includes developing an understanding of the factors which influence student choice and the impact of changing provision across the UK. Our Observatory offers live, interactive data tools which can be used to access trends in uptake across subjects.

More widely, we continue to analyse trends across the whole sector and the Academy’s disciplines in totality, including monitoring course closures and the impact on student access. We use this analysis to inform our communications and engagement activities, particularly in light of the current financial landscape.

### **Languages**

The Academy undertakes a significant programme of work in emphasising languages as a strategically important but vulnerable subject throughout the education pipeline. This work continues to focus on promoting the implementation of the recommendations in our report *Towards a National Languages Strategy* (2020). Our current major project examines the role of languages in the UK research base.

Implementing *Towards a National Languages Strategy* includes the establishment of The Languages Gateway as recognised brand for a collaborative web-based resource which provides a single authoritative portal for languages provision, and the creation of strategic committees for higher education and further education to facilitate coordination and planning.

The Academy sponsors, and works closely with, the All Party Parliamentary Group for Languages and has an Advisory Committee for Languages to guide its activity and provide advice to Research and Higher Education Policy Committee. The Academy also has a core group of Fellows who advise the team on strategy and work. The Languages Executive Group consists of:

Professor Charles Forsdick FBA, University of Cambridge, Lead Fellow for Languages

Professor Neil Kenny FBA, University of Oxford, past Lead Fellow for Languages

Professor Li Wei FBA, University College London

Professor Andreas Schonle FBA, University of Bristol

Professor Antonella Sorace FBA, University of Edinburgh

## **A vision for SHAPE research and innovation by 2030**

### **People**

Priorities in this area include:

*Graduate outcomes:* building and deploying the evidence base of the diverse and valuable careers of SHAPE graduates.

*Research careers:* Exploring the structure of research careers in SHAPE, how this compares internationally, and the implications for policy. Particularly, evidencing the experience of SHAPE researchers in a porous system and their attitudes towards mobility.

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## Practice

Priorities in this area include:

*Place:* Considering the regional role of SHAPE, exploring how higher education teaching and research in these disciplines affect regional economies. Our work also looks at SHAPE in place-based policy to develop policy positions and best practice from the viewpoint of the SHAPE community.

*Higher Education frameworks:* This involves monitoring the development of the three major frameworks that correspond to each of the principal “missions” of HE. There is ongoing monitoring work on developments to the Knowledge Exchange Framework (KEF) and the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) and the implications for our disciplines. On the Research Excellence Framework, we have completed work measuring the impact of SHAPE research and continue to ensure that the voice of the SHAPE disciplines is heard in the development of the next research assessment exercise (REF).

## Principles

Priorities in this area include:

*Research culture:* The Academy is signatory to both the Researcher Development Concordat and the Research Integrity Concordat, and as such is undertaking work to understand and promote healthy research culture across the SHAPE disciplines.

*Research funding:* The Academy has a substantial history of advocating for healthy research funding for SHAPE. This ongoing work utilises past evidence to feed in to and influence funding reform, as well as undertaking new work to explore the impact of devolution on research funding, the benefits of QR funding, and explainers of funding allocations and organisations.

*The R&D system:* Work in recent years has explored the existence and measurement of SHAPE R&D and how this is considered in national policy development. This includes substantial commissions to explore business attitudes to SHAPE, the language used in R&D policy, the role of incentives in leveraging investment, and the accuracy of existing data capture. We currently have two significant projects which use SHAPE insights to consider how to better measure all R&D activity and determine its economic and social value.

## Networks

The Higher Education and Skills Policy Team co-ordinate a number of networks which reflect the Academy’s power to convene key stakeholders to debate important issues in higher education and skills policy. These include the Strategic Forums for Humanities and Social Sciences, chaired by the respective Academy Vice Presidents, the Learned Societies and Subject Associations Network, and the Higher Education Policy Development Group.

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## Communications and Engagement

The Academy uses a variety of tools to promote the value of its disciplines to a wide range of audiences. Digital channels showcase the Academy's work in an engaging and accessible way, while media coverage and stories highlight the expertise of the Fellowship and breadth of our work. The Academy organises events in London, around the UK and online, often in partnership with high-profile organisations such as major cultural institutions. And it celebrates achievement through the awarding of prizes and medals.

The team's activities relate to all areas of the Academy's Strategic Objectives, but particularly (2) 'To celebrate and promote the humanities and social sciences', and (3) 'To inform and enrich debate around society's greatest questions', while also helping to raise awareness of the full breadth of activity undertaken by the Academy.

The committee responsible for all the activities in this section is the *Communications and Engagement Committee*.

### Communications and Engagement Committee

#### Remit:

- Keeps under review the Academy's Communications and Engagement Strategy to ensure that the Strategy effectively promotes the work of the Academy and the value of its disciplines to all constituencies.
- Monitors and reacts to developments and issues outside the Academy that relate to the Academy's communications activities and its profile.
- Ensures that the Academy is keeping pace with developments in Communications, adopting new tools and techniques for reaching a broad constituency.
- Provides guidance on the overall shape of the events programme such as deciding on series of events, reviewing nominations for lectures, and steering the annual Summer Showcase.
- Oversees the prizes and medals strategy and decides on prize recipients.

**Reporting:** Responsible to Council.

**Assessment/guidance feeding into committee:** The work of the committee is informed by nominations from Fellows, Sections and specialist sub-committees.

**Specific collaborative links with other committees:** Publishing and Conferences Committee, in respect of lectures published in the *Journal of the British Academy*.

**Meetings in 2024-25:** tbc

#### Membership for 2024-25:

*Chair:* Professor Rana Mitter FBA OBE, Vice-President (*Public Engagement*)

Professor Uta Frith FBA

Professor Ronald Hutton FBA

Anne Morrison, *external member*

Nicky Old, *external member*

Vivienne Parry *external member*

Professor Sophie Scott FBA

Professor Tom Shakespeare FBA

Professor Fiona Williams FBA, *Editor, Journal of the British Academy*

Professor Bencie Woll FBA

Professor Patrick Wright FBA

Dr Chi Zhang

*Secretary:* Liz Hutchinson, *Director, Communications*

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## Promoting the British Academy

The Communications and Marketing Department uses a range of different channels and techniques to help raise the profile of the British Academy, our Fellows and award holders, and the humanities and social sciences more broadly.

### **Media relations**

The Academy's press office seeks to position the Academy as the voice of the humanities and social sciences and demonstrate the value of the subjects in the media, by sharing stories about research and policy work, events and the Fellowship. In addition, the press office handles incoming enquiries, responds to live news and issues and briefs spokespeople.

*Staff contact:* Ash Khan, Deputy Head of Media and PR  
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### **Public affairs**

The Academy's public affairs team manages the Academy's work with Government, policymakers and other stakeholders. By coordinating engagement across the organisation, the team seeks to strategically build relationships, advocate for the humanities and social sciences and bring expertise from the Academy's Fellows, researchers and policy teams to bear on the issues of the day.

*Staff contact:* Hannah Sierp, Head of Media and Public Affairs  
(h.sierp@thebritishacademy.ac.uk)

### **Social media**

The Academy has an active presence and a growing audience on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn. We also use YouTube and Soundcloud for videos and podcasts. As well as publishing our own content on these channels, we also promote relevant posts by Fellows and allied organisations.

*Staff contact:* Andrew Barron, Head of Content and Channels  
(a.barron@thebritishacademy.ac.uk)

### **Email newsletters**

There are a number of email newsletters regularly sent by the Academy to a growing and receptive audience interested in our international activities, research and HE policy, funding opportunities and our events programme. To subscribe to these, follow the link from the Academy homepage.

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### **The website**

thebritishacademy.ac.uk is the British Academy website and is aimed at a general audience. We regularly publish blog posts written by Fellows and funded researchers in a variety of 'content strands'.

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## Events

### Summer Showcase

Held over three days in June/July, the Academy's free festival of ideas showcases Academy-funded research to public audiences, including sixth-form students and intellectually curious adults. A private view for invited audiences is held on the evening before the Showcase opens to the public.

*Staff contact:* Matt King Woodward, Head of Events & Marketing  
(m.king-woodward@thebritishacademy.ac.uk)

*Decision process:* An open call for exhibitors is circulated to all current and recent award holders in the Autumn. Exhibitors are selected by the Summer Showcase working group, chaired by the Vice-President (Public Engagement).

### British Academy Lectures

Delivered by the most outstanding academics in the UK and beyond, the British Academy's flagship lecture programme showcases the very best scholarship in the humanities and social sciences. Held at the British Academy and regional/national locations across the UK, these landmark occasions offer students, scholars and specialists a chance to expand their networks and learn about the latest developments in their field. Many of the lectures in the series are long-standing and many named after a significant person in the Academy's history or a donor.

*Staff contact:* Jo Bradley, Events Manager (Academic)  
(j.bradley@thebritishacademy.ac.uk)

*Decision process:* All Sections are invited to nominate a lecturer every two years. Lecturers are approved by the Communications and Engagement Committee.

### Public events

Our public events programme exists to share research among non-academic audiences in London and across the UK. Featuring Fellows, funded researchers and leading voices across SHAPE subjects, the programme explores the latest thinking and discusses the key questions of our time through talks, discussions, performances and public engagement.

Our focus in 2024 will be extending our national and international reach through the launch of our brand-new events spaces at 10-11 Carlton House Terrace. We will be introducing themed seasons as a part of our enhanced programme of public events, helping to tell the Academy's story, whilst inspiring people to engage with the humanities and social sciences.

The three seasons for the 2024/25 academic year are:

- Autumn (Sep-Dec 2024) – We are the British Academy
- Winter (Jan-Mar 2025) – The Age of Mistrust?
- Spring/Summer (Apr-Jun 2025) - Folklore Reimagined

Upcoming events can be found at [thebritishacademy.ac.uk/events](https://thebritishacademy.ac.uk/events)

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Holly Meyrick, Events Manager (Public)  
(h.meyrick@thebritishacademy.ac.uk).

*Decision process:* Fellows are invited to submit event ideas which link to the themed seasons around 12 months in advance. Each season will have assigned Season Advisors who are experts in their field who work with the Events team to curate event concepts based on submissions and their specialist knowledge. Season proposals and event ideas are approved by the Communications and Engagement Committee.

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*Please note:* due to the high volume of submissions the Events team receives, it is not possible for all be taken forward and added to the programme. As well as public events, we also invite Fellows to propose talks as part of our twice yearly 'By Fellows for Fellows' events during Fellows' Week.

These are designed to encourage intellectual engagement between disciplines, and for Fellows only. These are commissioned by the Chairs' Forum and supported by the Fellowship Engagement Manager (contact Johanna Empson).

### **Public Engagement**

SHAPE Involve and Engage, a pilot public engagement programme, began in October 2023. Over the course of the last year, 14 award holders have delivered inspiring projects which connect the public with the humanities and social sciences, delivered in partnership with a gallery, library, archive or museum (GLAM). The Academy is continuing to explore how we can develop our work in this exciting area.

The Academy also sponsors Being Human, the UK's national festival of the humanities, which runs annually each November and supports events and activities in towns and cities across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

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### **Prizes and medals**

The Academy offers a range of prizes and medals to recognise and celebrate achievement across the humanities and social sciences. Presentations are made each autumn at Fellowship week. *Information:* [thebritishacademy.ac.uk/prizes-medals/](https://thebritishacademy.ac.uk/prizes-medals/)

*Staff contact:* Jack Ford, Prizes and Events Producer/ Sonia Severino, Prizes and Events Producer (*maternity leave to September 2024*)  
([prizes@thebritishacademy.ac.uk](mailto:prizes@thebritishacademy.ac.uk))

*Decision process:* In 2024-25, decisions will need to be taken by the Communications and Engagement Committee about prizes and medals that will be awarded in 2025, as marked by an asterisk in the following list.

All Fellows are eligible to nominate for any prize. Nominations will be received from Fellows, relevant Sections, and relevant advisory committees or panels. These advisory committees/panels review all nominations and put forward their recommendation to the Communications and Engagement Committee.

#### **\* The President's Medal**

Unlike other British Academy medals and prizes, the President's Medal does not reward academic achievement alone but seeks to recognise those that use academic research to reach and engage a wider audience and are seen as public champions of the humanities and social sciences. The President's Medal was first awarded in 2010.

#### **\* Leverhulme Medal and Prize**

Established in partnership with The Leverhulme Trust, the prize recognises significant contribution to knowledge and understanding and is awarded triennially, alternating each cycle between disciplines in the humanities and social sciences. The first award was in 2002, to mark the Academy's centenary. The Leverhulme Medal and Prize will next be awarded in 2027 for disciplines in the humanities.

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**\* The British Academy Book Prize**

The £25,000 Prize is awarded annually for a non-fiction book that has made an outstanding contribution to global cultural understanding for a wider public audience.

Nominations for the 2025 British Academy Book Prize will bring together books that demonstrate rigorous original and high-quality research, which are accessible and engaging to read.

Submissions are open from mid-January to the end of February each year. For full eligibility criteria please visit: <https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/british-academy-book-prize-global-cultural-understanding/submissions/>.

**Subject-specific prizes and medals**

*\* Brian Barry Prize in Political Science*

Established in partnership with Cambridge University Press and the *British Journal of Political Science*, and in honour of the distinguished moral and political philosopher Brian Barry FBA (1936-2009), this prize recognises excellence in political science as demonstrated in an essay submission; first awarded in 2014.

*\* Burkitt Medal (New Testament studies and Hebrew Bible studies)*

Established by Professor Francis Crawford Burkitt FBA (1864-1935) to recognise special service to Biblical studies, awarded alternately in Hebrew Bible studies and in New Testament studies; first awarded in 1925.

In 2025 eligible nominations must be for special service to Hebrew Bible Studies.

*\* Derek Allen Prize (Musicology, Numismatics, or Celtic studies)*

Endowed by Mrs Winifred Allen in memory of her husband, Derek Fortrose Allen FBA (1910-1975), former Secretary and Treasurer of the Academy, to recognise outstanding published work by a scholar of any nationality in one of the three academic fields in which Mr Allen had particular interest – Musicology, Numismatics, and Celtic studies; first awarded in 1977.

In 2025 the Derek Allen Prize will be awarded to persons of any nationality for a contribution to Musicology.

*\* Edward Ullendorff Medal (Semitic languages and Ethiopian studies)*

Endowed by Mrs Dina Ullendorff in memory of her husband, Edward Ullendorff FBA (1920-2011) to recognise ‘scholarly distinction and achievements in the field of Semitic languages and Ethiopian studies’; first awarded in 2012.

*\* Grahame Clark Medal (Prehistoric Archaeology)*

Endowed by Professor Sir Grahame Clark FBA (1917-1995) to recognise distinguished achievements in the study of prehistoric archaeology; first awarded in 1993.

*\* Landscape Archaeology Medal*

Established by Professor John Coles FBA to recognise distinguished achievement in landscape archaeology, in any part of the world and in any period, by a scholar based in Britain or Ireland; first awarded in 2007.

*\* Kenyon Medal (Classical studies and Archaeology)*

Endowed by Sir Frederic Kenyon FBA (1863-1952), President and Secretary of the Academy, to recognise the author of some work relating to classical studies and archaeology; first awarded in 1957.

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*\* Neil and Saras Smith Medal (Linguistics)*

Endowed by Professor Neil Smith FBA and his wife Saras to recognise a linguist of any nationality whose career has demonstrated the highest standards of achievement and scholarship; first awarded in 2014.

*\* Peter Townsend Prize*

Established to commemorate the work of the sociologist Peter Townsend FBA, this award recognises outstanding work with policy relevance on a topic to which Townsend made a major contribution – poverty and inequality, ageing and the lives of older people, disability and inequalities in health. The prize was first awarded in 2011, and until 2021 was funded by Policy Press. Since 2022 the prize has been supported by a private donor.

*\* Rose Mary Crawshay Prize (English literature)*

The Byron, Shelley, Keats 'In Memoriam' Prize Fund which had been established by Mrs Rose Mary Crawshay (1828-1907) was transferred to the Academy after her death; the prize is awarded 'to a woman of any nationality for an historical or critical work on any subject connected with English literature'; first awarded in 1916.

*\* Serena Medal (Italian studies)*

Endowed by Mr Arthur Serena (1852-1922) to recognise eminent services towards the furtherance of the study of Italian history, literature, art, philosophy, music, and economics; first awarded in 1920.

In 2025 the Serena Medal will be awarded to scholars in Italian Philosophy.

*\* Sir Israel Gollancz Prize (Early English literature or language)*

Endowed through a bequest from Mrs Frida Mond (1847-1923) and named after the Academy's first Secretary, Sir Israel Gollancz FBA (1863-1930) to recognise either published work connected with Anglo-Saxon, early English language and literature, English philology, or the history of English language, or for original investigations connected with the history of English literature or the works of English writers; first awarded in 1925.

## Research Awards

The British Academy provides a variety of grants and fellowships to support academic research, career development and wider engagement across the full range of the humanities and social sciences. Funding opportunities cover UK and international research from the postdoctoral level upwards, supporting the best ideas, individuals and intellectual resources. Fellows play a crucial role in providing assessment of applications for these awards both as individual assessors and Section Co-ordinators and all are expected to play their part in helping with this whenever asked.

The Academy's activity in this area relates to the Academy's Strategic Objective 'To invest in the very best researchers and research'.

The committee with operational oversight of all the schemes in this section is the *Research Awards Committee*.



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## Research Awards Committee

### Remit:

- Agrees the UK-based research awards of Fellowships and Grants, taking account of Section and Group assessments.
- Reports on the awards made, including diversity reporting.
- Makes recommendations to the Research and Higher Education Policy Committee on the budgetary requirements to meet these awards.
- Keeps under review operational aspects of the schemes and makes recommendations for changes to the Research and Higher Education Policy Committee as necessary.
- Keeps under review the Code of Practice governing the assessment process and makes recommendations to the Research and Higher Education Policy Committee as necessary.

**Reporting:** Responsible to the Research and Higher Education Policy Committee.

**Assessment/guidance feeding into committee:** The work of the committee is informed by the contribution of Section Co-ordinators and assessors representing each Section and subject area.

**Meetings in 2024-25:** TBC

### Membership for 2024-25

*Chair:* Professor Edward Page FBA

Professor Stephen Daniels FBA

Professor Robert Fowler FBA

Professor Judith Jesch FBA

Professor Michael Lobban FBA

Professor Stephen Shennan FBA

Professor Galin Tihanov FBA

*Secretary:* Dr Ken Emond, *Head of Research Funding*

## British Academy / Wolfson Research Professorships

*Purpose:* to provide extended research leave to a small number of the UK's most outstanding established scholars to enable them to concentrate on a significant research programme. Awards are tenable for 3 years. This programme will not be offered in 2024-25.

*Information:* [thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/wolfson-research-professorships](https://thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/wolfson-research-professorships)

*Staff contact:* Alice Varah Research Funding Officer [a.varah@thebritishacademy.ac.uk](mailto:a.varah@thebritishacademy.ac.uk) Decision process: the assessment of applications is co-ordinated by the relevant Section Research Awards Co-ordinators, and recommendations are forwarded to a special awarding panel for ratification.

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## British Academy / Leverhulme Senior Research Fellowships

*Purpose:* to enable the completion of a major research project – usually a career defining work. These awards are designed for individuals who need relief from a long burden of teaching and administration in order to bring an existing research project to fruition. Awards are tenable for 12 months. There will be one round of applications in 2024-25.

*Information:* [thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/ba-leverhulme-senior-research-fellowships](https://thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/ba-leverhulme-senior-research-fellowships)

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*Decision process:* the assessment of applications is co-ordinated by the relevant Section Research Awards Co-ordinators, and recommendations are forwarded to the Research Awards Committee for ratification.

The following funds make possible the making of additional awards under the Senior Research Fellowships scheme:

### **Thank-Offering to Britain Fund**

In 1965 the Academy received a generous endowment from the proceeds of a 'Thankyou 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 regime. Purpose: to finance the equivalent of a Senior Research Fellowship (normally one award per year).

## Mid-Career Fellowships

*Purpose:* to provide an individual researcher (who must normally be within 15 years of their PhD) with relief from standard academic duties to undertake a research project, and in particular to promote public understanding and engagement with the humanities and social sciences. Awards are tenable for 6-12 months. There will be one round of applications in 2024-25.

*Information:* [thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/mid-career-fellowships/](https://thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/mid-career-fellowships/)

*Staff contact:* Jack Payne-Cook, Research Funding Officer,  
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*Decision process:* the assessment of applications is co-ordinated by the relevant Section Research Awards Co-ordinators, and recommendations are forwarded to the Research Awards Committee for ratification.

## Postdoctoral Fellowships

*Purpose:* to enable outstanding early career researchers to complete a major research project at a UK Host Institution and increase their chances of building a successful academic career in the Humanities or Social Sciences. Awards are tenable for 3 years. There will be one round of applications in 2023-24.

*Information:* [thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/postdoctoral-fellowships/](https://thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/postdoctoral-fellowships/)

*Staff contact:* Shreya Choudhory, Research Funding Officer  
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*Decision process:* the assessment of applications is co-ordinated by the relevant Section Research Awards Co-ordinators, then two panels (one for humanities, one for social sciences) make recommendations to the Research Awards Committee for ratification.

## British Academy / Wolfson Fellowships

*Purpose:* to celebrate and empower early-career researchers who show exceptional talent in both research and public engagement, emphasising and demonstrating the importance of academic research and creative thought at a time of rapid political and societal change. Awards are tenable for 3 years. We have commissioned an external evaluation of the Wolfson Fellowship scheme to inform our thinking about future funding in this area. While the outcomes of the evaluation are being assessed, we will not be accepting any new applications for these fellowships.

*Information:* [thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/british-academy-wolfson-fellowships/](https://thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/british-academy-wolfson-fellowships/)

*Staff contact:* Alice Varah, Research Funding Officer  
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*Decision process:* the assessment of applications is undertaken by individual assessors and shortlisted applications are considered by a special awarding panel.

## Innovation Fellowships

*Purpose:* to offer funding and support for researchers in the humanities and social sciences to partner with organisations and business in the creative and cultural, public, private, and policy sectors to address challenges that require innovative approaches and solutions. Awards will be given through two routes – policy-led and researcher-led approaches. Awards tenable for one year. One round of applications for the policy-led route expected in 2024-25

*Information:* [thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/innovation-fellowships/](https://thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/innovation-fellowships/)

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*Decision process:* the assessment of applications is undertaken by individual assessors and shortlisted applications are considered by a special awarding panel.

## Talent Development Awards

*Purpose:* to promote the building of skills and capacities for current and future generations, including in core areas like quantitative skills, interdisciplinarity, data science, digital humanities and languages. The scheme aims to encourage the acquisition and advancement of skills in relevant areas by UK based researchers, promoting innovative research methods. One round of applications will be offered in 2024-25.

*Information:* [thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/talent-development-awards](https://thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/talent-development-awards)

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*Decision process:* the assessment of applications is undertaken by individual assessors and shortlisted applications are considered by a special awarding panel.

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## British Academy / Leverhulme Small Research Grants

*Purpose:* a grant of up to £10,000 to cover the cost of research expenses only. Awards are tenable for 1-24 months. There will be two rounds of applications in 2024-25.

*Information:* [thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/ba-leverhulme-small-research-grants/](https://thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/ba-leverhulme-small-research-grants/)

*Staff contact:* Clemmie White, Research Funding Officer  
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*Decision process:* the assessment of applications is co-ordinated by the relevant Section Research Awards Co-ordinators, and recommendations are forwarded to the Research Awards Committee for ratification.

The following special funds make possible the making of additional awards under the Small Research Grants scheme:

### **Academy Research Fund**

The Academy Research Fund was set up in 2011 as a vehicle to enable Fellows and other donors to direct their support towards the Academy's research awards. The fund is not invested, but income is spent each year, normally on small research grants.

### **44th International Congress of Americanists Fund**

Established through surplus funds from the 44th International Congress of Americanists (Manchester, 1982). Purpose: awards towards the expenses of British scholars visiting Latin America, or those of Latin-American scholars visiting Britain (normally one award a year).

### **Ancient Persia Fund**

Established in 1988 in memory of the distinguished Russian scholar Vladimir G Lukonin; following the death in 2010 of its patron, Mrs Mary Anna Marten, the fund is also dedicated to her memory. Purpose: to encourage and support the study of Ancient Persia and related areas in Central Asia, in the period before the coming of Islam; includes research grants for the study of Ancient Iran and neighbouring areas, covering the travel costs of students and scholars (normally up to two or three awards a year). There is a related annual public lecture at the British Museum.

### **Elisabeth Barker Fund**

Established by her family in memory of Elisabeth Barker (1910-1986), diplomatic correspondent and historian of modern Europe. Purpose: supports studies in recent European history, particularly the history of central and Eastern Europe (normally up to three awards per year).

### **Browning Fund**

Established by a legacy from Professor Andrew Browning FBA (1889-1972). Purpose: 'the promotion of historical studies'; assisting original research, or its publication, in the field of British history in the early modern period with particular reference to the 17th century (normally one or two awards per year).

### **Gertrude Caton-Thompson Fund**

Established by a gift in 1968 by Dr Gertrude Caton-Thompson FBA (1889-1985). Purpose: 'the furtherance of archaeological research, whether in the field or in publication, by scholars selected preferably but not necessarily from the Fellows of the British Academy' (normally one award per year).

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### **Neville Chittick Fund**

Established by a bequest from Dr Neville Chittick (1924-1984), a former Director of the British Institute in Eastern Africa, of one-tenth of the residue of his estate on trust. Purpose: the provision of grants to individual scholars for archaeological exploration and study (normally one award per year).

### **Marc Fitch Fund**

Established by a gift in 1978 by Dr Marc Fitch Hon FBA (1908-1994). Purpose: to further research in any area of the humanities or social sciences (normally two or three awards per year).

### **William Hepburn Buckler Memorial Fund**

Trust fund established in 1953 by Mrs Georgina Grenfell Buckler in memory of her husband, William Hepburn Buckler FBA (1867-1952). Purpose: assisting research into the history and antiquities of Asia Minor and Cyprus in the classical Greek, Roman or Byzantine periods; assisting travel to those parts, and assisting the preservation and publication of records of discoveries made and knowledge acquired (normally one award per year).

### **Elie Kedourie Memorial Fund**

Established by the family of Elie Kedourie FBA (1926-1992). Purpose: to promote the study of Middle Eastern and modern European history, and the history of political thought by recent postdoctoral scholars of any nationality; awards are offered to support any aspect of research, including travel and publication (normally up to one or two awards per year). The fund is also used to hold a biennial lecture.

### **Moir Fund**

Funds are available from the James Reid Moir Memorial Fund. Purpose: to enable the support of research in scientific archaeology (normally one award per year).

### **Albert Reckitt Archaeological Fund**

In 1946 Mr Albert L Reckitt, a benefactor of archaeological research, established a number of trusts for various purposes; in April 1950 the Reckitt Archaeological Trustees, led by Professor S R K Glanville FBA (1900-1956), transferred shares in the firm of Reckitt and Sons Ltd to the Academy. Purpose: to make annual awards 'for the exploration and excavation of ancient sites in any part of the world with a view to increasing knowledge of early civilisations and the history of mankind; and for the preservation and exhibition of objects discovered by such exploration and the publication of the results thereof' (normally five or six awards per year). The fund is also used to hold a biennial lecture.

Arrangements with the following bodies make possible the making of additional awards under the Small Research Grants scheme:

### **British Accounting and Finance Association**

A partnership was established with the British Accounting and Finance Association (BAFA) from 2016 to support grants for research in accounting and finance, broadly interpreted to cover all aspects of historical and contemporary research on relevant subjects (normally one or two awards per year).

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### **Chinese Academy of the Social Sciences (CASS)**

The British Academy's ongoing partnership with the Chinese Academy of the Social Sciences (CASS) has been, since 2019, offering additional small research grants co-funded by both partners for research in any field of the humanities or social sciences to be conducted jointly by a UK applicant and a co-applicant from one of the Institutes of CASS. If the award is recommended for co-funding the BA will cover costs of the participants from the UK side (up to £5,000) and CASS will cover costs of the participants from the Chinese side (up to £5,000); (normally expected to be at least one or two awards per year).

### **Honor Frost Foundation**

A new collaboration between the Academy and the Honor Frost Foundation to support small research grants in the fields of maritime archaeology and maritime cultural heritage began in 2014 (normally around three awards per year).

### **National Science and Technology Council (Taiwan)**

The British Academy's ongoing partnership with the Taiwan National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) has been, since 2017, offering additional small research grants co-funded by both partners for research in any field of the humanities or social sciences to be conducted jointly by a UK applicant and a Taiwanese co-applicant. If the award is recommended for co-funding the BA will cover costs of the participants from the UK side (up to £5,000) and NSTC Taiwan will cover costs of the participants from the Taiwan side (up to £5,000); (normally expected to be at least one or two awards per year).

### **Shanghai Academy of the Social Sciences (SASS)**

The British Academy's ongoing partnership with the Shanghai Academy of the Social Sciences (SASS) has been, since 2019, offering additional small research grants co-funded by both partners for research in any field of the humanities or social sciences to be conducted jointly by a UK applicant and a co-applicant from one of the Institutes of SASS. If the award is recommended for co-funding the BA will cover costs of the participants from the UK side (up to £5,000) and SASS will cover costs of the participants from the Chinese side (up to £5,000); (normally expected to be at least one or two awards per year).

### **Sino-British Fellowship Trust**

The Sino-British Fellowship Trust was formed in 1947, originally to enable Chinese scholars stranded in London and in financial difficulties to complete their studies. It offers grants to individuals and institutions to fund academic exchanges between the People's Republic of China, the United Kingdom and Hong Kong (normally four or five awards per year).

### **Society for the Advancement of Management Studies**

The Society for the Advancement of Management Studies (SAMS) to provide funding towards research in the fields of business and management studies (normally up to 10 awards per year).

### **Wellcome Trust**

The Wellcome Trust provides funding towards research in the fields of health and wellbeing (normally up to 45 awards per year).

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## Other special funds

### **Neil Ker Memorial Fund**

Established by the family and friends of Neil R Ker FBA (1908-1982).

*Purpose:* to promote the study of Western medieval manuscripts, in particular those of British interest – that is enabling investigation of their production (including decoration), readership and use in particular – awards are made for all aspects of research, including travel and publication costs. Awards are tenable for 1-24 months. There will be one round of applications in 2024-25 (normally at least three or four awards per year).

*Information:* [thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/neil-ker-memorial-fund/](https://thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/neil-ker-memorial-fund/)

*Staff contact:* Clemmie White, Research Funding Officer  
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*Decision process:* applications are considered by the Neil Ker Memorial Fund Committee.

*Neil Ker Memorial Fund Committee for 2024-25:*

*Chair:* Professor Teresa Webber FBA

Professor Julia Crick FBA

Professor Richard Gameson, *external member*

Dr Martin Kauffmann, *external member*

Professor Julian Luxford, *external member*

Professor Daniel Wakelin FBA

*Secretary:* Clemmie White

### **Stein-Arnold Exploration Fund**

Established according to the terms of the will of Sir Aurel Stein FBA (1862-1943), to commemorate his friendship with Sir Thomas Arnold FBA (1864-1930).

*Purpose:* for 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’, with special consideration if possible to ‘the territories comprised in the present Kingdom of Afghanistan including the region of ancient Bactria and in the north-western frontier region of India’; ‘so far as possible by means of exploratory work’. Applicants must be British or Hungarian subjects. Awards are tenable for 1-24 months. There will be one round of applications in 2024-25 (normally three or four awards per year).

*Information:* [thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/stein-arnold-exploration-fund/](https://thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/stein-arnold-exploration-fund/)

*Staff contact:* Clemmie White, Research Funding Officer,  
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*Decision process:* applications are considered by the Stein-Arnold Exploration Fund Committee.

*Stein-Arnold Exploration Fund Committee for 2024-25:*

*Chair:* Professor Norman Hammond FBA

Dr Warwick Ball, *external member*

Dr Imre Galambos, *external member*

Professor Rachel Harris, *external member*

Professor Cameron Petrie, *external member*

Professor Nicholas Sims-Williams FBA

*Secretary:* Research Funding Officer (*vacant*)

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### **Stenton Fund**

Lady (Doris Mary) Stenton FBA (1894-1971), widow of Sir Frank Stenton FBA (1880-1967), left a legacy to the Academy for establishing a fund to benefit three undertakings in which she and her husband had been particularly interested.

*Purpose:* to support the Sylloge of Coins of the British Isles project, the Selden Society, and the Pipe Roll Society.

*Staff contact:* Dr Ken Emond, Head of Research Funding  
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*Decision process:* applications are considered by the Stenton Fund Committee.

*Stenton Fund Committee for 2024-25:*

*Chair:* Professor Paul Brand FBA

Professor John Hudson FBA

Professor David Ibbetson FBA

Professor Neil Jones, *external member*

Professor Simon Keynes FBA

Dr John Maddicott FBA

Dr Rory Naismith, *external member*

Professor Nicholas Vincent FBA

Professor Louise Wilkinson, *external member*

*Secretary:* Dr Ken Emond, *Head of Research Funding*  
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## Research Projects

The Academy Research Projects are intended to offer the kitemarking of academic excellence to major long-term infrastructural projects or research facilities, intended to produce fundamental works of scholarship rather than to produce interpretative works or monographs. The Academy grants the title of Academy Research Project to about 55 long-term enterprises, each organised and run by its own Project Committee. So long as the projects continue to work towards their agreed objectives and remain active and productive, the Academy expects to maintain long-term support. Current projects include some supported since the 1920s and 1930s.

The Academy's activity in this area relates to the Academy's Strategic Objective 'To invest in the very best researchers and research'.

The committee overseeing all the activities in this section is the *Research Projects Committee*.

## Research Projects Committee

### Remit:

- Assesses the scope for new projects and initiatives in the light of the mission of the Academy and prospective developments in the academic community.
- Recommends potential initiatives, especially collaborative ventures, for Academy support and funding.
- Oversees and periodically reviews the progress and needs of projects designated as Academy Research Projects, and reports on this to the Research and Higher Education Policy Committee.
- Administers periodic competitions for additions to the Academy's portfolio of ARPs and for other forms of project support and special initiatives.

**Reporting:** Responsible to the Research and Higher Education Policy Committee.

*Assessment/guidance feeding into committee:* The work of the committee is informed by assessments and guidance from relevant Fellows acting as individual assessors when considering the adoption of new projects.

**Specific collaborative links with other committees:** Publishing and Conferences Committee, in respect of Academy Research Projects whose output is published by the Academy (see page xx).

**Meetings in 2024-25:** tbc

### Membership for 2024-25

*Chair:* Professor Roberta Gilchrist FBA

Professor Steven Connor FBA

Professor Anne Gerritsen FBA

Professor Li Wei FBA

Professor Kathryn Rudy FBA

Professor Clair Wills FBA

Professor Chris Woolgar FBA

*Secretary:* Emma Deakins, *Research Funding Manager*

Very occasional calls are made for applications to join the list of Academy Research Projects – *a new call for Academy Research Projects to be added to the portfolio will be issued in 2024-25.*

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The Academy provides small-scale funding to enable core activities to take place. The kitemark of Academy recognition is used by the projects to help leverage funding from a wide range of other sources both in the UK and overseas.

*Information:* [thebritishacademy.ac.uk/programmes/academy-research-projects/](http://thebritishacademy.ac.uk/programmes/academy-research-projects/) (including links to the individual projects listed below)

*Staff contact:* Emma Deakins, Research Funding Manager  
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*Decision process:* Support is given in 5-year tranches on a rolling cycle of reviews (10-13 projects being reviewed each year), subject to annual progress reports.

## List of Academy Research Projects

### **Acquisition and Loss of Nationality**

Aim: To build a unique web-based 'observatory' of citizenship laws and policies in Europe.

Project Directors: Professor Jo Shaw and Professor Rainer Bauböck

### **Acta of the Plantagenets**

Aim: To collect, edit and publish all the surviving letters, charters and assizes of the Plantagenet kings and queens of England 1154-1199.

Chair: Professor David Bates

Project Director: Professor Nicholas Vincent FBA

### **Anglo-Saxon Charters**

Aim: To publish a critical edition of the entire corpus of charters of the Anglo-Saxon period, i.e. those ranging in date from between c.600 and 1066.

Chair: Professor Julia Crick FBA

### **An Archive for China**

Aim: To locate, digitise and disseminate through a website, photographs of pre-1950s China held in private hands in the United Kingdom.

Project Director: Professor Robert Bickers, FBA

### **Archiving the Mixed Economy of Welfare in Britain**

Aim: To promote the preservation of voluntary sector archives, awareness of such collections and support good practice in archiving and records management within voluntary organisations.

Project Director: Dr Georgina Brewis

Co-Directors: Professor Irene Hardill, Nick Ockendon

### **Beazley Archive Pottery Database**

Aim: To make available as widely as possible the original and electronic archives of photographs and other material on classical archaeology and art.

Project Director: Dr Peter Stewart

### **Bentham Project**

Aim: To produce a new authoritative edition of *The Collected Works of Jeremy Bentham* and to promote the study of Bentham generally.

Chair: Professor Jo Wolff, FBA

Project Director: Professor Philip Schofield FBA

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**Border Criminologies**

Aim: To support a global platform and network for research and knowledge exchange on the intersections between criminal justice and border control.

Chair and Project Director: Professor Mary Bosworth  
Managing Editor: Andriani Fili

**BRIN: British Religion in Numbers**

Aim: To catalogue the enormous body of religious statistics in Britain from the past four centuries and to make digests and commentaries available to researchers and research users, including policymakers, religious leaders, journalists and the public.

Project Directors: Professor David Voas, Dr Clive Field

**Cassiano dal Pozzo: Museo Cartaceo**

Aim: To catalogue the entire surviving contents of Cassiano dal Pozzo's 'Paper Museum' and to publish the results in a fully illustrated catalogue raisonné.

General Editors: Dr Jennifer Montagu FBA, Dr Arthur MacGregor

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**Childhoods and Play**

Aim: To develop an infrastructure that will facilitate the conduct of research into the recent history of play and child cultures in the UK using the archival collection of Iona (1923-2017) and Peter Opie (1918-1982) relating to the play and traditions of children.

Project Director: Dr Yinka Olusoga

**Commodities of Empire, 1800-2000**

Aim: To explore the networks through which a range of commodities circulated within, between and beyond empires in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Project Director: Dr Simon Jackson

**Corpus of Anglo-Saxon Stone Sculpture**

Aim: To identify, record and publish a corpus of the earliest English sculpture dating from the 7th to the 11th centuries.

Chair: Sir David Wilson FBA  
Project Director: Dr Sarah Semple

**Corpus of British Medieval Library Catalogues**

Aim: To gather, publish and interpret every booklist to survive from the medieval institutional libraries of Great Britain. Run in collaboration with the British Library.

Chair: Professor Henry Mayr-Harting FBA  
Project Director: Professor Teresa Webber FBA

**Corpus of Early Medieval Latin Medicine**

Aim: To widen access to a corpus of manuscripts from the medieval Latin west containing medical texts transforming understanding of the evolution of medical knowledge and the contexts in which it was recorded.

Chair: Professor James Palmer  
Co-Directors: Dr Claire Burridge and Dr Carine van Rhijn

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### **Corpus Inscriptionum Iranicarum**

Aim: To publish a comprehensive corpus of inscriptions and documents found in Iranian languages, and in non-Iranian languages when found in Iran or versions of Iranian texts.

Chair: Professor Nicholas Sims-Williams FBA

### **Corpus of Old Japanese (Texts and Dictionary)**

Aim: To develop a comprehensive annotated, digital corpus of all texts from the 'Old Japanese' period, that is, the earliest attested stage of the Japanese language, mainly the 8th century AD; a bilingual Old Japanese-English dictionary will be developed alongside and as an integrated part of the corpus.

Project Director: Professor Bjarke Frellesvig

### **Corpus of Romanesque Sculpture in Britain and Ireland**

Aim: To photograph and record in a searchable database all of the surviving stone sculpture produced c.1066- c.1200 in Britain and Ireland.

Research Director: Dr Ron Baxter

### **Corpus Vasorum Antiquorum**

Aim: To publish British collections of ancient decorated pottery.

Project Director: Dr Thomas Mannack

### **Corpus Vitrearum**

Aim: To record and publish all medieval (pre-1540) stained glass in Great Britain.

Chair: Sarah Brown

Project Director: Anna Eavis

### **DALIP: Database of Acquired Language Impairment Profiles**

Aim: To build a resource for exploring the nature and impact of language processing difficulties in adults with neurological impairments.

Project Director: Dr Arpita Bose

Co-Directors: Dr Lotte Meteyard, Dr Holly Robson

### **Development of the Welsh Language (Datblygiad yr Iaith Gymraeg)**

Aim: To gather, digest and interpret materials relating to the historical grammar of Welsh, and to promote and coordinate digitisation of texts.

Project Director: Professor Patrick Sims-Williams FBA

### **Dictionary of Old English**

Aim: To define the vocabulary of the first six centuries (AD 600-1150) of the English language, using today's most advanced technology.

Co-Directors: Professor Rob Getz, Professor Stephen Pelle

### **Digital Archive of Scottish Gaelic**

Aim: To preserve and enhance the archive generated by the Historical Dictionary of Scottish Gaelic project by digitising it and making it publicly available.

Project Director: Professor Roibeard Ó Maolalaigh

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### **Early English Church Music**

Aim: To make available church music by British composers from the Norman Conquest to the Commonwealth, in a form both scholarly and practical.

Chair: Professor Magnus Williamson

Project Director: Dr David Skinner

### **Egypt Exploration Society Delta Survey**

Aim: To recover and publish information on the many archaeological sites in the Egyptian Nile Delta region, charting settlement patterns, the local environment and chronological evolution.

Chair and Project Director: Dr Penelope Wilson

### **English Episcopal Acta**

Aim: To edit and publish copies of all English episcopal acta – that is, bishops' charters and documents – from 1066 to 1300 or when bishops' registers began in each diocese.

Chair: Professor Julia Barrow FBA

Project Director: Dr Philippa Hoskin

### **English Place-Name Survey**

Aim: To collect evidence for the history of the place-names of England, organise it geographically and thematically, explore the origin of names and publish the results.

Chair: Professor Richard Coates (President of the English Place-Name Society)

Project Director: Dr David Parsons

### **Fontes Historiae Africanae (Sources of African History)**

Aim: To prepare and publish critical editions and translations of written or oral sources, or historical texts of collections of documents, for the history of sub-Saharan Africa.

Chair: Professor Toby Green FBA

### **The Francis Bacon Project**

Aim: To produce a new critical edition of the works of Francis Bacon (1561–1626) and reintegrate Bacon's work within the study of early-modern philosophy, science, historiography, legal thought and literature.

Co-Director: Professor Alan Stewart

Project Director: Dr Angus Vine

### **The Hearth Tax of England and Wales Project**

Aim: To make accessible the hearth tax returns for every county in England and Wales, 1662–1689, with historical introduction, indexes and other critical apparatus.

Chair: Professor Trevor Dean

Project Director: Dr Andrew Wareham

### **Imperial Logistics: The Making of the Terracotta Army**

Aim: A collaboration between the UCL Institute of Archaeology and the Museum of Emperor Qin Shihuang's Mausoleum in Xi'an, central China, investigating the making of the vast Terracotta Army which guarded the mausoleum of China's first emperor, Qin Shihuang (259–210 BC).

Chair: Professor Thilo Rehren

Project Director: Professor Andrew Bevan

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**IRIS (Instruments for Research into Second Language Learning)**

Aim: To develop a searchable and freely accessible international repository of instruments and materials that have been used to collect data for research into second language learning and how languages may best be taught.

Project Directors: Professor Emma Marsden, Professor Alison Mackey

**IVF History Project**

Aim: To explore the history of in vitro fertilisation techniques using archival and interview sources.

Project Director: Professor Sarah Franklin FBA

**Law and Empire, AD 193-1076: The Project Volterra**

Aim: To promote the study of Roman law and its afterlife in a full social, political, legal and intellectual context, particularly by the analysis of the transmission of legal understanding and by the publication of an electronic database of legal texts.

Chair and Co-Director: Professor Michael Crawford, FBA

Project Director: Dr Benet Salway

Co-Director: Dr Simon Corcoran

**Letters and Charters of the Anglo-Norman Kings of England, 1066 to 1135**

Aim: To publish the letters and charters of the Anglo-Norman Kings of England from 1066 to 1135 increasing understanding of Anglo-Norman politics, law and society.

Chair: Professor George Garnett

Project Director: Professor Nicholas Vincent, FBA

Editor in Chief: Dr David X. Carpenter

**Lexicon of Greek Personal Names**

Aim: To create a comprehensive compilation of Greek personal names for innovative research into every aspect of ancient Greek life.

Chair and Project Director: Professor Nino Luraghi

**Location Register/WATCH Project**

Aim: To locate and list holdings of manuscripts and correspondence of literary writers which are publicly available in any library, record office or museum in the UK or Ireland.

Aim of WATCH: To research and list information about the copyright holders or agents of literary and other authors, artists and prominent public figures.

Chair: Stuart Hunt

Project Director: Dr David Sutton

**Mapping Sexual and Reproductive Health in the United Kingdom**

Aim: To bring together historical data and web-based mapping technology to develop a prototype database and interactive visualisation tool to map Britain's sexual and reproductive health across the 20th century.

Chair: Professor Gayle Davis

Project Director: Dr Anne Hanley

**Medieval European Coinage**

Aim: To publish a detailed survey of coinage in medieval Europe, c.450-c.1500.

Chair: Professor Simon Keynes FBA

Project Director: Dr Elina Screen

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### **Medieval Texts**

Aim: To publish editions of works by Latin writers from the British Isles, composed during the Middle Ages; and to produce a catalogue of manuscripts reflecting the study of Aristotle in medieval England.

Chair: Professor Cecilia Trifogli FBA

Project Director: Dr John Marenbon FBA

### **Oeuvres Complètes de Voltaire**

Aim: To publish the first complete critical edition of the Complete Works of Voltaire (1694–1778), including Voltaire’s own notes to his texts and all known authentic variant readings.

Project Director: Professor Nicholas Cronk

### **Oxford Human Rights Hub**

Aim: To provide a free online forum, bringing together academics and practitioners from across the globe to advance the understanding of human rights law.

Project Director: Professor Sandra Fredman FBA

### **Oxyrhynchus Papyri**

Aim: To decipher, edit and publish the Greek and Latin papyri recovered from the ruins of Oxyrhynchus, covering the first seven centuries AD.

Chair: Professor Dominic Rathbone

### **Prosopography of the Later Roman and Byzantine Worlds**

Aim: To record all surviving information about every individual mentioned in textual sources and seals relevant to the Byzantine world from 641 to 1261.

Chair: Professor Niels Gaul

### **Records of Early English Drama**

Aim: To find, transcribe and publish external evidence of dramatic, ceremonial and minstrel activity in Great Britain before 1642.

Project Director: Professor Sally-Beth MacLean

Chair of the Editorial Board: Professor John Craig

### **Records of Social and Economic History**

Aim: To publish significant record collections in social and economic history with wider contexts or broader scope than local record publishing societies can contemplate.

Chair: Professor Julian Hoppit, FBA

### **Romano-British Writing-Tablets**

Aim: To develop further techniques for the study of ink writing-tablets and incised wooden stylus tablets, in order to produce editions, with commentaries, of Latin texts on stylus tablets and a corpus of texts on Romano-British writing-tablets.

Project Directors: Professor Alan Bowman FBA, Professor David Thomas FBA

### **Sylloge of Coins of the British Isles**

Aim: To publish detailed and fully illustrated catalogues of coins of the British Isles in British and foreign collections, and to develop and maintain an online database of coins.

Chair: Professor Simon Keynes FBA

Project Director: Dr Rory Naismith

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**Sylloge Nummorum Graecorum**

Aim: To publish illustrated catalogues of Greek coins in public and private collections in the British Isles in both print and electronic formats.

Chair: Professor Ian Carradice

Project Director: Dr Adrian Popescu

**Thesaurus Linguae Latinae**

Aim: To write and publish a scholarly dictionary of the whole of ancient Latin, based on the critical examination of all available sources and surpassing in size, exactness and comprehensive coverage all previous Latin dictionaries.

General Editor: Dr Michael Hillen

UK Coordinator: Professor Stephen Oakley FBA

**Understanding Society: The UK Household Longitudinal Study**

Aim: Understanding Society is a household panel survey which follows individuals over time. It aims to create a core research resource which permits the use of advanced quantitative research methods to address key questions which are of central relevance to UK society in ways that are impossible with other types of data.

Project Director: Professor Michaela Benzeval



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## Publishing and Conferences

The British Academy seeks to advance and promote scholarship in its disciplines by supporting a select number of British Academy Conferences each year, by publishing themed volumes of papers in the *Proceedings of the British Academy* series, and articles in the open access *Journal of the British Academy*. The *British Academy Monographs* series provides Academy-supported early career scholars with a career-establishing open access publication opportunity. The Academy also publishes volumes of primary source material – editions and catalogues – arising from British Academy Research Projects. And the *Biographical Memoirs of Fellows of the British Academy* Form an important resource for the intellectual history of the UK.

The Academy's activity in this area primarily relates to all the Academy's Strategic Objectives, but particularly (1) 'To invest in the very best researchers and research'.

The committee responsible for all the activities in this section is the *Publishing and Conferences Committee*.

## Publishing and Conferences Committee

### Remit:

- Keeps under review, and settles strategy and policy in respect of, the Academy's academic publishing activity.
- Decides on proposals and content submitted for the *Proceedings of the British Academy* series, for *British Academy Monographs*, for volumes arising from British Academy Research Projects, and for other academic publications.
- Keeps under review, and settles strategy and policy in respect of, the Academy's programmes of academic conferences.
- Decides on proposals for British Academy Conferences.

**Reporting:** Responsible to Council.

**Specific collaborative links with other committees:** Communications and Engagement Committee, in respect of lectures published in the *Journal of the British Academy*; Research and Higher Education Policy Committee, in respect of Open Access policy matters.

**Meetings in 2024-25:** 30 October 2024, 19 February 2025, 21 May 2025.

### Membership for 2024-25

*Chair:* Professor Lindsay Farmer, *Vice-President (Publishing & Conferences)*

Professor David Abulafia FBA

Professor Louise Archer

Professor Gurminder K Bhambra FBA

Dr Shruti Chaudhry, *external member*

Professor Elizabeth Edwards FBA

Richard Fisher, *external member*

Professor Regenia Gagnier FBA

Professor Gary Gerstle FBA

Dr Rebecca Thomas, *external member*

Professor Fiona Williams FBA

*Secretary:* James Rivington, *Head of Publishing*

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## British Academy Conferences

Held over two or three days, meetings that have been formally adopted as British Academy Conferences provide an opportunity for leading and emerging scholars to examine innovative themes in the humanities and social sciences, delivering events of lasting academic significance. Proposals of an interdisciplinary or multidisciplinary nature are especially appropriate. There is an expectation that these conferences will lead to themed volumes in the *Proceedings of the British Academy* series. There is an annual call for proposals.

In addition to Conferences supported by DSIT, there is a second strand of British Academy/Wellcome Trust Conferences which offers grants for conferences on health and wellbeing research encompassing human, animal and/or environmental themes.

An open call for applications opens in November each year and Fellows are welcome to apply.

Complimentary tickets are available to Fellows for all Conferences, please email [conferences@thebritishacademy.ac.uk](mailto:conferences@thebritishacademy.ac.uk)

*Information:* [thebritishacademy.ac.uk/events/british-academy-conferences/](https://thebritishacademy.ac.uk/events/british-academy-conferences/)

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*Decision process:* proposals are assessed by Section Conference/Publications Coordinators; the Publishing and Conferences Committee makes the final selection.

Funds from the *Wellcome Trust* make possible the support of additional British Academy Conferences with a health and wellbeing focus.

The *Dawes Hicks*, the *Italian*, and the *Sarah Tryphena Phillips* funds may be drawn upon to provide limited financial support for appropriate events held under the British Academy Conferences scheme.

## Proceedings of the British Academy

This series aims to publish themed volumes that drive scholarship forward and are landmarks in their field.

*Information:* [thebritishacademy.ac.uk/publishing/proceedings-british-academy/](https://thebritishacademy.ac.uk/publishing/proceedings-british-academy/)

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*Decision process:* proposals are assessed by Section Conference/Publications Coordinators; the Publishing and Conferences Committee makes the final selection.

## British Academy Monographs

This series publishes work by Academy-supported early career researchers: Postdoctoral Fellows, Newton International Fellows, and BA/Wolfson Fellows. Since 2022 new monographs have been published Open Access.

*Information:* [thebritishacademy.ac.uk/publishing/british-academy-monographs/](https://thebritishacademy.ac.uk/publishing/british-academy-monographs/)

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*Decision process:* Section Conference/Publications Co-ordinators help identify assessors for monograph proposals; the Publishing and Conferences Committee makes the final selection.

## British Academy Scholarship Online

The content from volumes in the *Proceedings of the British Academy* and *British Academy Monographs* series is included within British Academy Scholarship Online (BASO), an online library operated for the Academy by Oxford University Press. Fellows making use of the Academy's wifi within Carlton House Terrace have free access to BASO content.

*Information:* [academic.oup.com/mpson-academy-scholarship-online/](http://academic.oup.com/mpson-academy-scholarship-online/)

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## Volumes arising from Academy Research Projects

The Academy publishes 11 series of source material arising from longstanding Academy Research Projects.

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*Decision process:* The project responsible for each of these series has its own editorial arrangements (see pages 48-55); publication proposals from each project committee are submitted to the Publishing and Conferences Committee for formal approval.

### **Anglo-Saxon Charters**

An edition of all pre-Conquest documents relating to grants of land and liberties.

### **Auctores Britannici Medii Aevi**

Definitive texts for the study of medieval British thought, curated by the Medieval Texts Committee.

### **Corpus of Anglo-Saxon Stone Sculpture**

Comprehensive catalogue of pre-Conquest stone sculpture in England.

### **Corpus Vasorum Antiquorum**

Catalogue of ancient Greek vases in British collections.

### **Corpus Vitrearum**

Catalogue of stained glass in Britain.

### **Early English Church Music**

English church music from Anglo-Saxon times to 1660.

### **English Episcopal Acta**

Editions of legal and administrative documents issued by the bishops of medieval England.

### **Fontes Historiae Africanae / Sources of African History**

Sources for the study of African history.

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### **Records of Social and Economic History**

Sources for the study of social and economic history, from the 11<sup>th</sup> century to modern times.

### **Sylloge of Coins of the British Isles**

Catalogue of British and Irish coins, from Ancient British times to the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

### **Sylloge Nummorum Graecorum**

Catalogue of ancient Greek coins in British collections.

## **Journal of the British Academy**

The *Journal of the British Academy* is a multi- and interdisciplinary open access journal publishing articles in the humanities and social sciences, with the aim of connecting knowledge, deepening inquiry and pushing boundaries. The *Journal* showcases high-quality articles associated with the Academy's own programmes, activities and interests. The Editors welcome suggestions from Fellows for articles.

*Information:* [journal.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/](http://journal.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/)

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*Decision process:* the *Journal* Editors are Professor Elizabeth Edwards, Professor Andrew Hadfield and Professor Fiona Williams. The Editors are supported by an Editorial Board, made up of Fellows and Academy awardholders.

## **Biographical Memoirs of Fellows of the British Academy**

The Academy publishes extended obituaries (memoirs) of deceased Fellows of the British Academy. Memoirs are posted online, building into an open-access resource. They are also gathered together periodically in a print volume, which Fellows may purchase at discount if they wish. *Note:* Fellows are encouraged to deposit with the Academy, in confidence, autobiographical information about their family, educational background, and career, for use by a future obituarist (see 'The Archive' section on page 70).

*Information:* [thebritishacademy.ac.uk/publishing/memoirs/](http://thebritishacademy.ac.uk/publishing/memoirs/)

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*Decision process:* recommendations for obituarists are made by Sections. Note that memoirs are not commissioned for International or Honorary Fellows.

## **Schweich Lectures on Biblical Archaeology**

This series was endowed by Miss Constance Schweich in memory of her father Leopold; first delivered in 1908. Subject/remit: 'The archaeology, art, history, languages and literature of Ancient Civilisation, with reference to Biblical Study.' Each series of three lectures is published.

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*Decision process:* the Publishing and Conferences Committee takes the lead in initiating these, with guidance from a specialist advisory committee.

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## Public Policy

The Academy's public policy work aims to demonstrate the value of the humanities and social sciences, and to give voice to Fellows' research, by maximising opportunities to contribute to the public policy process. The Academy's activities in this area primarily relate to the Academy's Strategic Priority (3) 'To inform and enrich debate around society's greatest questions.'

The Academy engages academic expertise in the humanities and social sciences to shed light on contemporary social, economic and environmental challenges and provide independent, evidence-based advice and reports on some of the major policy issues of the day. Through policy reports, events, roundtable meetings and responses to consultations, the public policy work of the Academy seeks to provide Government, parliamentarians and other policy makers with high quality research evidence that is effective at shaping public policy.

The Academy's public policy work includes a developing portfolio of Futures programmes which aim to look ahead and reframe policy debates. They explore pressing challenges using a broad systems approach, considering in particular, the role and purpose of institutions and the connections between the issues facing society.

The committee responsible for advising on and helping shape all the activities in this section is the *Public Policy Committee*.

### Public Policy Committee

**Remit:**

- Develops and monitors the delivery of the Academy's Policy Directorate Strategy.
- Helps plan the public policy programme of work and considers proposals for future projects or workstreams, in the light of the Academy's own strategic priorities.
- Advises on future topics and challenges where the Academy is well placed to make a distinctive contribution.
- Keeps under review public policy procedures and mechanisms.
- Ensures that quality control mechanisms are robust.

**Reporting:** Responsible to Council; liaises with the Standing Committee of Council as appropriate.

**Assessment/guidance feeding into committee:** The work of the committee is informed by those expert working, steering or advisory groups that have been convened in relation to particular projects.

**Meetings in 2024-25:** 19 June 2024, 1 October 2024, 26 February 2025

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### Membership for 2024-25

*Chair:* Professor Christina Boswell FBA, Vice-President (*Public Policy*)

Jamie Agombar, *external member*

Stephen Aldridge, *external member*

Dr Kate Dommett, *external member*

Professor Peter John FBA

Halima Khan, *external member*

Professor Baroness Lister of Burtersett FBA

Professor Sonia Livingstone FBA

Dr Amy Orben, *external member*

Professor Susan Owens FBA

Professor Fiona Stafford FBA

Professor Carol Tannahill, *external member*

*Secretary:* Ryan Mercer, *Policy Programmes Lead*

### Public policy work programme 2024-25

The British Academy's public policy programme provides insight and knowledge to help frame and address national policy challenges, mobilising insights from across the SHAPE disciplines and translating them into ideas which can inform and enrich policy. This work is organised into four themes:

- Sustainable futures;
- Social and cultural infrastructures;
- Digital societies;
- Governance, trust and voice.

In addition to our four policy themes, we also have a cross-cutting programme on *economic strategy* and our *policy histories* series.

#### Sustainable futures

*Championing the role of SHAPE research in the policy responses to sustainable development, challenging the idea that science and technology can solve these challenges alone.*

SHAPE plays a critical role in understanding the complex human and social dimensions of environmental challenges and their solutions. This theme will continue to develop the Academy's thriving range of projects aimed at championing the role of SHAPE research in the policy responses to sustainable development and achieving a just transition while tackling climate change and biodiversity loss.

The theme comprises of two major work programmes (*Where We Live Next* and *Net Zero*), as well as the SHAPE sustainability impact projects.

*Where We Live Next* explores sustainability through the lens of place and place-sensitive policy. Building on the previous *Where We Live Now* programme, *Where We Live Next* aims to examine how visible different places, local people and cultures are to decision makers. The *Where We Live Next* evidence synthesis report was published in March 2023, bringing together the insights from the six research projects commissioned last year. The second phase of work has started building on these insights. As part of this a set of Policy Insights Case Study projects has provided more practical and policy-focused insights from the SHAPE disciplines representing a broad range of environmental sustainability topics that are pertinent to places. The evidence base has been discussed and analysed with a range of key stakeholders, both local and national, in a series of workshops using a range of innovative SHAPE methods to draw out a set of guiding principles for place-sensitive policymaking on environmental sustainability. By spring 2025, these Principles will have been finalised, published and disseminated amongst the relevant stakeholder communities.

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The *Net Zero Policy Programme* is exploring the governance mechanisms needed to achieve the UK's net zero goals. The project engages with business, national institutions, government and civil society to marshal SHAPE-led, practical policy outputs that explore how to improve approaches to design and implementation of net zero policies in the UK. The programme has concluded its second phase, which analysed funded research and used engagement with relevant stakeholders to deliver a major new report *Governance for Net Zero*. The next phase of work will see the completion of a major piece of commissioned research developing a typology of Net Zero policies and their translation into local challenges and opportunities. This year will build on the findings from this research and deliver key policy insights that support the application of mechanisms to direct, oversee and create accountability for net zero strategies.

The SHAPE Sustainability Impact Projects are designed to bring together researchers and students from the SHAPE disciplines to come up with interdisciplinary solutions to issues of sustainability. The Academy has funded projects at institutions around the UK to work in their community to research sustainability issues and work with stakeholders to pilot evidence-based solutions.

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### **Social and cultural infrastructure**

*Engaging with the vibrant debate over the 'levelling up' agenda and a growing body of evidence on the critical role of communities and societal relationships in recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic.*

Social and cultural infrastructure refers to the services and structures that support the quality of life of a nation, region, city or local community. It is an area that has been brought to the fore by the British Academy's work on *Cohesive Societies* and the COVID *Decade* evidence review and policy reports. There is a wealth of SHAPE expertise available to support research on different aspects of social and cultural infrastructure and its role across a range of public policy issues.

The British Academy and Power to Change came together in early 2022 to collectively explore questions relating to social infrastructure and its value to different communities and their economies, leading to the publication of *Space for Community: Strengthening our Social Infrastructure*. The policy considerations in the report emphasised the importance of social infrastructure being open, accessible and inclusive; including community voices to understand local concerns and demands; potential tensions between the different purposes of social infrastructure; and the role of the private sector in shaping and providing social infrastructure.

This year, research funded by the Academy and undertaken by the Bennett Institute, University of Cambridge, will investigate how social and cultural infrastructure can be measured to improve understanding of its purpose, presence, scale and value. The research will also consider how this measurement can be represented in ways that can inform effective policymaking. The final report will be published in spring 2025.

Alongside the research on measuring social and cultural infrastructure, the Academy will engage stakeholders in research, policy and practice to explore other key facets of social and cultural infrastructures from a wide variety of SHAPE perspectives. Work will identify what role different institutions and sectors, and the actors within each play in relation to this infrastructure, and also how this infrastructure can contribute towards tackling specific policy challenges. A series of roundtables will explore the role of universities, the private sector, creative sector, and the charity and voluntary sectors in supporting social and cultural infrastructure. A series of discussion papers will also allow SHAPE researchers to provide different disciplinary perspectives on social and cultural infrastructure in valuing people, places and spaces.

Continuing the Academy's policy work with children and young people, the London Development Trust has been commissioned to carry out a project focused on social and cultural infrastructure and young people. The project will investigate what young people understand as social and cultural infrastructure, and will co-create, with young people, a reporting tool for identifying and articulating the resources they need to thrive socially and culturally.

The Academy is also drawing on insights from six policy research projects funded as part of the Understanding Communities collaboration with the Nuffield Foundation, which are due to complete in autumn 2024. The Academy and Nuffield have been delivering a programme of policy synthesis, translation, and engagement across the duration of the funded projects, to promote understanding and learning between research teams and engage relevant stakeholders in the wider body of evidence produced. This will conclude in winter 2024/25 with a final conference and the publication of a final programme report.

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### **Digital society**

*Exploring the ways in which digital technologies, tools and practices shape and are shaped by our society, aiming to answer the question what makes for a 'good digital society'. This theme relates to the Academy's previous work on data governance and artificial intelligence and explores the broad set of ways in which digital technologies, tools and practices shape and are shaped by our society.*

The Academy's Digital Society programme draws upon the SHAPE disciplines to explore the ways in which digital technologies, tools, and practices shape and are shaped by our society, and to address the questions of what makes for a good digital society and how policymakers can navigate the UK's digital society in the coming decade. The Digital Society programme will consist of four stages (examining Possibilities, Principles, Processes, and Practices) and run until the end of 2025, with work in the first 'Possibilities' stage beginning in late 2023.

In the last year, we have continued to build up a portfolio of activities and outputs that form part of this programme. These include funding case studies projects on digital inequality, which are now delivering their outputs; a catalogue of engagement activities around the UK AI Summit; our ongoing workshop series on the digital research landscape for the SHAPE disciplines; funding discussion papers for the first stage of the programme). We have developed a matrix framework (examining the impacts of different aspects of digital systems-- including AI, digital environments, digital public services, and data-- cutting across societal areas of health and wellbeing; education and research; culture and communities; growth and innovation) with which we structure our various clusters of activity in the theme more broadly and have become a port of call on aspects of the topic for a variety of policy actors. We have also been building linkages between this programme and others in our portfolio, such as the programme on social and cultural infrastructure.



By the end of this year, we aim to have further defined clusters of activities across the matrix framework for the programme, within which we will be focusing the team's work until the end of the programme. At this point next year, we will be in the third stage ('processes') of the workplan, delivering activities specific to the clusters. Activities will take a range of forms, depending on the needs of the cluster (for instance, to establish continued engagement around AI, we are considering embedding expertise through Fellowships, for example; for another cluster, we will likely be running a policy lab series). We aim to have built relevant relationships with the incoming government on the topic and to be a wider range of cross-cutting programme links and activities relevant to the clusters – e.g. with Innovation Fellows; social and cultural infrastructure theme; activities of the HE & International teams. In the long-term, the clusters will be generating a range of outputs that will come together in the final stage of the programme, around a final conference/summit in 2025.

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### **Governance, trust and voice**

*Exploring how the UK can develop effective multi-level governance structures which encourage participation, engagement, and cooperation to strengthen our capacity to identify and respond to local, national and global issues.*

The governance, trust and voice theme builds on quite a range of previous British Academy policy work. For example, the Governing England project which focused on the UK constitution and devolution; and Where We Live Now which considered place-sensitive policymaking. It also draws on issues of public trust identified in the Academy's work on Cohesive Societies and how to bring in the voices of underrepresented groups, including those of children and young people as identified through the Childhood Policy Programme. It considers governance mechanisms in different sectors, building on findings from the Future of the Corporation programme around the role of governance and accountability in supporting purposeful business. It also builds on the Academy's Understanding the COVID Decade report which examined how policymaking institutions function at different levels and how people engage with them.

The Science, Trust and Policymaking project was the main project under this theme up until spring 2024. It responds to a request from the Prime Minister's Council for Science and Technology (CST) to explore the conditions under which governments can ensure public trust in science advice. The Academy finalised its report on the project-- Public trust in science-for-policymaking: Understanding and enhancing the role of science in public policy debate in the UK – in March 2024. Building on the report, the project will have built 2-3 new partnerships with relevant institutions open to the application of the findings and the 'Considerations'. Policy Labs co-convened with these partners will produce proposals for the partner to take forward, setting out how to apply the considerations under discussion to solve the problem identified by the partner; a write-up of the policy labs format and method as a 'tool' to accompany the main report, and a set of case studies of application of the findings to be co-created with GO Science.

Going forward, the work on governance, trust and voice will focus on the delivery of a new phase of the Academy's *SHAPE the Future* programme, which has to-date explored how to create a positive post-pandemic future for people, the economy and the environment. The next phase will broaden out to look at the ways in which the UK's policymaking and governance structures can better respond to crises and ensure strong avenues for recovery and renewal when the country is hit with major challenges. This year will focus on collecting SHAPE evidence from a range of sources, across a variety of policy areas.

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### **Economic strategy**

Following discussions with His Majesty's Treasury and the Department for Business and Trade, the Academy has started a new policy programme to explore the foundations of a sustainable and holistic strategy addressing fundamental questions about economic growth and development in the UK, bringing long-term and integrated thinking across disciplines to current policy debates. Four small working groups of academics, Fellows, and policy officials have been set up to provide government with SHAPE insights on four areas of economic strategy:

- *Working Group 1:* International trade and geo-politics, co-chaired by Professor Patricia Clavin FBA and Professor Tony Venables FBA
- *Working Group 2:* R&D, productivity and innovation, co-chaired by Dr Anna Valero and Professor Paul Nightingale
- *Working Group 3:* Skills, co-chaired by Professor Richard Blundell FBA, Professor Sandra McNally and Professor Julian Birkinshaw FBA
- *Working Group 4:* Sustainability and social value, co-chaired by Professor Henrietta Moore FBA and Professor Dominic Abrams FBA

All Working Groups will be asked to work towards the top-line question: What are the critical elements of an integrated and strategic approach to the UK economy, given current and developing national and international contexts?

### **Policy Histories**

The Academy's policy histories series, running since 2019, has been producing reports written by academics and experts covering the history of a different area of public policy in the UK. The aim of the series is to use historical insights and learning from history to inform policymaking.

After the successful publication of the Academy's fourth policy history report on the history of UK health policy, the next in the series to be published this year will be on regional development policy, edited by Professor Ron Martin FBA.

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## International Engagement

The Academy's international engagement is based on four principles in service of the recognition that international collaboration is necessary to maintain research excellence, and to foster the international status and influence of the work of UK-based researchers in the humanities and social sciences. The principles are:

- That the Academy's international engagement should support and manage a wide range of collaborative research, including curiosity-driven research, interdisciplinary expertise, and policy-led work on major global challenges, with a particular focus on the contribution of the humanities and social sciences.
- That the Academy should actively support the mobility of UK-based researchers onto the international stage, and support researchers from elsewhere to come to the UK, in order to foster collaborative research between UK-based individuals/institutions and individuals/institutions in other countries.
- That the Academy should actively support international engagement at all stages of the academic career, with, however, a particular focus on early career researchers, whose development is particularly likely to benefit from such interaction.
- That the Academy's international engagement should be based on and embody a principle of collaboration, mutual support and capacity building.

To these ends, the Academy works internationally in these main areas:

- Influencing and advising on policies, opportunities and challenges in order to advance these principles for the benefit of the humanities and social sciences on an international stage.
- Funding the highest levels of internationally focused research responding to fundamental questions, and driving synergies at the intersection of knowledge, expertise and global need.
- Convening interdisciplinary expertise to catalyse new thinking and change on major global challenges that require the insights of the humanities and social sciences.
- Maintaining and enhancing relationships and partnerships between UK-based and international individuals/institutions.
- Delivering opportunities for researchers at key points of their careers, especially early career researchers, so as to attract and facilitate the mobility of diverse international researchers and perspectives.

The Academy's activities in this area relate to the Academy's Strategic Priority (4) 'To ensure sustained international engagement and collaboration', while also providing an international dimension to all the activities of the Academy.

The committee responsible for all the activities in this section is the *International Engagement Committee*.

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## International Engagement Committee

### Remit:

- Determines the Academy's International Strategy, including the Academy's international thematic priorities, and international engagement globally and regionally, including in Europe and with the European Union.
- Leads on the delivery of the Academy's international objectives, and champions an international dimension across the Academy's activities to ensure synergies, including the British International Research Institutes.
- Defines and monitors high-impact programmes and activities which address the Academy's international objectives, incorporating all the Academy's activities related to international development, relations, policy and funding.
- Oversees and approves the development of all partnership and funding opportunities in the international sphere and the Academy's engagements with all internationally-focused stakeholders, and leads on communications and representations to international bodies and organisations.
- Sets and periodically reviews priorities for international work, and advises Council on resources needed.

**Reporting:** Responsible to Council.

**Assessment/guidance feeding into committee:** The work of the committee is informed by assessments and guidance from a number of panels for the Academy's internationally-oriented research programmes, and guidance from expert advisory groups where appropriate.

**Meetings in 2024-25:** 8 October 2024, 11 February 2025, 20 May 2025

### Membership for 2024-25

*Chair:* Professor Patrick Haggard FBA, *Foreign Secretary*

Professor Catherine Barnard FBA

Professor Ambreena Manji FBA

Professor Harriet Bulkeley FBA

Lord McDonald of Salford, *external member*

Professor Patricia Clavin FBA

Dr Charlotta Salmi, *external member*

Professor Mike Heffernan FBA, Vice President (Social Sciences)

Dr Heidi Stöckl, *external member*

Professor Andy Jordan FBA

Professor Julia Lovell FBA

Professor Cyprian Broodbank FBA, Vice-President (BIRI), *ex officio*

*Secretary:* Philip Lewis, *Head of Global Strategy, Policy & Engagement*

## International engagement

The Academy has longstanding memberships with international organisations and relations with sister academies all over the world. These along with the Academy's wider links, Fellows and International Fellows enable the Academy to leverage further reach, impact, soft power and influence. The Academy's international programmes activities aim to address global challenges, convene international expertise, foster international engagement and co-operation, and deliver excellent opportunities for international collaboration and capacity building especially for the next generation.

The Academy has also developed a position of expertise in shaping, influencing and advising policy internationally for the UK and at a global level. The Academy is increasingly sought for its convening power and expertise in this area on a wide range of issues. The Academy's work in this area focuses on just *transitions*; *what is a good city*; *global (dis)order*; Europe's futures; and *knowledge frontiers*. Activities include international symposia, workshops, roundtables, briefings, reports and consultation responses. Recent work has included: early career researcher symposia, such as those with the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation ; research on pandemic preparedness in the G7; boosting participation for the UK's association to Horizon Europe; roundtables on the Ukraine conflict, climate diplomacy and climate adaptation; and establishing new international policy programmes.

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The current programmes overseen by the International Engagement Committee include:

### **Global Professorships**

This programme enables world-class scholars to further their individual research goals while strengthening the UK research base and advancing the research goals and strategies of their UK host universities. Funding of up to £900,000 is available for each award. Each Global Professorship will be for four years in length. There is one round of applications in 2022-23.

*Information:* [thebritishacademy.ac.uk/programmes/global-professorships](https://thebritishacademy.ac.uk/programmes/global-professorships)

### **International Fellowships**

This programme, run jointly with the Royal Society, offers opportunities for outstanding early career scholars from anywhere in the world to spend up to two years in the UK. Applications must be made in partnership with a UK host organisation. Awards are tenable for two years. There will be one round of applications in 2024-25.

*Information:* [thebritishacademy.ac.uk/newton-international-fellowships](https://thebritishacademy.ac.uk/newton-international-fellowships)

### **Knowledge Frontiers: International Interdisciplinary Research Projects**

This programme provides grants of up to £300,000 for projects that aim to foster new research ideas and international collaborations to bear on international challenges bringing the humanities and social sciences (often together with the natural, medical and or engineering sciences). Awards are for 24 months. There is one round of applications in 2024-25.

*Information:* [thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding-call-knowledge-frontiers-international-interdisciplinary-research-projects](https://thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding-call-knowledge-frontiers-international-interdisciplinary-research-projects)

### **International Writing Workshops**

This programme aims to encourage and support early career researchers in the Global South to develop scholarly publications for high impact journals in the fields of the humanities and social sciences through the delivery of writing workshops. There will be one round of applications in 2024-25.

*Information:* [thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/writing-workshops/](https://thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/writing-workshops/)

### **Global Convening Programmes**

This programme aims to provide opportunities for researchers in the UK and internationally across the humanities and social sciences globally to network, open new fields of inquiry, harness research to address these challenges aiming to catalyse change in industry, practice, policy and society, and support collaborative exploration across disciplines and borders.

*Information:* [thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/global-convening-programmes/](https://thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/global-convening-programmes/)

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### **Global Innovation Fellowships**

The objective of the Global Innovation Fellowships is to provide opportunities to UK-based early- and mid-career researchers from across the humanities and social sciences to develop their skills, networks and careers in the creative and cultural, public, private and policy sectors to address challenges that require innovative approaches and solutions. Through the Global Innovation Fellowships, researchers in the SHAPE community will be supported to create new and deeper links beyond academia, so enabling knowledge mobilisation and translation, as well as individual skills development. There will be multiple rounds of applications in 2024-25.

*Information:* [thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/global-innovation-fellowships-the-german-council-on-foreign-relations-dgap/](https://thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/global-innovation-fellowships-the-german-council-on-foreign-relations-dgap/)

[thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/global-innovation-fellowships-carnegie-endowment-for-international-peace/](https://thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/global-innovation-fellowships-carnegie-endowment-for-international-peace/)

[thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/oda-global-innovation-fellowships-2024/](https://thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/oda-global-innovation-fellowships-2024/)

[thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/oda-global-innovation-fellowships-south-african-institute-of-international-affairs-saia/](https://thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/oda-global-innovation-fellowships-south-african-institute-of-international-affairs-saia/)

### **Education Research in Conflict and Crisis Programme**

This programme is funded by the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) and forms one part of a wider Education Research in Conflict and Protracted Crisis (ERICC) programme. ERICC is a six-year programme (2021-2027) with the objective of delivering and maximising uptake of new, operationally- and policy-relevant evidence on "what works" to deliver education to children affected by conflict and protracted crises.

*Information:* [thebritishacademy.ac.uk/programmes/education-research-conflict-crisis-bilateral-research-chairs/#:~:text=ERICC%20is%20a%20six%2Dyear,by%20conflict%20and%20protracted%20crises.](https://thebritishacademy.ac.uk/programmes/education-research-conflict-crisis-bilateral-research-chairs/#:~:text=ERICC%20is%20a%20six%2Dyear,by%20conflict%20and%20protracted%20crises.)

### **Knowledge Frontiers Symposia**

The aim of this series of activities is to enhance the skills and capabilities of early career researchers in the UK and overseas, and to encourage them to develop new international links and research partnerships. The symposia seek to bring cross-regional and multi-disciplinary insights to bear on issues of research and global significance and provide opportunities for the creation of new networks and long-term collaborations.

*Information:* [thebritishacademy.ac.uk/programmes/knowledge-frontiers-symposia/](https://thebritishacademy.ac.uk/programmes/knowledge-frontiers-symposia/)

### **Global Talent visa**

The Global Talent visa is a UK immigration category for talented and promising individuals in specific sectors wishing to work in the UK. There are four routes for eligible academics and researchers to obtain endorsement for a Global Talent visa. Along with the Royal Society, the Royal Academy of Engineering and UKRI, the British Academy acts as an endorsing body under the Global Talent visa.

*Information:* [thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/global-convening-programmes/](https://thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/global-convening-programmes/)

### **Visiting Fellowships**

This programme enables academics from any country overseas to be based at a UK higher education or other research institution of their choice for up to six months and develop collaborative projects with UK colleagues. There will be one round of applications in 2023-24.

*Information:* [thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/visiting-fellowships/](https://thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/visiting-fellowships/)

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## British International Research Institutes

The Academy provides supports eight British International Research Institutes (BIRI) and has provided funding to the Egypt Exploration Society for a collaborative project with other BIRI during 2024-25. These institutes conduct research, collaborate with overseas and UK-based partners, and provide facilities, training and financial, academic and logistical support to researchers. They also run events programmes, held in the UK and overseas. All the research institutes operate as autonomous bodies.

The Academy's activity in this area primarily relates to the Academy's Strategic Objective (4) 'To ensure sustained international engagement and collaboration'.

## British International Research Institutes Oversight & Engagement Committee

The Committee is responsible for overseeing the strategy, performance, and funding for the Academy-funded activities of the Institutes, including engaging with and championing the Institutes across and beyond the Academy. The Committee seeks advice from a BIRI Forum which will meet twice a year and provides updates to the Academy's Resources and Strategy Committee.

### Remit:

- Advises the Council on the Academy's strategy for supporting the Institutes.
- Engages and informs the Institutes via the BIRI Forum of relevant changes to the DSIT and/or Academy policy and strategy and advises them on ways that the Academy grant can best be used to deliver support that generates research excellence and impact, with demonstrable returns to the UK research base, as well as on opportunities to enhance their role and effectiveness in their regions.
- Agrees and oversees the funding allocations to individual Institutes, updating the Academy's Resources and Strategy Committee through twice yearly reporting.
- Defines and monitors the overarching performance, accountability mechanisms, and delivery of value for money in the Institutes spending of the Academy grant.
- Assesses the Institutes' performance in their use of the Academy grant against the purposes for which the Academy has obtained funding from DSIT for the Institutes.
- Oversees the Institutes' compliance with the terms and conditions of the grant.
- Encourages and considers with the Institutes their long-term sustainability and efficiency, using, inter alia, incentives and targeted funding.
- Considers and agrees opportunities for the support and development of common endeavours between all the Institutes.
- Encourages and enables synergies between the Institutes and other Academy activities, including the International Strategy of the Academy.
- The BIRI representatives on the Committee will be selected by the Institutes every three years. They will take no role in discussions about individual Institute funding and allocations, performance, and compliance (reserved business).

All members, together with the director, chair, and treasurer (or equivalent roles) of each Institute supported by the Academy, comprise the BIRI Forum. The Forum meets twice a year to advise and receive updates from BIRI Oversight and Engagement Committee.

**Reporting:** Responsible to Council.

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### **Membership for 2024-2025**

Professor Cyprian Broodbank FBA, Vice-President British International Research Institutes (Chair)

Professor April McMahon, Treasurer

Professor Patrick Haggard, Foreign Secretary and Vice-President

Professor Margot Finn, Vice-President Research & HE Policy Committee

Professor Anne Haour

Professor Simon Swain

Dr Lutgarde Vandeput, Director, British Institute at Ankara (ex-officio)

Mr Alan Gibbins, Honorary Treasurer, British School at Rome (ex-officio)

*Secretary:* Lesley Talbot, Deputy Head of Research Funding  
(l.talbot@thebritishacademy.ac.uk)

The following institutes receive support from the British Academy:

#### **British Institute at Ankara**

The BIAA supports research and collaboration in Turkey and the Black Sea region in the arts, humanities and social and political sciences as well as in the fields of climate and environmental science and heritage management. It provides post-doctoral fellowships and research grants to British Higher Education Institute-affiliated scholars, facilitates British-led research in Turkey and the Black Sea region, supports scholars from the region to travel to the UK for study, and promotes collaboration between British and Turkish researchers and institutions. It also hosts a varied programme of academic lectures, workshops and conferences, and provides residential accommodation and world-class research facilities for scholars and students in Ankara.

biaa.ac.uk

Contact: [biaa@britac.ac.uk](mailto:biaa@britac.ac.uk) and [mpsona.manager@biaa.ac.uk](mailto:mpsona.manager@biaa.ac.uk)

#### **British Institute in Eastern Africa**

The BIEA conducts and supports innovative humanities and social science research within the region of eastern Africa and beyond. Active since 1960, BIEA is renowned for pioneering a collaborative, inter-disciplinary and engaged approach to international research. With an extensive library and research facilities at its hub in Nairobi, two high-impact peer-reviewed journals, two book series, and an active programme of in-house and online events, the BIEA is unparalleled in the region. The BIEA runs diverse training and capacity building programmes, offers grants and logistical assistance to research projects, and provides forums to discuss everything from research design to results, publications and future collaborations.

biea.ac.uk

Contact: [biea@thebritishacademy.ac.uk](mailto:biea@thebritishacademy.ac.uk)

#### **British Institute of Persian Studies**

BIPS is dedicated to promoting and supporting scholarship and research excellence on all aspects of Iran and the wider Persianate world, and to increasing public understanding and knowledge of the region. Founded in the UK in 1961 and in Iran in 1963, BIPS is one of the few overseas international institutes that continues to work in Tehran and it provides a potential venue for academic and intellectual exchange with Iranian scholars. BIPS plays a key role in sustaining the academic vitality and increasing the visibility of Persian Studies, promoting it to the public and campaigning for greater provision for its study in higher education. Its activities include an extensive programme of seminars, lectures, symposia, and publications.

bips.ac.uk

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### **British School at Athens**

Founded in 1886, the BSA conducts, facilitates and promotes research of international excellence, exploring the impact of Hellenism worldwide, from the Palaeolithic to the present, and from archaeology to fine arts. The BSA has a long and distinguished tradition of archaeological research in many periods and is the sole body recognised by the Greek authorities for the issuing of archaeological fieldwork and study permits to UK institutions and scholars. The BSA has pioneered science-based archaeology in Greece and maintains a research centre at Knossos on Crete. Its projects make significant original contributions to knowledge and offer long-term perspectives on contemporary questions. Throughout its history the BSA has engaged with a wide range of disciplines including anthropology, linguistics, political science, art history and philosophy.

[bsa.ac.uk](http://bsa.ac.uk)

Contact: [bsa@britac.ac.uk](mailto:bsa@britac.ac.uk) and [admin@bsa.ac.uk](mailto:admin@bsa.ac.uk)

### **British School at Rome**

The BSR fosters academic research and creative practice in the arts, humanities and social sciences at the highest level. The BSR's history dates from 1901, when it was founded as a school for research in archaeology and Italian studies. For over 100 years the School has housed and nurtured world-class researchers on the art, history and culture of the western Mediterranean. The BSR is a key bridge with the intellectual and cultural heart of Italy and Europe, and creative and academic researchers from the UK and the Commonwealth. The School is a catalyst for academic research and creative practice through engagement with Mediterranean, Italian and Rome-based international agencies to enhance connectivity, partnership and collaboration for UK and Commonwealth researchers and creative artists.

[bsr.ac.uk](http://bsr.ac.uk)

Contact: [bsr@thebritishacademy.ac.uk](mailto:bsr@thebritishacademy.ac.uk) and [info@bsrome.it](mailto:info@bsrome.it)

### **Council for British Research in the Levant**

CBRL advances public education on the Levant through promoting and disseminating research in the humanities, social sciences and related subjects. It works on and in the Middle Eastern countries of Jordan, Palestine, Israel, Lebanon, Syria and Cyprus. With over 100 years of experience in the region, CBRL produces and disseminates original, rigorous and independent scholarship and invests in the most promising emerging scholars. Through institutes in Jerusalem (the Kenyon Institute) and Jordan (the British Institute in Amman), it facilitates UK-Levantine academic collaborations and partnerships. CBRL's libraries and research collections represent important academic resources and include the only library in East Jerusalem open to the public.

[cbrl.ac.uk](http://cbrl.ac.uk)

Contact: [info@cbrl.ac.uk](mailto:info@cbrl.ac.uk)

### **British Institute for Libyan and Northern African Studies**

The British Institute for Libyan & Northern African Studies was founded (as the Society for Libyan Studies) in 1969. Its aims are to encourage and co-ordinate scholarship on Libya and Northern Africa and to foster relations between scholars in the region and those working outside the region.

In this regard, it seeks through its activities to:

- support and undertake research relating to the history, antiquities, culture, languages, literature, art, institutions, customs and natural history of Libya and Northern Africa; and to organise and promote missions to the region for these purposes; cooperate with other organisations sharing the same fields of interest
- arrange for the publication of research in these fields; hold lectures and meetings for members of the Institute and other interested parties; and publish an annual Journal ('Libyan Studies') and other publications which enhance and promote public knowledge of all aspects of Libyan and northern African culture and society

Contact: [gensec@bilnas.org](mailto:gensec@bilnas.org)

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**British Institute for the Study of Iraq**

For more than 80 years, BISI has been dedicated to advancing research and public education on the history, societies, and cultures of Iraq. BISI plays a vital role in supporting and facilitating academic exchange and collaboration between the UK and Iraq; and in enabling and developing partnerships with the region's cultural heritage professionals. BISI offers a range of grants for research and conferences, and organises lectures, study days, and other public events in the UK and Iraq that further the public's understanding of the nation's history, society and culture. In addition, BISI provides expertise and specialist knowledge on Iraq's heritage and culture to government bodies, journalists and others.

[bisi.ac.uk](http://bisi.ac.uk)

Contact: [bisi@thebritishacademy.ac.uk](mailto:bisi@thebritishacademy.ac.uk)

**Egypt Exploration Society**

The Egypt Exploration Society is the UK's leading charity supporting and promoting Egyptian cultural heritage since its foundation in 1882. The Society facilitates research projects around the world from their offices in London and Cairo. The Society relies almost entirely on donations from its international membership and the wider public to fund its work and runs an extensive educational programme of publications and training, as well as events to convey the results to interested audiences.

# The home of the Academy

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## 10-11 Carlton House Terrace

The British Academy has occupied 10-11 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1, since 1998.

### Fellows' Facilities

#### Signing in and out

All Fellows are required to sign in on arrival and out on leaving the building by using the Sign In app on one of the iPads located at Reception. This register is used during any emergency evacuation of the premises to assist in roll call.

Fellows should familiarise themselves with the emergency procedures, including the sound of the alarm, nearest Fire Exits and location of the assembly point.

Fellows can be issued a badge and lanyard which is to be used at all times whilst on site. Temporary badges can be issued at Reception. Please contact the Facilities team on [Facilitiesteam@thebritishacademy.ac.uk](mailto:Facilitiesteam@thebritishacademy.ac.uk) to arrange a badge and lanyard.

#### Accessibility

Every effort has been made to identify and remove any unnecessary barriers to visiting the Academy at {10-11} Carlton House Terrace. Below is some useful information for your visit. If you require any assistance (such as access support, alternative formats, interpreters, or accessible parking), please contact us before your visit so we can address any barriers to participation. You can reach our Venue Team at [bookings@thebritishacademy.ac.uk](mailto:bookings@thebritishacademy.ac.uk) or by calling 020 7969 5224 and find full access information [here](#). If you have any feedback or comments regarding access to the venue, please let the team know.

The entrance to the Academy is not at street level, and visitors can access the building through one of two main entryways. At No. 10 Carlton House Terrace, access is via a short flight of eight stairs, while at No. 11 Carlton House Terrace, visitors can use either an assisted lift or a short flight of seven stairs from street level. All rooms on the public floors—including the ground, first, mezzanine, and lower ground floors—are fully accessible to wheelchair users and those using mobility aids. To facilitate easier mobility throughout the venue, the main routes are paved with stone floors, wood, or short-pile carpets.

Evacuation chairs are available onsite, and both the facilities and front-of-house teams are trained to lead safety procedures and manage any necessary evacuations. Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans (PEEPs) can be arranged upon arrival at the main reception, ensuring that specific needs are accommodated in case of an emergency.

The venue is equipped with two accessible toilets: one on the ground floor and another on the lower ground floor. Both are fitted with emergency alarm cords that reach floor level.

All public and event spaces within the venue are highly adaptable, as there is no fixed furniture, allowing layouts to be adjusted to suit the needs of various attendees. The building is served by four lifts: three between the ground and first floors and one serving the lower ground, mezzanine, and ground floors. Two of the lifts between the ground and first floors are designed for standard wheelchairs due to space limitations and the design of their concertina doors with dual-floor access points. The third lift, a platform lift, serves the Wolfson Room and the Music Room on the first floor and can accommodate larger motorized wheelchairs and mobility vehicles.

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We kindly request that all visitors, clients, and organizations notify the event staff at {10-11} Carlton House Terrace of any specific mobility access requirements during the booking stage to ensure that we can provide the necessary accommodations and assistance.

In addition to accessibility measures, assistance dogs are welcome in all areas of {10-11} Carlton House Terrace. For individuals requiring proximity to presentation screens, venue staff can reserve seats at the front of lecture rooms. All the building's lifts feature Braille on the buttons, and each emergency lift button is linked directly to a call center for immediate assistance, marked by an orange bell icon for visibility. Handrails are available on all stairs and entrance steps throughout the building, ensuring further support for those with mobility needs.

The venue also boasts an induction loop system in several key rooms, including the SHAPE Rooms, Wohl Gallery, Lecture Room, Reading Room, The Lee Library, and Beatrice Webb Room. This system, using the Sennheiser Mobile Connect solution, provides enhanced audio for those with hearing aids by minimizing background noise and distortion. Visitors can connect to this system by joining the guest Wi-Fi network (10-11CHT, password: hospitality) and downloading the app, with detailed instructions available in event spaces.

Furthermore, the venue is equipped with a Quiet Room—a calming, sensory-friendly space designed for guests feeling overwhelmed or overstimulated. This room offers controllable lighting, comfortable seating, and a screen, along with prayer mats for those who need them. Visitors can also use this room for private prayer, breastfeeding, or expressing milk. If the Quiet Room is occupied, guests can speak to the front-of-house team to arrange access to an alternative space.

### **Fellows' Room**

The Fellows' Room is easily accessible on the Ground Floor of Carlton House Terrace. It includes desks for working or meeting, as well as a coffee and tea machine. Fellows can drop in at any time, during office hours, and we very much hope this will be an active home base for Fellows.

### **Hiring rooms at discount**

The British Academy currently offers rooms for hire for professional, private or social events, at discounted rates for Fellows. For example, the Beatrice Webb Room can be used as a meeting space, private dining room or lecture theatre, or for a drinks reception for up to 250 standing guests.

Onsite caterer partners Searcys offer delicious menus offering a wide range of flavours and combinations, and can tailor menus to suit individual tastes.

Fellows receive the following discounts

- 25% bookings discount on all the main Academy spaces Tuesday – Wednesday, and 30% discount Monday & Friday
- Four half-day meeting bookings free of charge in the internal Meeting Room spaces (Fellow Room is free of charge)
- 1 complimentary booking for a professionally affiliated event (book launches etc.) on the ground and first floor events spaces, direct event costs (including cleaning, security, and catering) will apply but no venue hire. Bookings can be made through [bookings@thebritishacademy.ac.uk](mailto:bookings@thebritishacademy.ac.uk)

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*General information:* 10-11cht.com

*Staff contact:* Front of House team  
(bookings@thebritishacademy.ac.uk; 020 7969 5224)

### **Hotel accommodation**

Competitive rates for Fellows are available for accommodation overnight in two nearby hotels: the Strand Palace Hotel, and the DoubleTree by Hilton London-Westminster.

Please contact Reservations 2000  
(res2000@res2000.co.uk; 020 8547 0601) with your booking request, quoting the British Academy.

## **Archive, Library and Art collections**

The British Academy has an archive dating from its foundation at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century to the present. It has a collection of over 13,000 books written both by Fellows of the British Academy and by Academy-supported researchers. It also has a unique collection of 20<sup>th</sup>-century British Art adorning its spaces in Carlton House Terrace. These collections are managed by the Archivist, Librarian and Curator.

The committee responsible for all the activities in this section is the *Heritage Committee*.

## **Heritage Committee**

### **Remit:**

- Reviews arrangements relating to the Academy's collections of archives, books and artworks twice a year, including a report from the Art Committee.
- Sets priorities for the development and use of the archives and library.
- Supports the Archivist, Librarian and Curator with expert guidance on archives and library matters.
- Advises on and helps plan projects to promote the use and display of the archives and library, in particular in relation to the Academy's own history and activities.
- Advises on resources required for the augmentation, maintenance and promotion of the Academy's collections.

**Reporting:** Responsible to Council.

**Specific collaborative links with other committees:** Communications and Engagement Committee, in respect of projects to promote the use and display of the Academy's collections.

**Meetings in 2024-25:** 17 October 2024, 13 March 2025.

### **Membership for 2024-25**

*Chair:* Professor Sir David Cannadine FBA  
Professor Dawn Ades FBA, *Chair, Art Committee*  
Liz Jolly (*external member*)  
Revd Professor Diarmaid MacCulloch Kt  
Dr Elizabeth Shepherd (*external member*)  
Professor William Whyte (*external member*)  
Dr William Zachs (*external member*)  
*Secretary:* Dr Sharon Messenger, *Archivist, Librarian and Curator*

*Staff contact for all matters relating to the Archive, Library and Art collections:*  
Dr Sharon Messenger, Archivist, Librarian and Curator  
(s.messenger@thebritishacademy.ac.uk)

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## The Archive

The Academy holds an archive dating from its foundation in 1902 to the present. The Archive contains significant collections of papers of some Fellows, such as the archaeologist Sir Mortimer Wheeler, and the Hungarian-born British archaeologist Sir Aurel Stein, primarily known for his explorations in Central Asia. The Archive also contains papers that tell the institutional history of the Academy, including those of Sir Frederic Kenyon (President 1917-21, Secretary 1930-49), and of Doris Pearson (who became the first salaried member of staff in 1928). And a collection of papers of Sir Kenneth Dover (President 1978-81) formed the basis of the book *A Question of Retribution? The British Academy and the Matter of Anthony Blunt* (ed. David Cannadine, 2020).

### Accessing the Archive

The majority of the archive has been catalogued, but the archive catalogue is not yet available online. All archival enquiries should be directed to the Archivist, Librarian and Curator who will provide a search request and arrange an appointment to consult the archives.

### Information held on Fellows and GDPR

On election to the Academy, Fellows are asked to provide autobiographical information to be kept confidentially in the Archive. The information provided forms the core of a personal information file. The purpose of this private file is to keep a record of each Fellow's background, achievements, and personal and professional reflections. This is an opportunity for Fellows to give accurate information about themselves, in confidence, as a full record for posterity. By giving this full, frank and accurate information, Fellows can help shape what will be written and read about themselves and their work in the future, and provide a valuable primary resource for researchers. On the death of the Fellow, the autobiographical information will be made available to obituarists and other appropriate researchers on application to the Academy, and after a 30 year retention period will be transferred to the Archives collection for open consultation by future generations of researchers in the humanities and social sciences. Any Fellow with any questions, or any Fellow who would prefer that their personal information is destroyed, please contact the Archivist, Librarian and Curator:

s.messenger@thebritishacademy.ac.uk

## The Library

The Library holds a unique collection of books relating to the humanities and social sciences. Roughly half the books are by former British Academy award holders, and therefore form a vivid representation of the research that the Academy has supported over the years. The other half are books written by Fellows of the British Academy, providing a record of the fine scholarship represented within the Fellowship.

### The Library

As of October 2024 the Library will be functional, and Fellows wishing to borrow or consult books can do so in the new Fellows' Room. The entire Collection has been returned to Carlton House Terrace, but books are dotted around the building. Any enquiries should be addressed to the Archivist, Librarian and Curator, Dr Sharon Messenger

s.messenger@thebritishacademy.ac.uk

## Art collection

The art on display at the British Academy includes paintings, drawings, limited edition prints, photographs, sculpture, ceramics, textiles and digital works. The pieces derive from a variety of sources: loans, donations, bequests, commissions and purchase. Currently we have pieces on loan from the National Portrait Gallery, including portraits of Horatio Nelson and Baroness (Onora) O'Neill (President 2005-09). The most recent acquisition is a piece by the artist Hew Locke entitled *Raw Materials 27*, which was purchased as part of the building transformation project and unveiled at the Summer Showcase in July 2024. The display is dynamic and constantly changing. It aims to complement the historic character of the building, stimulate discussion, illustrate the history and work of the Academy, and create an attractive venue for Fellows, staff and visitors. As part of the Academy's 'opening up' initiative, the Academy's Art collection is available to view in the Bloomberg Connects digital guide from September 2024.

The Academy's Art collection is overseen by the *Art Committee*.

## Art Committee

### Remit:

Provides a source of expert advice on:

- developing the display of artwork in the public rooms and spaces of the Academy
- commissioning portraits of officers and Fellows, or other works to enhance the appearance of the Academy, as appropriate
- establishing relationships with artists, donors, galleries, lenders and other external contacts relevant to the display of artwork at the Academy
- ensuring good practice and compliance with loan agreements
- monitoring and advising on the conservation of the artwork
- the documentation of acquisitions and loans
- ensuring that a catalogue of the artwork is adequately maintained
- promoting the display through the Academy's website and published guides
- decoration, furnishing and appearance of the Academy's premises

**Reporting:** Responsible to the Heritage Committee.

**Meetings in 2024-25:** 14 Feb 2024, 4 July 2024, 21 November 2024, 14 February 2025

### Membership 2024-25

*Chair:* Professor Dawn Ades FBA

Professor Ian Christie FBA

Professor Briony Fer FBA FBA

Dr Peter Funnell, *external member*

Professor Christopher Green

Professor Charlotte Hodes, *external member*

Professor Martin Kemp FBA

Professor Annette Kuhn FBA

Professor Dorothy Price FBA

Dame Rosalind Savill FBA

Dame Marina Warner FBA

*Secretary:* Dr Sharon Messenger, *Archivist, Librarian and Curator*



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## Categories of Fellowship

### Fellows

Fellows are scholars who have ‘attained distinction in any of the branches of study which it is the object of the Academy to promote’, i.e. the humanities and the social sciences. Election is a mark of distinction, as only a very small number of scholars in any field are elected. Scholars must be habitually resident in the UK at the time of election.

Up to 52 elections are made in each year to the Fellowship. At AGM 2024 there were over 1,200 Fellows.

### International Fellows

International Fellows are scholars outside the UK who have ‘attained high international standing in any of the branches of study which it is the object of the Academy to promote’. Some familiarity with research in the UK is valuable, in order to facilitate a contribution to the work of the Academy, e.g. through assessments of candidates for election.

Up to 30 elections are made in each year to the International Fellowship. There are currently over 400 International Fellows.

### Honorary Fellows

Honorary Fellows are expected to have ‘contributed signally to the promotion of the purposes for which the Academy was founded’, either as persons of academic distinction in other fields whose work has a bearing on the humanities or social sciences; or as leading figures or philanthropists who have themselves done distinguished work in the Academy’s fields of interest or promoted or advanced the causes for which the Academy was founded.

Up to four Honorary Fellows may be elected in any one year. There are currently 50 Honorary Fellows.

## Sections

The British Academy is organised into 21 academic Sections. Each Fellow, on election, is assigned to membership of a Primary Section.

The Sections are organised into two Groups: Humanities and Social Sciences (see page 106).

### The Sections

#### Chair for 2024-25:

<b>CLA</b>	Classical Antiquity	Professor Timothy Whitmarsh
<b>TRS</b>	Theology and Religious Studies	Professor Nicholas de Lange
<b>AAME</b>	Africa, Asia and the Middle East *	Professor Dawn Chatty
<b>LAP</b>	Linguistics and Philology *	Professor Robyn Carston
<b>EML</b>	Early Modern Languages and Literatures to 1830	Professor Ingrid de Smet
<b>MLL</b>	Modern Languages, Literatures and other Media from 1830	Professor Regenia Gagnier
<b>ARC</b>	Archaeology	Professor Matthew Collins
<b>MED</b>	Medieval Studies	Professor Julia Barrow
<b>EMH</b>	Early Modern History to 1850	Professor Alexandra Walsham
<b>MH</b>	Modern History from 1850	Professor Peter Gatrell
<b>HAM</b>	History of Art and Music	Professor Jaś Elsner
<b>PHI</b>	Philosophy	Professor M M McCabe
<b>CMP</b>	Culture, Media and Performance *	Professor Simon Shepherd
<b>LAW</b>	Law	Professor Alan Norrie
<b>EEH</b>	Economics and Economic History	Professor Richard J Smith
<b>A&amp;G</b>	Anthropology and Geography	Professor Deborah James
<b>SDSS</b>	Sociology, Demography and Social Statistics	Professor John Scott
<b>POLIS</b>	Political Studies: Political Theory, Government and International Relations	Professor Cheryl Schonhardt-Bailey
<b>PSY</b>	Psychology	Professor Susan Michie
<b>MBS</b>	Management and Business Studies	Professor Charles Baden-Fuller
<b>EDU</b>	Education *	Professor Anna Vignoles

\* Indicates a hybrid Section, able to elect to either Group

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## Role of Sections

Sections have the following principal roles:

- Contribute to the life and work of the Academy, through learned discussion, and involvement in the Academy's programme of events, prizes and medals, international engagement, publications etc.
- Contribute to the effective distribution of funds, public and private, entrusted to the Academy for the support of research in the humanities and social sciences, in particular through named Section Co-ordinators or Officers for specific schemes.
- Contribute to the formulation of views to be taken by the Academy on matters of interest or concern, and to ways in which the insights of research and expertise can shed light on issues of debate or policy.
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## Groups

The 21 Sections are organised into two Groups: Humanities and Social Sciences.

Groups play a significant part in the electoral process, but also conduct other business falling within their disciplinary coverage. They meet in the autumn for planning and other purposes, and in spring to consider names for election put forward by Sections.

\* Indicates a hybrid Section, able to elect to either Group

### Humanities Group

**Meetings in 2024-25:** 5 November 2024, 29 April 2025.

#### **Membership for 2024-25:**

*Chair:* Professor Judith Still, *Vice-President (Humanities)*

CLA Classical Antiquity  
*Section Chair:* Professor Timothy Whitmarsh  
*Group Representative:* Professor Emily Gowers

TRS Theology and Religious Studies  
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*Group Representative:* Professor Alec Ryrie

AAME Africa, Asia and the Middle East\*  
*Section Chair:* Professor Dawn Chatty  
*Group Representative:* (tbc)

LAP Linguistics and Philology\*  
*Section Chair:* Professor Robyn Carston  
*Group Representatives:* Professor David Adger

EML Early Modern Languages and Literatures to 1830  
*Section Chair:* Professor Ingrid de Smet  
*Group Representative:* Professor Andrew Hadfield

MLL Modern Languages, Literatures and other Media from 1830  
*Section Chair:* Professor Regenia Gagnier  
*Group Representative:* Professor Pablo Mukherjee

ARC Archaeology  
*Section Chair:* Professor Matthew Collins  
*Group Representative:* Professor Nicky Milner

MED Medieval Studies  
*Section Chair:* Professor Julia Barrow  
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EMH Early Modern History to 1850  
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MH Modern History from 1850  
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*Group Representative:* Professor Alison Light

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CMP	Culture, Media and Performance* <i>Section Chair:</i> Professor Simon Shepherd <i>Group Representative:</i> Professor Ian Christie
EDU	Education * <i>Section Chair:</i> Professor Anna Vignoles <i>Group Representative:</i> Professor (tbc)

## Social Sciences Group

Meetings in 2024-25: 4 November 2024, 28 April 2025.

### **Membership for 2024-25:**

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LAP	Linguistics and Philology* <i>Section Chair:</i> Professor Robyn Carston <i>Group Representatives:</i> Professor Bencie Woll
CMP	Culture, Media and Performance* <i>Section Chair:</i> Professor Simon Shepherd <i>Group Representative:</i> Professor Felix Driver
LAW	Law <i>Section Chair:</i> Professor Alan Norrie <i>Group Representative:</i> (tbc)
EEH	Economics and Economic History <i>Section Chair:</i> Professor Richard J Smith <i>Group Representative:</i> Professor Carol Propper
A&G	Anthropology and Geography <i>Section Chair:</i> Professor Deborah James <i>Group Representative:</i> Professor Jonathan Rigg
SDSS	Sociology, Demography and Social Statistics <i>Section Chair:</i> Professor John Scott <i>Group Representative:</i> Professor Sylvia Walby
POLIS	Political Studies: Political Theory, Government and International Relations <i>Section Chair:</i> Professor Cheryl Schonhardt-Bailey <i>Group Representative:</i> (tbc)

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PSY	Psychology <i>Section Chair:</i> Professor Susan Michie <i>Group Representative:</i> Professor Martin Eimer
MBS	Management and Business Studies <i>Section Chair:</i> Professor Charles Baden-Fuller <i>Group Representative:</i> (tbc)
EDU	Education * <i>Section Chair:</i> Professor Anna Vignoles <i>Group Representative:</i> (tbc)

## Fellowship and Structures Committee

This is the body charged with general oversight of the structure of the Fellowship and the conduct of the electoral process.

### Remit:

- Keeps under review the representation within the Fellowship of the subjects that make up the humanities and social sciences, and recommends to Council any structural changes.
- Monitors the process of election to the Fellowship, and reports to Council, together with any recommendations for change.
- Considers the claims of persons whose work does not sufficiently fall within the purview of any one Section, and makes recommendations for election, directly to Council.

**Reporting:** Responsible to Council.

**Meetings in 2024-25:** Tuesday 19 November 2024, 11am, Tuesday 13 May 2025, 11am

### Membership for 2024-25

*Chair:* Professor Julia Black CBE, PBA, *President*  
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 Professor Dame Helen Wallace FBA  
*Secretary:* Marion Paterson, *Fellowship Manager*

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## Electoral process

The Academy's procedures are specified in detail in the *Guidance on Elections*, which is circulated to Fellows during the electoral cycle. The following is an overview of the process.

The prime criterion for election to the Fellowship of the Academy is academic distinction as reflected in scholarly research activity and publication. Only one or two scholars a year are elected in most fields, even though there may be several hundred scholars active in the field in question. The electoral process is therefore exacting and rigorous.

The maximum number of UK resident Fellows elected annually is 52.

Candidates for election are initially proposed in one of the following ways:

- by Section Standing Committees, which survey annually the field of potential candidates in their areas of research, monitor the balance of subject, gender, age and institution within the Section, and seek to extend their subject coverage whenever the intrinsic nature and the intellectual quality of the best work undertaken in a new field appear to justify an enlargement of the scope of the Section; they also sift the names put forward by individual Fellows
- by Fellows, setting out candidates' principal claims to election and main published works
- by the Fellowship and Structures Committee, which exists to consider the claims to election of scholars whose work does not sufficiently fall within the purview of any one Section
- by Vice-Chancellors and Principals of the universities in the UK and by the heads of related research organisations such as national museums, galleries, libraries and archives, who are invited to bring names to the attention of the Academy.

Fellows are required at all stages to be scrupulous in declaring any institutional interest or any personal connection with a candidate under consideration, and to respect the confidentiality of the process until after the AGM in July.

Once a formal Proposal Form has been completed, UK candidates are invited to consent to their data being held, and to let the Academy have a summary curriculum vitae for circulation and a full CV for reference.

Sections then meet in October to agree the names to be put to ballot within each Section. Sections also agree the names of assessors. The case for election and the particular distinction of each candidate is sent to assessors. The reports of assessors, scholars of international standing in the candidate's field, supply an independent judgment to supplement and inform the deliberations of the Section.

A secret ballot is then conducted within each Section in February. Sections meet in March to study the ballot results and to make recommendations to the Humanities and Social Sciences Groups (consisting of representatives of Sections – see page 78), which are responsible for ensuring consistency across Sections. Recommendations from both Groups and from the Fellowship and Structures Committee are considered and discussed by the Academy's Council in June, which agrees a list of names to be nominated for election to the Annual General Meeting of Fellows in July.

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# The history of the Academy

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## A brief history

### Foundation

As moves were made in 1899 to found an International Association of Academies, it was realised that, while Britain was appropriately represented in 'Natural Science' by the Royal Society, there was no British academy that could represent 'Literary Science'. In summer and autumn 1901 various distinguished scholars met in order to take independent action in the matter. The 'proposed Fellows of the British Academy' met for the first time as such on 17 December 1901. The Academy received its Charter of Incorporation from Edward VII on 8 August 1902, the eve of his coronation.

### 1902–1930: the Gollancz years

Without the support of Government funding, the Academy achieved a remarkable amount in its early years, largely through the energies of Sir Israel Gollancz, the first Secretary of the Academy, in securing private endowments and in promoting wider awareness of the new body. A healthy programme of academic meetings was developed, with ten named lecture series established. There was an active publications programme. And the Academy sought to undertake or participate in long-term national and international research projects. Gollancz's efforts were finally rewarded when the Academy was awarded a modest annual grant from the Treasury in 1924, and when the Academy was able to move into its first permanent home in Burlington Gardens in 1928.

### 1930–1949: the Kenyon years

The economic crises of the 1930s and then the Second World War led to a reduction in the Government's funding of the Academy. Many of the Academy's activities slowed or stopped altogether in this period, and there were few new initiatives.

### 1949–1968: the Wheeler years

Another dynamic Secretary (Sir Mortimer Wheeler) led to another explosion in Academy activity. New lecture series were established, the publications programme was boosted, and many long-term research undertakings were embarked upon. The funding position was dramatically improved, the Academy for the first time securing significant funds (first private, then public) to be able to award research grants in the humanities. And the Academy became the channel through which funds were allocated to the British Schools and Institutes abroad. At the end of 1968, the Academy moved into new quarters in Burlington House.

### 1969–1980

The new Secretary, Derek Allen, started to put in place the administrative machinery to handle and build on the various initiatives that Wheeler had put in train; Allen himself was followed by the first Secretary to be a full-time salaried employee rather than a Fellow of the Academy. More funds were received for research grants from the University Grants Committee, as the Academy increasingly began to take on the role of a *de facto* Humanities Research Council. The 1970s also saw the development of the Academy's international programmes — in particular, exchanges with the Soviet bloc and China.

### The 1980s

As well as the Academy's move into larger premises in Cornwall Terrace, the 1980s saw the onward development of the Academy as a funding agency. There was a dramatic expansion in schemes offering research posts — Research Readerships (1981), Postdoctoral Fellowships (1986), Leverhulme Senior Research Fellowships (1989). And in 1984 the Academy took over from the Department of Education and Science the administration of its scheme for Postgraduate Studentships in the Humanities.



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### **The 1990s**

The 1990s saw the Academy recast itself. After its failure to persuade Government to set up a Humanities Research Council in the early 1990s, the Academy distanced itself from this side of its activities by setting up its own Humanities Research Board in 1994 (with additional schemes, such as Research Leave); and then successfully participated in the foundation of the Arts and Humanities Research Board (1998). At the same time, it was strengthening its learned society role, with the creation of a programme of conferences, and the establishment of new lecture and publication series. In 1998 the Academy at last moved into premises in Carlton House Terrace that would enable it to fulfil its role as the national academy for the humanities and social sciences (in particular, the hosting of events).

### **The 2000s**

At the turn of the millennium, the Academy recognised that it needed to become a more outward-facing institution. A programme of public events and publications was developed – the Academy’s centenary in 2002 provided a particular opportunity to celebrate the vitality of British scholarship. The Academy also increasingly engaged in policy issues related to the general health of its disciplines, and championed arguments demonstrating the public value of investment in the humanities and social sciences.

### **The 2010s**

At the beginning of the decade, the Academy was able to expand into all the remaining spaces in its premises in 10-11 Carlton House Terrace; and with the further help of generous public and private support, the Academy continues to develop the best long-term use of its home. The Academy established a stronger role in bringing academic expertise to bear on matters of public policy. And both through its convening power and an enhanced role as a funder of research, the Academy developed programmes to address the great challenges of our time – nationally and internationally.

### **12 Decades**

To mark the Academy’s 120th anniversary in 2022, *12 Decades of the British Academy* provides a brief narrative overview of each decade, and then a focus on one particular aspect of the Academy that can be associated with that decade: [thebritishacademy.ac.uk/about/12-decades-of-the-british-academy/](https://thebritishacademy.ac.uk/about/12-decades-of-the-british-academy/)

## Presidents of the Academy

<b>1902-07</b>	The Rt Hon Lord Reay
<b>1907-09</b>	Sir E Maunde Thompson
<b>1909-10</b>	Mr S H Butcher
<b>1911-13</b>	Sir Adolphus W Ward
<b>1913-17</b>	The Rt Hon Viscount Bryce of Dechmont OM
<b>1917-21</b>	Sir Frederic G Kenyon
<b>1921-28</b>	The Rt Hon the Earl of Balfour OM
<b>1928-32</b>	The Rt Hon H A L Fisher OM
<b>1932-36</b>	Dr J W Mackail OM
<b>1936-40</b>	Sir W David Ross
<b>1940-46</b>	Sir John H Clapham
<b>1946-50</b>	Sir Harold I Bell
<b>1950-54</b>	Sir Charles K Webster
<b>1954-58</b>	Sir George N Clark
<b>1958-62</b>	Sir C Maurice Bowra CH
<b>1962-67</b>	Lord Robbins CH
<b>1967-71</b>	Sir Kenneth C Wheare
<b>1971-74</b>	Sir Denys L Page
<b>1974-78</b>	Sir Isaiah Berlin OM
<b>1978-81</b>	Sir Kenneth Dover
<b>1981-85</b>	The Revd Professor W O Chadwick OM
<b>1985-89</b>	Lord Quirk
<b>1989-93</b>	Sir Anthony Kenny
<b>1993-97</b>	Sir Keith Thomas
<b>1997-2001</b>	Sir Tony Wrigley
<b>2001-05</b>	Viscount Runciman of Doxford
<b>2005-09</b>	Baroness O'Neill CH
<b>2009-13</b>	Professor Sir Adam Roberts
<b>2013-17</b>	Baron Stern of Brentford CH
<b>2017-21</b>	Professor Sir David Cannadine
<b>2021-</b>	Professor Julia Black CBE

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# Charter, Bye-laws, Regulations

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## Charter of Incorporation

The British Academy's Royal Charter was granted on 8 August 1902 by His Majesty Edward VII. Supplemental Charters were allowed by Her Majesty the Queen on 11 March 1960, 17 June 1980, and 19 December 2002. An edited version is printed here.

(The full text listing all the names of the Founding Fellows in paragraph 1 is available at [thebritishacademy.ac.uk/about/charter-british-academy](http://thebritishacademy.ac.uk/about/charter-british-academy))

WHEREAS certain of Our subjects, members of a society called The British Academy for the Promotion of Historical, Philosophical, and Philological Studies, whose names are herein set forth, have petitioned for a charter of incorporation such as is in and by these presents granted:

And whereas We are minded to comply with the prayer of their petition:

Now therefore, We, of Our especial grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, do hereby for Us, Our heirs and successors, will, grant, direct, appoint, and declare as follows:

1. ...and all such persons as now are or may hereafter become members of the said society, according to the provisions of these presents, shall for ever hereafter be, by virtue of these presents, one body politic and corporate by the name of 'The British Academy for the Promotion of Historical, Philosophical, and Philological Studies,' and by that name shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, and may take and hold any lands, tenements, or hereditaments situate within Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and may grant, demise, alien, charge or otherwise dispose of all or any of the lands, tenements and hereditaments belonging to the Academy.
2. The objects of the Academy are the promotion of the study of the humanities and social sciences.
3. The members of the Academy shall be called Fellows.
4. The persons herein-before named shall be the first Fellows.
5. There shall be a President and a Council of the Academy. The President and the Council shall be elected by the Fellows from amongst their own number.
6. New Fellows shall be elected at a General Meeting of the Fellows, from among persons who have attained distinction in some one or more of the branches of scientific study which it is the object of the Academy to promote. Provided always that, in cases where the Council is of the opinion that in the interests of the advancement of the objects of the Academy it is desirable to elect Fellows who do not closely conform with this condition, the Council may recommend for election by the Fellows persons who in their opinion are such that their election will be of signal benefit to the Academy, and persons so recommended may be elected at a General Meeting of the Fellows, but so that the total number of Fellows who have been elected by virtue of this proviso shall not at any time exceed four.
7. The Government of the Academy shall be vested in the Council and in the Fellows assembled in General Meeting.
8. The Academy may elect Honorary and International Fellows, but an Honorary or International Fellow shall have no voice in the management of the affairs of the Academy or in the election of new Fellows.

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9. The Council shall make such Bye-Laws and regulations as appear to be required for regulating, subject to the provisions of these presents, the constitution of the Academy and the management of the affairs thereof, and may repeal, alter or add to any Bye-Laws or regulations so made.
  10. The Council may by resolution passed at any meeting by not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting (being an absolute majority of the whole number of the members of the Council) and confirmed by not less than two-thirds of the Fellows present and voting thereon at a General Meeting in accordance with the procedure prescribed by the Bye-Laws revoke, amend or add to any of the provisions of this Our Charter and such revocation, amendment or addition shall when allowed by Us, Our Heirs or Successors in Council become effectual so that this Our Charter shall thenceforward continue and operate as though it had been originally granted and made accordingly. This provision shall apply to this Our Charter as revoked, amended or added to in manner aforesaid.

Provided always that the said Bye-Laws shall not be in any manner repugnant to the laws and Statutes of this Realm and provided also that the said Bye-Laws and any revocation alteration or amendment thereof shall not be of any force or effect until the same shall have been allowed by the Lords of our Privy Council of which allowance a certificate under the hand of the Clerk of our Privy Council shall be conclusive evidence.

In Witness whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made patent.

Witness Ourselves at Westminster the Eighth Day of August in the second year of Our reign.

By Warrant under the King's Sign Manual

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Muir Mackenzie  
SEAL

## Bye-Laws

The original Bye-Laws of the British Academy were allowed by the Lords of the Privy Council in an order dated 5 February 1903. The Bye-Laws were revised and consolidated during 1976 and allowed by the Lords of Council on 21 June 1976. Further amendments have been allowed since then.

### Fellows

#### Classes

- 1.1 The Fellowship of the Academy shall include Fellows, International Fellows and Honorary Fellows as may from time to time be elected in accordance with the Charter and these Bye-Laws, and those Fellows who have chosen to transfer to Emeritus Fellowship.
- 1.2 In what follows (unless specified to the contrary) 'Fellow' refers to a Fellow other than a International Fellow, Honorary Fellow or Emeritus Fellow.

#### Eligibility

- 2.1 A person may be elected a Fellow if he or she:-
  - 2.1.1 has attained distinction in any of the branches of study which it is the object of the Academy to promote;
  - 2.1.2 is, in the judgment of the Council, whose decision on the matter shall be final, habitually resident in the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands.

#### Numbers

3. The number of Fellows (other than International and Honorary Fellows) elected in any one year shall be subject to a limit agreed by a general meeting of Fellows on the recommendation of Council.

#### Emeritus Fellows

4. Any Fellow who indicates, at a time of his or her own choosing, after an age specified by Council, that he or she wishes to take no further active part in the work of the Academy, shall receive the title of 'Emeritus Fellow' and shall cease to be liable to the duties of Fellowship. Emeritus Fellows shall in other respects retain the rights and privileges of Fellowship.

#### Duties

5. It shall be the duty of a Fellow to comply with such requirements as are agreed by a general meeting of Fellows on the recommendation of Council.

#### Subscription

- 6.1 Each Fellow shall pay such annual subscription as may from time to time be determined by a general meeting of the Fellows of the Academy: provided that in special cases the Council may remit the annual subscription.
- 6.2 The annual subscription shall be due on a date agreed by Council.
- 6.3 A person shall not become a Fellow until he or she has paid the first subscription due from him or her under this Bye-Law.
- 6.4 If the annual subscription of a Fellow is in arrears for more than one year the Council may, if it does not receive a satisfactory explanation for non-payment, remove his or her name from the list of Fellows, and thereupon he or she will cease to be a Fellow subject to the power of the Council to reinstate him or her if thought fit.

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- 6.5 Fellows who have reached an age agreed by the Fellows in general meeting on the recommendation of Council shall not be liable to pay any annual subscription but shall have all the rights and privileges of Fellows.

**Gifts**

- 7.1 The Academy shall make no dividend or gift to Fellows of any category; but this shall not prevent them from:-
- 7.1.1 receiving from the Academy lecture fees, prizes or research grants;
- 7.1.2 being appointed to research posts;
- 7.1.3 being reimbursed expenses incurred on Academy business; or
- 7.1.4 being remunerated in accordance with other provisions of these Bye-Laws.
- 7.2 Any Fellow who has an actual or potential conflict of interest in relation to any Academy business shall declare it and shall comply with Academy policies in relation to the business in question.
- 7.3 No Fellow shall participate in any decision to be made within the Academy relating to the nomination of lecturers, the award of prizes or medals, or the making of research appointments or research grants if he or she is a candidate or should reasonably anticipate that he or she may become a candidate.

**International Fellows**

- 8.1 A person may be elected a International Fellow if he or she:-
- 8.1.1 has attained high international standing in any of the branches of study which it is the object of the Academy to promote; and
- 8.1.2 is, in the judgment of the Council, whose decision on the matter shall be final, not habitually resident in the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands.
- 8.2 The number of International Fellows elected in any one year shall be subject to a limit agreed by a general meeting of Fellows on the recommendation of Council.

**Transfer from International Fellowship**

- 9.1 The Council may, on the recommendation of a Section, agree to the request of an International Fellow who has become habitually resident in the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands to become a Fellow, and on such transfer being agreed the person concerned shall cease to be a International Fellow and become a Fellow and subject to the provisions of these Bye-Laws accordingly. In the event of the person concerned resuming habitual residency outside the UK, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands, the Council may, on the recommendation of the Section, agree to the request of the Fellow to resume being a International Fellow. Transfer from Fellowship to International Fellowship is not otherwise available.
- 9.2 Transfers or resumptions under this Bye-Law shall not constitute elections for the purposes of Bye-Law 3 above.

**Honorary Fellows**

- 10.1 A person may be elected an Honorary Fellow if he or she has contributed signally to the promotion of the purposes for which the Academy was founded.

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- 10.2 Honorary Fellows shall be either:-
- 10.2.1 persons of academic distinction in fields other than those specified within Article 2 of the Charter whose work has a bearing on the humanities or social sciences; or
- 10.2.2 leading figures or philanthropists who have themselves done distinguished work in the Academy's field of interest or promoted or advanced the causes for which the Academy was founded.
- 10.3 The number of Honorary Fellows elected in any one year shall be subject to a limit agreed by a general meeting of Fellows on the recommendation of Council.
- 10.4 Without prejudice to his or her rights and privileges as a Fellow, every Fellow elected in accordance with the proviso to Article 6 of the Charter shall for all the purposes of these Bye-Laws be treated upon election as an Honorary Fellow and as being excepted from all provisions which relate to Fellows and not to Honorary Fellows.

### **General Meeting**

- 11.1 A general meeting of the Fellows (called the Annual General Meeting) shall be held each year at a time fixed by the Council.
- 11.2 Other general meetings of the Fellows may be held as determined from time to time by the Council.
- 11.3 A general meeting shall also be called within three months of a request being made to the Chief Executive in writing signed by a minimum of 50 Fellows drawn from at least three Sections.
- 11.4 At least twenty-one days before the date fixed for the general meetings of the Fellows the Council shall give or despatch by ordinary post (or where the Fellow has previously consented in writing to receive such communication in electronic form, then in electronic form) to each Fellow written notice of the time and place of the general meeting of the Fellows and of the business, including any resolution, to be transacted thereat: provided that no proceedings at any such meetings shall be invalidated by any accidental failure to comply with this requirement.
- 11.5 International, Honorary and Emeritus Fellows may attend a general meeting of the Fellows but shall not be entitled to vote thereat.

### **Expulsion**

- 12.1 If the Council so recommends the Fellows at a general meeting may remove the name of a person from the list of Fellows (of any category) on the ground that he or she is not a fit and proper person to be a Fellow.
- 12.2 A Fellow liable to expulsion shall have the right to be heard before the Council and at the general meeting in his or her own defence.

### **Officers**

- 13.1 The Officers of the Academy shall be the President, the Treasurer, and such other Vice-Presidents as may be agreed by a general meeting of Fellows on the recommendation of Council.
- 13.2 At each Annual General Meeting the Officers shall be elected to hold office from the Annual General Meeting next following until the Annual General Meeting next after that.
- 13.3 An Officer who will have completed four years in office shall not be nominated for the ensuing year unless the notice summoning the Annual General Meeting draws attention to the exceptional nature of the proposal.



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- 13.4 The notice summoning the Annual General Meeting shall name the candidates proposed by the Council for election to each of the offices to be filled at the meeting; but any two Fellows may propose and second any other candidate provided that the Chief Executive receives written notice of their intention and of the candidate's consent at least seven days before the date fixed for the meeting.
- 13.5 In the absence of the President one of the Vice-Presidents shall be nominated by the President (or if the President is unable or unwilling to act in due time, by the Vice-Presidents) to act as the President's deputy. The nominated Vice-President shall have all the powers that the President would have if present.
- 13.6 If during his or her term of office any Officer dies, resigns or, in the opinion of the Council, becomes incapacitated the Council may fill the office until the next Annual General Meeting, when an election shall be made for the ensuing year.

#### **Treasurer**

14. The Treasurer shall in conjunction with the Chief Executive be responsible for all receipts and payments by or on behalf of the Academy, and shall have such assistance as the Council may from time to time approve: provided that any payment exceeding twenty thousand pounds or such sum as the Council may from time to time determine, whichever is less, shall be reported to the Council. The Treasurer shall bear the title of Vice-President for as long as he or she shall hold that office.

#### **Chief Executive**

- 15.1 The Council may appoint any person (whether a Fellow or not) to be Chief Executive for such period and on such terms as to remuneration and otherwise as the Council thinks fit.
- 15.2 The Chief Executive shall have such duties and powers as may be agreed from time to time by the Council.

#### **Council**

##### **Membership**

- 16.1 The Council shall consist of the Officers and fifteen Ordinary Members, who shall be Fellows.
- 16.2 Five Ordinary Members shall be elected each year at the Annual General Meeting, and each such Member shall serve for a term of three years.
- 16.3 An Ordinary Member who has completed the term for which he or she was elected, or who has been appointed under Bye-Law 17.2, shall be ineligible for re-election as an Ordinary Member for the ensuing year.
- 16.4 Candidates for election as Ordinary Members shall be proposed in the manner prescribed for the Officers by Bye-Law 13.4.

##### **Vacancies**

- 17.1 The Council may act notwithstanding any vacancy or vacancies in its body.
- 17.2 The Council may fill casual vacancies in its body caused by resignation, death, incapacity or other just cause; and the person filling the vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the term of the Member whose place he or she fills.

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**Quorum**

18. Except as provided by Bye-Law 29, five Members shall be a quorum at meetings of the Council.

**Casting vote**

19. If at a meeting of the Council the votes are equal the President shall have a second or casting vote.

**Power to Transfer Funds in Furtherance of Objects**

20. The Council shall have power to transfer funds to other institutions or authorities in furtherance of the objects of the Academy, as described in Article 2 of the Charter.

**Committees**

- 21.1 There shall be a Standing Committee of Council, an Audit Committee, a Fellowship and Structures Committee and such other Committees as Council sees fit to create from time to time.
- 21.2 The Standing Committee of Council shall comprise the Officers at the relevant time.
- 21.3 The membership of the Audit Committee, the Fellowship and Structures Committee and other Committees shall be appointed by the Council. The Audit Committee shall include expertise from outside the Fellowship.
- 21.4 The remit of the Standing Committee of Council, the Audit Committee and the Fellowship and Structures Committee shall be as agreed by the Fellows in a general meeting on the recommendation of Council.
- 21.5 The remit of any other Committee created by Council shall be determined by Council.

**Sections and Groups**

**The Sections**

22. There shall be Sections of the Academy which represent the different branches of study which it is the object of the Academy to promote; and the number of Sections and the purview of each shall be as from time to time determined by the Council.

**Membership**

23. Each Fellow shall be a member of at least one Section. International, Honorary and Emeritus Fellows shall not be members of any Section, but will be affiliated to a Section. Subject to these provisions the membership of each Section shall be as from time to time determined by the Council.

**Meetings**

- 24.1 Each Section shall meet twice every year, at such times as the Council determines.
- 24.2 The Council shall summon additional meetings of any Section or Sections if the business of the Academy requires it.
- 24.3 Each Section shall once a year elect a Chairman who shall serve for the year following the next Annual General Meeting.

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### **The Groups**

- 25.1 The Council may from time to time establish Groups which shall consist of representatives of particular Sections. The Groups shall meet at such intervals as the Council may from time to time direct for the purpose of advising the Council on the relative merits of the claims of those persons recommended by the Sections for election having particular regard to the desirability of ensuring that distinction in all branches of study which it is the object of the Academy to promote is fairly recognised, and to discharge such other functions as the Council may from time to time decide.
- 25.2 Nothing in this Bye-Law shall derogate from the functions of the Council or of the Fellows assembled in general meeting as provided in the following provisions of these Bye-Laws and in the provisions of the Charter.

### **Elections**

#### **Procedure**

26. Election to the Fellowship (whether as Fellow, International or Honorary Fellow) shall be made only at a general meeting and only on the nomination of Council.

#### **Nomination**

- 27.1 The Council shall not nominate a person for election as a Fellow or International Fellow unless:-
- 27.1.1 that person has been recommended to the Council either by a Section in accordance with the Regulations made by Council in accordance with Bye-Law 28 and the Council has considered any advice tendered by any Group established under Bye-Law 25.1; and
- 27.1.2 at least three but not more than six Fellows have signed a certificate stating that the signatories are, from their own knowledge of the person proposed or of his or her work, of opinion that he or she is a fit and proper person to be a Fellow of the Academy in accordance with Article 6 of the Charter.
- 27.2 In making any nominations for the election of Honorary Fellows the Council shall consider any recommendations for the purpose made by the Fellowship and Structures Committee or by any Section.

#### **Recommendation by Sections**

28. The process to be followed by Sections in making recommendations to Council for elections shall be as specified from time to time by Council in Regulations.

#### **Quorum for Nominations**

29. Every nomination for election as a Fellow, International or Honorary Fellow shall be agreed upon at a meeting of the Council at which at least one-half of its members are present.

### **Transactions**

#### **Delegation**

30. The Council may revocably delegate to agents and other persons the discharge of such functions as it may specify on such terms as to remuneration and otherwise as the Council may from time to time determine.

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**Moneys**

- 31.1 All moneys received by or on behalf of the Academy shall be paid into an account at a bank or banks approved by the Council.
- 31.2 The Treasurer, under the general direction of the Council, shall lay out any moneys not immediately required in the purchase of securities approved by law for the investment of trust moneys or of such other securities as the Council may from time to time approve.

**Accounts**

- 32.1 The Treasurer shall for each year cause to be prepared accounts of the income and expenditure and of the assets and liabilities of the Academy as at the 31st March or such other date as the Council directs; and these accounts shall be audited by the Auditor or Auditors to the Academy.
- 32.2 A copy of the audited accounts shall be sent to each Fellow before the Annual General Meeting and the audited accounts shall be submitted to that meeting for approval.

**Auditors**

33. Each Annual General Meeting shall appoint one or more persons, duly qualified in the terms of section 25 of the Companies Act 1989 or any subsequent legislation, to be Auditor or Auditors to the Academy and the Council shall be authorised to fix his, her or their remuneration.

**Sealing**

- 34.1 Except in case of urgency every deed or writing to which the Common Seal of the Academy is to be affixed shall be passed and sealed in Council.
- 34.2 In case of urgency between meetings of the Council any such deed or writing may be passed and sealed by the order and in the presence of the President or a Vice-President or the Treasurer together with another member of the Council and the Chief Executive, and any such sealing shall be reported to the Council at the next meeting.

**Indemnity**

35. Officers and Fellows, International Fellows, Honorary Fellows and Emeritus Fellows of the British Academy shall be entitled to be indemnified out of the funds of the Academy for all liabilities incurred whilst acting reasonably and in good faith on the business of the Academy.

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## Regulations

Pursuant to the Charter and Bye-Laws, Council has adopted the Regulations listed below:

### **Regulation 1. Numbers of Fellows (other than International and Honorary Fellows)**

The number of Fellows (other than International and Honorary Fellows) elected in any one year shall not exceed 52.

### **Regulation 2. Emeritus Fellows**

The age relevant to eligibility for Emeritus Fellowship is 70.

### **Regulation 3. Subscription**

The annual subscription shall be due on 1 January in each year. The age after which a 50% discount applies is 65, and no subscription is payable after age 70.

### **Regulation 4. Duties of Fellowship**

The duties of Fellows are:

- (i) To attend, unless reasonably prevented, all meetings of the Council (if a member) and all meetings of any Section or Committee of which he or she is a member
- (ii) To participate in any ballot; and
- (iii) When he or she cannot attend a Section meeting, to communicate to the Chairman his or her views on the principal items of business
- (iv) To contribute as best he or she may be able to the work of the Academy, e.g. in the assessment of applications for funding support

### **Regulation 5. International Fellows**

Not more than 30 International Fellows may be elected in any one year.

### **Regulation 6. Honorary Fellows**

Not more than four Honorary Fellows may be elected in any one year.

### **Regulation 7. Officers**

In addition to (i) the President and (ii) the Treasurer, the Officers of the Academy are the following:

- (iii) *Foreign Secretary & Vice President*  
The Foreign Secretary & Vice President shall have overall responsibility for international engagement, and negotiate with foreign academies and other institutions for academic visits and exchanges and such other forms of international collaboration as may promote the objects of the Academy. The Foreign Secretary shall bear the title of Vice-President for as long as he or she shall hold that office.
- (iv) *Vice-President (Publishing and Conferences)*  
The Vice-President (Publishing and Conferences) shall, in conjunction with the Treasurer on financial questions, be responsible for all matters appertaining to publication by, or with the authority of, the Academy.
- (v) *Vice-President (Research and Higher Education Policy)*  
The Vice-President (Research and HE Policy) shall have overall responsibility for the conduct and development of the Academy's research policy and programmes, and for the Academy's positions on matters of higher education policy.

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- (vi) *Vice-President (British International Research Institutes)*  
The Vice-President (British International Research Institutes) shall be responsible for the distribution of funding to and overseeing the work and development of the institutions sponsored by the Academy, with particular regard to those activities supported with funding from the Academy.
  - (vii) *Vice-President (Public Engagement)*  
The Vice-President (Public Engagement) shall have overall responsibility for the Academy's communications, external relations and activities contributing to the public appreciation and understanding of scholarship and research.
  - (viii) *Vice-President (Public Policy)*  
The Vice-President (Public Policy) shall have overall responsibility for the work and positions taken by the Academy on matters of public policy.
  - (ix) *Vice-President (Humanities)*  
The Vice-President (Humanities) shall provide leadership for and within the Academy on behalf of humanities disciplines and have overall responsibility for ensuring effective representation of humanities scholarship within the Academy.
  - (x) *Vice-President (Social Sciences)*  
The Vice-President (Social Sciences) shall provide leadership for and within the Academy on behalf of social science disciplines and have overall responsibility for ensuring effective representation of social science expertise within the Academy.

#### **Regulation 8. Chief Executive**

The Chief Executive has the following duties and powers:

The Chief Executive:

- (i) Shall, unless unavoidably prevented or dispensed by the President for good cause, attend all meetings of the Council and such other meetings of committees or other bodies of the Academy as the Council decides
- (ii) Shall in conjunction with the Treasurer conduct and manage the Academy's business in accordance with the policies and procedures from time to time prescribed by the Council, and
- (iii) May with the approval of the Council and the Treasurer engage staff to assist in the conduct and management of the Academy's business

#### **Regulation 9. Committees**

Council will annually publish the remits and membership of Council Committees.

The remits of the following three Committees are as follows:

- (i) *Standing Committee of Council*  
The Standing Committee of Council, chaired by the President, meets regularly and advises Council on the Academy's strategic objectives and progress, takes responsibility for public statements in the name of the Academy, consulting with Council and the Fellowship as appropriate, and advises the Treasurer and Chief Executive on the management of the Academy's business and resources.
- (ii) *Audit Committee*  
The Audit Committee monitors the Academy's financial statements, corporate governance, financial and risk management and related matters, oversees a programme of internal audit and advises Council on the appointment of external auditors and other relevant matters.

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(iii) *Fellowship and Structures Committee*

The Fellowship and Structures Committee:

- (a) Reviews the representation within the Fellowship of the subjects that make up the humanities and social sciences, and recommends to Council any structural changes
- (b) Monitors the process of election to the Fellowship, and reports to Council, together with any recommendations for change
- (c) Considers the claims of persons whose work does not fall sufficiently within the purview of any one Section, and makes recommendations for election, directly to Council

**Regulation 10. Recommendations by Sections**

Council will annually publish guidance on elections, to be followed by Fellows, Sections, Groups and the Fellowship and Structures Committee.

**Regulation 11. Procedures concerning allegations of misconduct**

1. This Regulation contains procedures designed to be implemented in the event of an allegation of misconduct against a Fellow or Fellows.
2. This Regulation supplements Bye-Law 12, and supplies the procedures that will be followed in the event of concerns about misconduct by a Fellow.
3. The Academy has no statutory authority over its Fellows, nor is it their employer. Nevertheless it is a nationally recognised body with a royal charter and it receives substantial public resources and private endowments. Its commitment to excellence implies a responsibility to maintain the highest standards of scholarly conduct among its Fellows and to have procedures in place in the event of any allegations of misconduct.
4. Bye-Law 12 refers to each Fellow being a 'fit and proper person'. These procedures are based on the view, traditional within the Academy, that the wording in the Bye-Laws is to be interpreted primarily in terms of scholarly fitness, and they focus on misconduct liable to be injurious to the character or interests of the Academy.
5. These procedures concern allegations of misconduct by Fellows. They do not cover 'statements of dissatisfaction with the level of service provided' by the Academy (the Cabinet Office definition of complaints), nor concerns about an Academy policy position (e.g. that a policy position is discriminatory), nor alleged misconduct of staff or of funded academics or organisations, save where alleged misconduct of a Fellow is involved. Other mechanisms exist to address these matters.
6. The Academy's Council has responsibility for disciplinary matters and the duty to ensure that fair procedures are followed. The Council delegates its powers to the persons and bodies named in this Regulation. Where any such person has a conflict of interest, the President will appoint an alternative. Where the President is the object of a complaint or is conflicted, the Vice-President (Humanities or Social Sciences, as relevant) will act in his/her place.

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## Standards of conduct expected

7. Fellows are elected for distinction in, or for their commitment to, research and scholarship, and, upon their election, are expected to obey the Academy's regulations and to maintain the highest standards of scholarly and professional conduct. For example, this includes refraining from the following:
  - i) Abuse of office as an elected Officer or chair or member of a Committee
  - ii) Interference with the due process for the distribution of grants, selection of lecturers, award of prizes etc.
  - iii) Interference with the due process for election of Fellows
  - iv) Failure to declare a material conflict of interest
  - v) Causing damage or loss to Academy property or resource
  - vi) Making a public statement, without authorisation, purporting to be in the name of the Academy
  - vii) Inappropriate behaviour (e.g. bullying, discrimination or sexual harassment)
  - viii) Financial impropriety.
8. *Public values:* The Nolan principles were established for those involved in public service or members of public bodies. The Academy is not in this sense a public body, but it is entrusted with public funds and functions for the public good, and endeavours to act in accordance with the highest standards. The Nolan principles (selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership) frame the responsibilities of Fellows' work for the Academy and the Academy expects Fellows to display adherence to them:
  - *Selflessness:* Fellows should take decisions solely in furtherance of the Academy's objectives. They should not do so in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family, or their friends.
  - *Integrity:* Fellows should not place themselves under any financial or other obligation to outside individuals or organisations that might influence them in the performance of their Academy responsibilities.
  - *Objectivity:* In carrying out Academy business, including making appointments, awarding contracts, or recommending individuals for appointments, awards, prizes, etc, Fellows should make choices on merit.
  - *Accountability:* Fellows are accountable for their decisions and actions to the Academy and must submit themselves to whatever scrutiny is appropriate to their role or office.
  - *Openness:* Subject to the duty to observe confidentiality, Fellows should be as open as possible about the decisions and actions that they take. They should give reasons for their decisions and restrict information only when the interests of the Academy so require.
  - *Honesty:* Fellows have a duty to declare any private interests relating to their Academy responsibilities and to take steps to resolve any conflicts arising in a way that protects the Academy's interests and promotes public confidence.
  - *Leadership:* Fellows should promote and support these principles by leadership and example.



9. *Research and scholarly conduct:* The Academy is a signatory to the code of the UK Research Integrity Office, and expects Fellows to comply with the code ([ukrio.org/what-we-do/code-of-practice-for-research/](http://ukrio.org/what-we-do/code-of-practice-for-research/)). The UKRIO code summarises research misconduct thus (3.16.1):  
 Research misconduct includes, but is not limited to:
  - a) Fabrication
  - b) Falsification
  - c) Misrepresentation of data and/or interests and/or involvement
  - d) Plagiarism, and
  - e) Failures to follow accepted procedures or to exercise due care in carrying out responsibilities for:
    - i) Avoiding unreasonable risk or harm to humans, animals used in research, and the environment, and
    - ii) The proper handling of privileged or private information on individuals collected during research
10. *Activities related to scholarship:* Fellows in the Academy's disciplines often publish or broadcast materials (e.g. journalism) or engage in other communications (e.g. blog posts) which often draw on their scholarly expertise. They also from time to time engage in consultancy or contribute advice or expert opinion. Some are engaged in professional practice. The Academy expects Fellows to act in a way consistent with scholarly values in these activities as well as in strictly research activity.
11. *Teaching:* Fellows are also often teachers, supervisors or mentors, drawing on their scholarly standing. The Academy expects Fellows to conduct themselves in these activities with respect, integrity and honesty.

## Process

13. Once it is brought to the Academy's notice that there may exist a case of conduct inconsistent with the standards of conduct referred to in paragraphs 7–12 above, it will apply the following procedures.
14. Allegations, which may be made by non-Fellows or Fellows, must be made in writing and addressed to the Chief Executive. The Chief Executive will acknowledge receipt of the allegation, and for this purpose a name and contact details must be provided. The Academy seeks to protect complainants and Fellows from publicity, victimisation or harassment as a result of an allegation of misconduct being lodged. The Academy will aim, so far as possible, to investigate allegations in confidence and protect the identity of Fellows and complainants during the course of consideration of allegations. Communications with parties involved will be via the Chief Executive.
15. The Academy aims to deal with allegations of misconduct against Fellows in an expeditious manner, but it may on occasion be appropriate to await the outcome of an external process (e.g. a hearing by another organisation, or a court case).
16. For the purpose of dealing with allegations of misconduct against Fellows, the Council will appoint an Investigating Officer (IO). The IO will be a Fellow who is not a member of Council. The Investigating Officer, with the support of the Chief Executive and Fellowship Manager, will take the lead in handling issues that call for consideration, including whether there is a *prima facie* case to answer, and if so, proceeding as specified below.

17. The IO will be responsible for handling allegations in accordance with principles of fair procedure, seeking to conclude investigations effectively and in due time. The IO will exercise judgment, on a case by case basis, as to whether the matter under investigation is likely, if upheld, to warrant a modest or a serious sanction, and will ensure that all interested parties have the opportunity to be heard and to present their case, including representations on the proposed sanction.
18. *Initial assessment: Is there a prima facie case to answer?* On receipt of an allegation, or where a relevant matter is identified (e.g. as a result of action taken by others, such as a university, professional association or the courts), the Chief Executive will ask the IO to examine the matter, supported by the Chief Executive and Fellowship Officer. The Chief Executive will inform the Fellow in question that a complaint has been received and the process of investigation established. The IO will gather evidence and interview relevant parties, including any Fellow who is the subject of an allegation of misconduct. The IO will normally provide a report to the President within two months of receipt of the allegation.  
  
If the IO's finding is that there is no *prima facie* case to answer, or that the allegation of misconduct is frivolous or vexatious and not in the interests of the Academy to pursue, the President will report the outcome to Council and the Chief Executive will communicate accordingly to the parties concerned.
19. *Consideration and determination:* If the IO reports that there is a *prima facie* case to answer, then:
  - i) Where the matter appears to the IO to raise the possibility of a modest sanction only, then the IO will inform the President of the proposed sanction, who will report to Council
  - ii) Where the matter appears to raise the possibility of a serious sanction, the President will appoint the chair and members of a Misconduct Panel to consider the matter, and will report to Council that a Panel has been appointed.
20. *Determination by Misconduct Panel:* The Misconduct Panel will comprise three members, including an independent member, e.g. drawn from another academy or learned body. The IO will have responsibility for presenting the case to the Misconduct Panel, which may seek such evidence and hear from such persons as it thinks appropriate, including any complainants and Fellow/s against whom an allegation has been made. Secretariat to the Misconduct Panel will be supplied by the Chief Executive and Fellowship Officer. The Chief Executive will communicate to the Fellow and parties involved the nature of proceedings, evidence to be provided and the opportunity to be heard. A Fellow under investigation may be accompanied at a meeting of the Misconduct Panel by a third party, but the meeting may be held in the absence of the Fellow if, having been given reasonable notice, he or she fails to attend. The Misconduct Panel will be expected to make a report to the President on the outcome of the case on the balance of probabilities within three months of referral of a matter. Before issuing a finding on the proposed sanction the Panel may give the Fellow the right to make representations on that matter.
21. *Sanction:* If the IO or the panel upholds the complaint or finds against the Fellow in question in any respect, an appropriate sanction will be proposed. Sanctions may include one or more of the following:
  - i) Censure
  - ii) Requirement of action (e.g. retraction, apology, counselling)

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- iii) Monetary compensation for damage or loss to Academy property or resource
  - iv) Suspension of membership (or rights to participate in certain activities, e.g. holding office or taking part in elections) for a period
  - v) Such other actions as may seem appropriate, including communication of actions to relevant parties (e.g. employing university, professional associations)
  - vi) Expulsion from the Fellowship
22. Findings and recommended sanctions will be reported to Council by the President. Any recommendation of expulsion or other serious sanction will be brought to Council for confirmation.
23. *Appeal:* Any finding or sanction may be appealed by the Fellow in question. An appeal must be lodged with the Chief Executive within 30 days of communication of finding or sanction.
- i) An appeal against a modest sanction will trigger referral to the Misconduct Panel as outlined above.
  - ii) The President may accept a request for an appeal hearing from the determination of the misconduct panel if the Fellow provides fresh evidence that could not have been, or for good reason was not, made available at the time of the hearing, or evidence of significant procedural error on the part of the Investigating Officer or the panel before or during the hearing or on the part of Council following the hearing. The President has the discretion to take into account any other relevant grounds when deciding whether or not to accept a request for an appeal hearing.
24. Where a request for an appeal is accepted, the President will appoint a Misconduct Appeal Panel with new chair and members, including at least one independent member. The Chief Executive will communicate to the Fellow and parties involved information about the nature of the appeal proceedings, evidence to be provided and the opportunity to be heard. The IO will present the case to the Appeal Panel. The Appeal Panel will consider the matter within three months, determining whether the appeal is upheld, and if so whether any changes to sanctions are recommended. Before issuing a finding on the proposed sanction the Panel may give the Fellow the right to make representations on that matter. The Panel will issue a report to the President, who will report its findings to Council, which will consider whether to accept the recommendation of the Appeal Panel. There is no further appeal beyond the decision of Council, save where the sanction recommended is expulsion.
25. Where the proposed sanction is expulsion, the Fellow in question may, under Bye-Law 12, opt to appeal to the full Council and also to a General Meeting of the Fellowship. At the General Meeting the IO will present the case, and the Fellow will respond. The General Meeting will come to a view on the matter and the President will carry out the wishes of the General Meeting.

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## **British Academy Safeguarding Policy**

At the British Academy we believe that everyone has the right to live free from abuse of any kind. We have a responsibility to keep children and vulnerable adults safe and we are committed to protecting children and vulnerable adults in all of our activities. We will do everything in our power to ensure children and vulnerable adults who come into contact with the British Academy, in any capacity, are safeguarded and we expect all those that work with us to adhere to the principles set out in this policy. This policy applies to all Fellows, trustees, employees, contractors and anyone working pro bono for the British Academy and is based on the following principles:

- Safeguarding and promoting well-being and welfare means protecting the rights of adults to live in safety, free from abuse and neglect and protecting children from maltreatment; preventing impairment of health or development; ensuring they are growing up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care; and taking action to enable them to have the best outcomes.
- The well-being and welfare of children and vulnerable adults is paramount.
- No child or group of children must be treated any less favourably than others in being able to access services which meet their particular needs.
- A child is anyone under the age of 18 and a vulnerable adult is defined by the Care Act 2014 as an adult who has care and support needs and is experiencing (or being at risk of) abuse or neglect and they are unable to protect themselves because of those needs.

All people, regardless of age, ability, gender, ethnicity, religious belief, sexual orientation, culture or identity, have a right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse and no person or group of people should be treated less favourably than others in being able to access services which meet their particular needs.

- Some children and adults are additionally vulnerable because of the impact of previous experiences, their level of dependency, communication needs or other issues.
- Working in partnership with children and vulnerable adults, parents, carers and other agencies is essential in promoting children and vulnerable adults' welfare.
- Children and parents/those responsible for children will be informed of the policy and procedures as appropriate.
- All concerns, and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously by trustees and staff and responded to appropriately – this may require a referral to children's social care services, the independent Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) for allegations against a member of staff or a trustee, and in emergencies, the police.
- We have a commitment to safe recruitment, selection and vetting that include checks into the eligibility and the suitability of all trustees and staff where relevant.

The full policy, reporting and disclosure process can be read [here](#).

# Governance

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## Working with the Academy and serving on an Academy committee

The previous pages have listed the various areas of Academy activity, and the committees that are responsible for them. Our committees play a vital role in delivering the work of the Academy, and do so by bringing together the insights of the Fellowship along with external members and the Academy's own experts. Committees and their chairs are supported by Academy employees who act as the point of contact for committee communication and provide the operational support for the committee's work.

The Academy expects all Fellows to act in accordance the Academy's values (see page 11), both in their interactions with other committee members and its employees. Fellows are also expected to act in accordance with the Academy's Regulations on conduct and behaviour which includes expectations on conflicts of interest, inappropriate behaviour, anti-bullying and harassment, and anti-bribery (see page 127). Committee Chairs are responsible for ensuring that all members can contribute to meetings effectively and are treated with respect. Any issues concerning the conduct or behaviour of committee members in relation to other members or Academy employees may be raised with the chair, who will then be responsible for the escalation of these matters if required.

These expectations apply to all Fellows and their interactions with employees generally. Any issues concerning conduct or behaviour will be escalated to the relevant Director or the Chief Executive as appropriate.

Council formally makes appointments to Academy committees, seeking to ensure that there is a diverse spread of Fellows represented. In 2024, following the recommendation of an external review undertaken by Bayes Centre for Charity Effectiveness, Council agreed to establish a Governance & Nominations committee to review and oversee the process for appointing Fellows to Council and its sub-committees. More information on this will be shared with the Fellowship in 2024. In the meantime, we will continue to advertise committee vacancies via the Fellows' Newsletter throughout the year. Fellows interested either in serving on an Academy committee, or nominating someone else, are to contact the Chief Executive. If any Fellow has a specific interest and expertise in an area of the Academy's work, they are encouraged to contact Hetan Shah, Chief Executive at (h.shah@thebritishacademy.ac.uk) to discuss how they might become involved.

To undertake a review of council effectiveness, and Vacancies on Academy committees for the forthcoming academic year (i.e. following the AGM) are advertised annually in the papers for the March meetings of Sections. We will also advertise them in the Fellows' Newsletter throughout the year. Fellows interested either in serving on an Academy committee, or nominating someone else, are invited to contact the Chief Executive.

## Policy for the issuing of statements from the British Academy

### Introduction

As part of the Academy's role in public life, the organisation may occasionally issue statements to the public (via the media or digital channels) setting out a position on a particular topic. We may also issue a statement in response to an enquiry put to us by the media. These statements are issued as 'British Academy statements' and will either be attributed to the President, Vice President or Chief Executive or, less often, an unnamed spokesperson.

This policy outlines the process for making statements of these kind. The policy is owned by the Fellows-led Communications and Engagement Committee which is responsible for the Academy's Communications Strategy and ratified by Council, which is ultimately responsible for the Academy's reputation – a key risk in the Academy's Strategic Risk Register.

### Statements from the British Academy

Any public statement made in the name of the British Academy can only be issued by those authorised to do so. The role-holders with delegated authority from Council who are authorised to make statements on behalf of the Academy are:

- The President
- Vice-Presidents
- The Chief Executive

On occasion, a statement on behalf of the Academy may be attributed to a lead Fellow for a policy programme, but these are always approved by somebody from the authorised group above or are based on materials which have been so approved.

Individual Fellows and Sections do not have the authority to speak in the name of the Academy, such as issuing statements. For clarity, Sections or other groups. Fellows are not authorised to make a statement as a Section or as a group speaking as 'a Section of the British Academy' or 'as Fellows of the British Academy' or similar, as this could be understood externally as being a British Academy position. Should an individual Fellow, group of Fellows or Section wish for the Academy to consider issuing a statement, they should write to the Chief Executive who will take this through the approval processes. None of this is to stop statements being made by a Fellow of the British Academy or a group of Fellows, but it must be clearly made in a personal capacity. This is best achieved by the use of post-nominals, and not referencing the Academy in the statement itself.

### Initiation

A statement issued from the British Academy represents a significant public intervention. The Academy's reputation as a prestigious and influential organisation is in part due to the organisation not regularly providing commentary on current affairs. We are seen as an organisation that is considered, rational, non-partisan and evidence based and so when we do make statements, they carry weight. They should therefore be used rarely and reserved solely for extraordinary circumstances. Such statements may be suggested by the Fellowship, staff or stakeholders but ultimately it is for the President to decide, acting on the advice of the Communications and Engagement Committee and other committees as appropriate in the circumstances.

The statement will usually be drafted by the Communications team in collaboration with specialists on the staff and within the Fellowship, as much as time allows. As noted above, Fellows who wish to suggest a topic on which the Academy might consider making a statement should write in the first instance to the Chief Executive.

### Approval process

When there are existing policies or a programme of work to draw on, statements will typically be approved by the relevant Senior Management Team member (the Director of Communications and/or the Chief Executive) and the relevant Vice-President.

When statements relate to newer or less well explored areas, or when the matter is controversial, the statement would be approved by the President and/or Chief Executive, taking soundings from relevant Fellows as appropriate.

These factors will be considered in making a decision about whether to issue a statement:

- Does the issue have a particular impact on academics, and if it affects the population at large are the implications for academia and the conducting of research easy to identify and highlight?
- Is our intervention likely to make a positive impact either on the issue itself, or on stakeholder relationships including the academic community?
- What would be the potential negative implications of commenting, e.g. for our relationships or reputation?
- Is there an opportunity to comment alongside the other three national academies of the UK?
- Is this such a significant issue that not commenting would cause more reputational damage?
- Do we have an agreed policy position or a live policy programme on this issue?
- Does the issue fall within the areas of expertise of the Academy?
- Is there likely to be broad consensus among the Fellowship on this issue?
- Is there the opportunity to make the points either privately in meetings with influential stakeholders, eg Government, or publicly in reports, etc?
- What approach have we taken previously to a comparable issue? What did we say-- if anything-- last time and what should we consider in light of that?
- What precedent would we be setting by commenting on this issue?

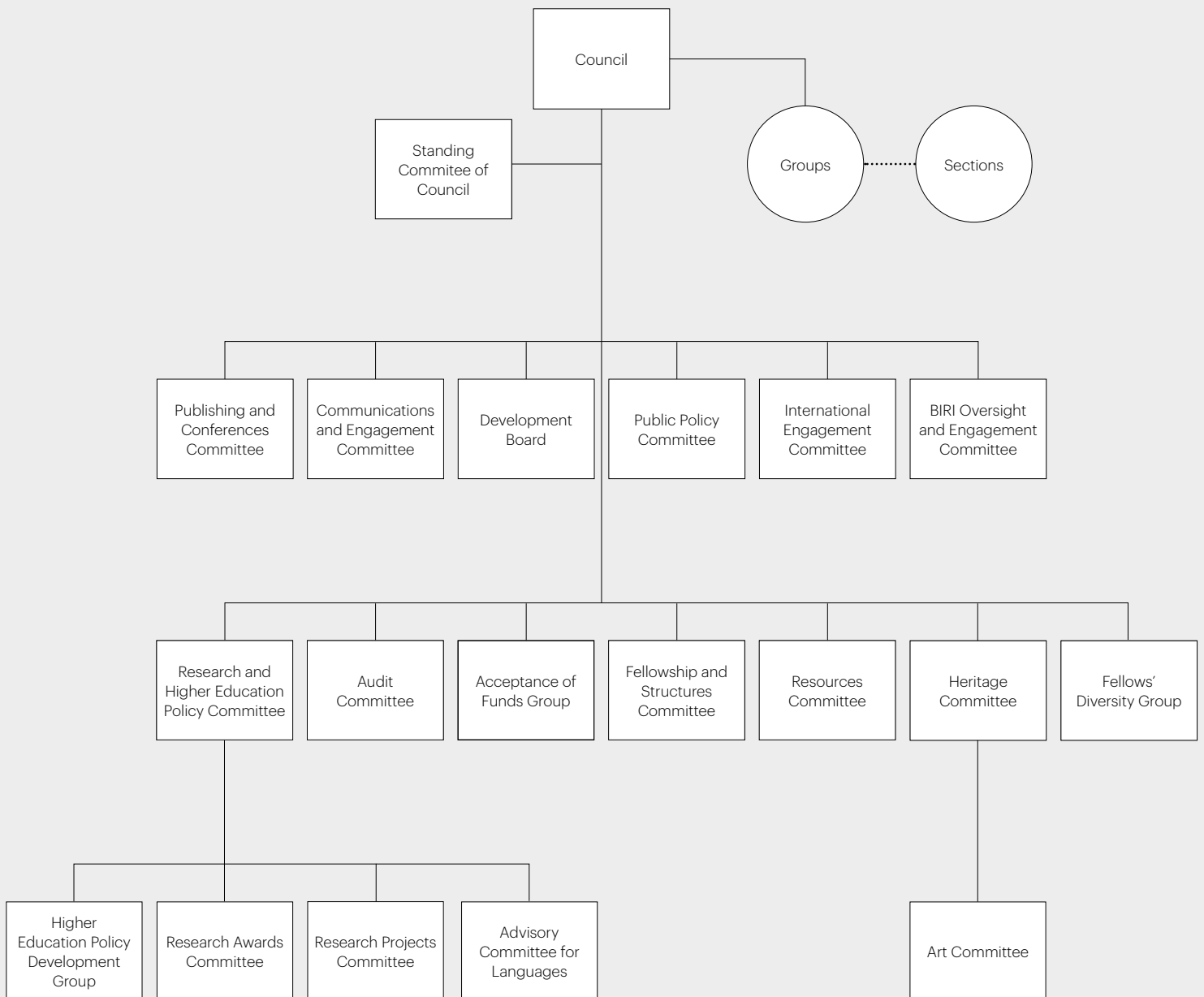
These are all matters of judgement, and some circumstances decisions may be finely balanced. In addition, we would only issue a statement if we feel confident that there is likely to be a broad consensus among the Fellowship on the issue in question. However, when a statement is issued by the British Academy, this does not imply that all Fellows agree with it. Efforts will be made to consult relevant Fellows, particularly those on Committees or with a particular expertise in an issue, but this will not always be feasible. In issuing such a statement, the Academy is speaking as a body corporate.

### Distribution

The statement will be published on the Academy's news pages on the website and in instances deemed appropriate sent to journalists. The Communications team will alert staff and Fellows and relevant stakeholders to the fact that a statement has been made through the standard communications channels including the Fellows Handbook



# Committees of the British Academy



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## Officers for 2024-25

The Officers of the British Academy are a President and nine Vice-Presidents.

### **President**

Professor Julia Black CBE

*Role:* Provides leadership for the British Academy; represents and promotes the British Academy to the wider world; oversees the governance of the British Academy.

### **Treasurer**

Professor April McMahon

*Role:* Provides leadership for the Academy on resource strategy, risk and governance.

### **Foreign Secretary & Vice-President**

Professor Patrick Haggard

*Role:* Provides leadership for the Academy on international engagement, promoting the Academy's work and building international partnerships.

### **Vice-President (Humanities)**

Professor Judith Still

*Role:* Provides leadership for and within the Academy on behalf of Humanities disciplines.

### **Vice-President (Social Sciences)**

Professor Mike Heffernan

*Role:* Provides leadership for and within the Academy on behalf of social science disciplines.

### **Vice-President (Research and Higher Education Policy)**

Professor Margot Finn

*Role:* Provides leadership for the Academy on research governance and HE policy; supports the President in framing higher education policy positions to be taken by the Academy.

### **Vice-President (Public Engagement)**

Professor Rana Mitter OBE

*Role:* Provides leadership for and within the Academy on effective communications and wider public engagement.

### **Vice-President (Publishing & Conferences)**

Professor Lindsay Farmer

*Role:* Provides leadership for the Academy's programmes of academic publications and conferences.

### **Vice-President (Public Policy)**

Professor Christina Boswell

*Role:* Provides leadership for the Academy's work on public policy matters.

### **Vice-President (British International Research Institutes)**

Professor Cyprian Broodbank

*Role:* Provides leadership for the Academy's funding and support of the British International Research Institutes.

The Vice-Presidents also contribute to the effective governance of overall Academy strategy and activities.

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## **Elections to serve as Officers**

The Officers of the British Academy are formally elected each year by the AGM, 12 months in advance – up to a normal maximum of four years of service.

At the AGM in July 2024, the following were elected to serve from July 2024:

**President**

Professor Julia Black CBE

**Treasurer**

Professor April McMahon

**Foreign Secretary & Vice President**

Professor Patrick Haggard

**Vice-President (Humanities)**

Professor Judith Still

**Vice-President (Social Sciences)**

Professor Mike Heffernan

**Vice-President (Research and Higher Education Policy)**

Professor Margot Finn

**Vice-President (Public Engagement)**

Professor Rana Mitter OBE (term extended by one year)

**Vice-President (Publishing & Conferences)**

Professor Lindsay Farmer

**Vice-President (Public Policy)**

Professor Christina Boswell (term extended by one year)

**Vice-President (British International Research Institutes)**

Professor Cyprian Broodbank

Potential candidates for future Officer posts are welcome to contact the Chief Executive, at any time, to discuss what is involved and the time commitment. Nominations will be considered by the Governance & Nominations Committee (see page 15).

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## **Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting of 2024-25 will take place on 17 July 2025.

The meeting is chaired by the President.

Emeritus, Honorary, and International Fellows may attend the AGM but cannot vote.

The regular business includes: the Chief Executive's Report on the Academy's activities since the last AGM; the Treasurer's Report on the accounts for the financial year (up to 31 March); and an Address by the President.

The AGM also formally elects the Officers (i.e. the President and the nine Vice-Presidents, 12 months in advance), the new Members of Council, and the new Fellows, International Fellows and Honorary Fellows.

The AGM approves the level of Fellows' annual subscriptions, and can be asked to approve major strategic matters put to it by Council (including endorsing any new Strategic Framework).

Since 2020, voting has been undertaken in advance via an online form and confirmed by the President during the meeting.

## Council

Council is the overarching governing body of the Academy. It is made up of the President, the Vice-Presidents, and 15 Ordinary Members.

**Meetings in 2024-25:** 8 October 2024, 12 November 2024, 18 March 2025, 17 June 2025, 11 November 2025

### Membership for 2024-25:

Chair: Professor Julia Black CBE, President  
 Professor Mike Heffernan Vice President (Social Sciences)  
 Professor Patrick Haggard, Foreign Secretary & Vice-President  
 Professor Judith Still, Vice-President (Humanities)  
 Professor Rana Mitter OBE, Vice-President (Public Engagement)  
 Professor Christina Boswell, Vice-President (Public Policy)  
 Professor Lindsay Farmer, Vice-President (Publishing & Conferences)  
 Professor Margot Finn, Vice-President (Research and Higher Education Policy)  
 Professor Cyprian Broodbank, Vice-President (British International Research Institutes)  
 Professor April McMahon, Treasurer

### Ordinary Members

Professor Maxine Berg \*  
 Professor Charles Baden-Fuller  
 Professor Gillian Clark  
 Professor Brian Cummings  
 Professor Martin Eimer  
 Professor Anne Haour  
 Professor Aditi Lahiri  
 Professor Elena Lieven \*  
 Professor Lynda Nead  
 Professor Sharon Monteith  
 Professor Li Wei  
 Professor Peter Mandler \*  
 Professor John Scott CBE \*  
 Professor Kathy Sylva  
 Secretary: Hetan Shah, Chief Executive

\* Ordinary Member of Council in their third and final year of service

## Elections to serve on Council

Council members are elected by the AGM, on the recommendation of Council. Five members are chosen each year to serve for a three-year term. Council Members are chosen as individuals responsible for the governance of the Fellowship and not, in any way, as delegates of their home Sections. In making proposals to AGM, Council endeavours to achieve a balance in its membership – between Groups, disciplines, institutions and geographical regions – and an even gender balance.

In 2024, following the recommendations of an external review of Governance undertaken by Bayes CCE, Council established a Governance & Nominations Committee to review and oversee the nomination process for all trustee roles within the Academy. Further details will be shared with the Fellowship once the new Committee is established.

## Standing Committee of Council

The Standing Committee of Council (SCC) was formerly the Management Advisory Committee. It is made up of the President, the Vice-Presidents, and two Ordinary Members of Council. Its role is to support Council and to ensure that decisions of Council are effectively implemented by the Academy. The Council may also remit items to the SCC for decision between meetings of Council. The SCC reviews the Academy's budget and, annually, makes financial proposals to Council for their agreement and formal approval. All members of the Academy Senior Management Team attend the SCC and report on the day-to-day work of the Academy. The SCC is also responsible for agreeing and signing off major policy statements and documents produced by the Academy.

**Meetings in 2024-25:** 8 October 2024, 4 February 2025, 30 April 2025, 7 October 2025. SCC may also hold informal meetings immediately preceding the Council meetings as listed above.

### **Membership for 2024-25:**

Chair: Professor Julia Black CBE, President  
 Professor Mike Heffernan Vice President (Social Sciences)  
 Professor Patrick Haggard, Foreign Secretary & Vice President  
 Professor Judith Still, Vice-President (Humanities)  
 Professor Rana Mitter OBE, Vice-President (Public Engagement)  
 Professor Christina Boswell, Vice-President (Public Policy)  
 Professor Lindsay Farmer, Vice-President (Publishing & Conferences)  
 Professor Margot Finn, Vice-President (Research and Higher Education Policy)  
 Professor Cyprian Broodbank, Vice-President (British International Research Institutes)  
 Professor April McMahon, Treasurer  
 Professor Elena Lieven  
 Professor Kathy Sylva

Secretary: Hetan Shah, Chief Executive

## Committees reporting to Council

The following Committees are responsible to Council in respect of specific areas of business over which they have delegated authority (page references are given for where their remits and memberships may be found in this Handbook).

We encourage Fellows who wish to become more involved with the work of the Academy to consider serving on one of its committees, particularly where they feel they can offer insight and experience on a particular area. Please contact the secretary of the relevant committee or Nickolas Lambrianou (Head of Fellowship Engagement and Governance) for an initial discussion.

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Standing Committee of Council  
Resources Committee  
Development Board  
Acceptance of Funds Group  
Research & Higher Education Policy Committee  
Communications & Engagement Committee  
Publishing & Conferences Committee  
Public Policy Committee  
International Engagement Committee  
British International Research Institutes Oversight & Engagement Committee  
Heritage Committee  
Fellowship Diversity Committee  
EDI Advisory Sub-Committee of Council

Fellowship and Structures Committee

The Audit Committee both reports to and advises Council.

The President is a member *ex officio* of all Committees. The Chief Executive may attend or be represented at any Committee.

## The Academy's Resources

The British Academy is a registered charity (no. 233176) and a self-governing organisation. The Academy receives much of its income (approximately 90% of total income) from the government through the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT) for predominantly response-mode research awards as well as other activities such as policy work, public engagement and international activities.

Income from the government is supplemented by funding from a range of trusts, foundations, individuals and other bodies, and from investment income earned on the Academy's £20m investment portfolio. The Academy's wholly owned trading subsidiary Clio Enterprises Ltd (Clio) also generates income from the rental of space at Carlton House Terrace, the Academy's historic home in central London. All profits made by Clio are transferred to the Academy. The Academy's other important resources beyond its financial and physical resources are its staff and its Fellows. Fellows provide an enormously valuable contribution by way of their time (worth of the order of £3.5 million pa).

The Academy's focus in this area is described in the Academy's Strategic Priority (5) 'To make the most of our assets to secure the Academy for the future'. The committee established to oversee the Academy's use of its financial, physical and human resources (including finance, resources, staffing, and the financial implications of the development work) is the *Resources Committee*.

## Resources Committee

### Remit:

- Advises Council on finance, investments, human resources, IT and accommodation issues and policies.
- Reviews the development and implementation of the Academy's Development strategy, ensuring that fundraising targets are agreed when the budget is set. Receives regular reports on progress towards fundraising targets.
- Reviews the development and implementation of the Academy's People Strategy. Monitors and reviews the implementation of the Academy's staffing Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion objectives. Receives an annual report on human resources matters, including staffing data.
- Advises and makes recommendations to Council on building and other capital programmes.
- Advises and makes recommendations to Council on the safeguarding of assets and property. Receives an annual report on building matters, including progress on addressing building maintenance issues.

**Reporting:** Responsible to Council.

**Reporting/guidance feeding into the Committee:** The Committee receives advice from the Investment Management Committee and the Development Board; the British International Research Institutes Resources Committee reports to this Committee.

**Specific collaborative links with other committees:** The Committee Chair liaises with other committees as required by its remit.



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**Meeting in 2024-25:**

tbc

**Membership for 2024-25**

Chair: Professor April McMahon, *Treasurer*

Professor Julian Birkinshaw

Professor Martin Daunton

Professor Simon Swain

Professor Stella Bruzzi

Hetan Shah, *Chief Executive*

*Secretary:* Graeme Appleby, *Director of Resources*

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## Supporting the work of the Academy

The British Academy is a charity and welcomes financial support from Fellows and others who share its mission. The annual subscriptions we collect from Fellows are an important and much appreciated part of our income and in recent years we have kept increases below inflation. Fellows may be inspired to give financial support in addition to giving their time, providing advice and making introductions.

Many Fellows choose to make a regular donation alongside their subscription fees, or include a gift in their will, towards the Academy Development Fund – a flexible resource for achieving our strategic priorities independent from government grants. Several Fellows also choose to give to the Research Fund which supports research programmes, including Small Research Grants. We plan to initiate new funds to underpin the Academy's crucial work funding and advocating for research excellence in the humanities and social sciences, and we welcome Fellows' interest in and support of these initiatives.

Fellows are invited to provide introductions to organisations or individuals who may be in a position to become partners or supporters of the Academy – either intellectual or financial.

For more information, or to make a gift or introduction, please contact Lucy Johnstone, Senior Development Lead ([l.johnstone@thebritishacademy.ac.uk](mailto:l.johnstone@thebritishacademy.ac.uk)), or visit [thebritishacademy.ac.uk/support-us](https://thebritishacademy.ac.uk/support-us)

## Development

The Development Office supports the Academy's strategy by raising funds from private donors – both organisations and individuals – to provide resources for the expansion of its activities, and to strengthen the Academy's endowment. The Academy benefits from the generosity of Fellows, former award holders and a variety of organisations who support the array of research, policy and event activities and programmes. Philanthropic income helps to preserve our long-term independence.

Over the past year, we have raised over £8.2 million in philanthropic support. Funds have supported the transformation of the lower ground floors of the Academy's home at 10-11 Carlton House Terrace, research awards and public engagement. The capital project has opened up lecture and gallery space, as well as an expanded Fellows' Room. We are delighted that these additions to the Academy will host our relaunched public engagement programme, as well as several events organised by the Development team including a new breakfast briefings series.

The Academy would like to express its deepest gratitude to the organisations, individuals and Fellows who have donated over the past year. We are thankful for their continued support and that of the many anonymous donors who help fund important research and programmes across the humanities and social sciences.

Our near-term funding priorities are the Early Career Researcher Network, the Book Prize and the Summer Showcase. These projects are part of a new five-year strategy designed to support the strategic objective of 'opening up' the Academy – securing funding for activities that will bring in broader and more diverse audiences and supporting our disciplines.

The Development Office is advised by the Development Board, whose primary purpose is to advise the Academy on development-related activities including the identification of and introduction to potential supporters.

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## Development Board

### **Remit:**

- Advises and guides the Academy on its fundraising activity.
- Introduces potential fundraising prospects to the Academy.

Reporting: Responsible to Council.

Specific collaborative links with other committees: Liaises with Standing Committee of Council and Resources Committee on the strategic and financial implications of its work.

**Meetings in 2024-25:** 7 October 2024, 10 December 2024, 28 January 2025, 1 May 2025, 8 July 2025, 22 October 2025.

The Board meets on a quarterly basis.

### **Membership for 2024-2025:**

*Chair:* Sir Victor Blank, *external member*  
Baroness Helena Kennedy Hon FBA  
Professor Julia Black CBE PBA, *President*  
Professor Sir David Cannadine FBA  
Dame Liz Forgan Hon FBA  
Mr Sam Gyimah, *external member*  
Sir Brian Ivory, *external member*  
Professor Aditi Lahiri CBE FBA  
Professor Colin Mayer CBE FBA  
Professor April McMahon FBA, *Treasurer*  
Mr Adam Wethered, *external member*  
*Secretary:* Ms Jo Hopkins, *Director of Development*

The body with delegated authority for accepting or declining philanthropic gifts to the Academy is the Acceptance of Funds Group.

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## Acceptance of Funds Group

### **Remit:**

- Advises the Academy on the acceptance or refusal of philanthropic gifts, bequests and sponsorships supporting the British Academy from individual donors, charitable associations, trusts and foundations and corporates.
- Follows the Acceptance of Funds Policy approved by Council and seeks external advice as necessary.
- Reviews all potential gifts, bequests or sponsorships that are material to the Academy in either nature or amount (£10,000 or above).
- Advises the Academy on policies and procedures related to the screening of potential donors/sponsors to the organisation.

**Reporting:** Responsible to Council.

**Meetings in 2024-25:** 24 September 2024, 5 November 2024, 21 January 2025, 20 March 2025, 5 June 2025, 9 September 2025, 18 November 2025.

The Group meets on a bi-monthly basis.

### **Membership for 2024-25:**

*Chair:* Mr John Shakeshaft, *external member*

Professor Julia Black CBE PBA, *President*

Professor April McMahon FBA, *Treasurer*

Professor Catherine Barnard FBA

*Secretary:* Ms Jo Hopkins, *Director of Development*

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## Audit

The Audit Committee scrutinises the Academy's arrangements for governance, risk management, internal control, and value for money, and advises Council on the adequacy and effectiveness of those arrangements.

### Audit committee

**Remit:**

- Monitors the integrity of the financial statements, and reviews significant reporting judgements contained within them.
- Keeps under review the arrangements for the Academy's stewardship of its funds and resources.
- Advises Council on the wording of its corporate governance statement.
- Advises on internal audit arrangements, receives reports of internal audit investigations, and submits an Annual Report to Council.
- Reviews the development and effectiveness of the risk management arrangements and keeps their implementation under review.

**Reporting:** Reports to and advises Council.

**Assessment/guidance feeding into committee:** The work of the committee is informed by the internal and external auditors.

**Meetings in 2024-25:** 13 January 2024 (tbc), 9 June 2025. Additional meeting by request.

**Membership for 2024-25:**

*Chair:* Graeme Barker FBA

Professor Anna Sapir Abulafia FBA

Professor Roger Kain CBE FBA

Mr Philip Greenish CBE, *external member*

Mr Andrew Jones, *external member*

*Secretary:* Dr Nickolas Lambrianou, *Head of Fellowship Engagement and Governance.*

## Senior Management Team

The Senior Management Team (SMT) comprises the six senior full-time executive members of the Academy:

<b>Chief Executive</b>	Hetan Shah h.shah@thebritishacademy.ac.uk
<b>Director of Communications &amp; Marketing</b>	Liz Hutchinson l.hutchinson@thebritishacademy.ac.uk
<b>Director of Development</b>	Jo Hopkins j.hopkins@thebritishacademy.ac.uk
<b>Director of Policy</b>	Dr Molly Morgan Jones m.morganjones@thebritishacademy.ac.uk
<b>Director of Research</b>	Dr Alex Lewis a.lewis@thebritishacademy.ac.uk
<b>Director of Resources</b>	Graeme Appleby g.appleby@thebritishacademy.ac.uk

The SMT and their colleagues are responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Academy, for reporting to the Standing Committee of Council, and through Standing Committee of Council to Council, as well as for servicing the committees of the Academy.

The SMT has responsibility for the effective and efficient administration of the Academy. This includes all the administrative tasks in support of the Academy's Council, committees and Fellowship.

Secretariat for the SMT is provided by Dr Nickolas Lambrianou (Head of Fellowship Engagement & Governance).

The full list of staff, by Directorate, is given on pages 102.

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## Heads and Team Leaders

Our Heads and Team Leaders are responsible for the day to day running of the various functions of the Academy (in alphabetical order by job title):

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<b>Head of Facilities</b>	Pablo Ramirez p.ramirez@thebritishacademy.ac.uk
<b>Head of Fellowship Engagement &amp; Governance</b>	Dr Nickolas Lambrianou n.lambrianou@thebritishacademy.ac.uk
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<b>Head of Human Resources</b>	Teresa Newell t.newell@thebritishacademy.ac.uk
<b>Head of Global Strategy, Policy &amp; Engagement</b>	Philip Lewis p.lewis@thebritishacademy.ac.uk
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<b>Head of Monitoring &amp; Evaluation</b>	Dr Fiona Larner f.larner@thebritishacademy.ac.uk
<b>Head of Policy (HE &amp; Research Policy)</b>	Sarah Cowan s.cowan@thebritishacademy.ac.uk
<b>Head of Policy (Public)</b>	Dr Adam Wright a.wright@thebritishacademy.ac.uk
<b>Head of Publishing</b>	James Rivington j.rivington@thebritishacademy.ac.uk
<b>Head of Research Funding</b>	Dr Ken Emond k.emond@thebritishacademy.ac.uk
<b>Head of Venue Sales &amp; Marketing</b>	Catherine Owen c.owen@thebritishacademy.ac.uk

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