



## **BA/Leverhulme Small Research Grants Frequently Asked Questions**

### **I am currently studying a post-graduate course. Are there any funds I can apply to?**

Unfortunately, the Academy does not have any funds available to provide funding for students. Funding is provided for research at post-doctoral level only.

### **I have just completed my Ph.D. Can I apply for a grant?**

The Academy welcomes applications from recent postdoctoral scholars. In order to be eligible, you must have successfully passed your viva voce examination and completed any corrections.

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

Eligibility criteria are clearly stated in all competition scheme notes. Affiliation to a UK academic institution is not a requirement for Small Research Grants, rather these awards are open to all postdoctoral scholars ordinarily resident in the UK.

### **Who can offer institutional authorisation for my application?**

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

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

If you are currently a Principal Investigator or a Co-Applicant on another Academy research grant, you may not apply as either Principal or a Co-Applicant on another research grant until the conditions relating to the award held have been met.

### **I was unsuccessful in applying to the Academy in a previous round. Are resubmissions accepted?**

Yes, resubmission of the same proposal may be made once in the Small Research Grants scheme. An applicant is eligible to re-apply with a revised or different proposal so long as they meet the eligibility criteria.

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

No, a 'Co-Applicant' can be based overseas, provided there is a UK based Principal Investigator.

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

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

### **How many Co-Applicants can my research project have?**

For the Small Research Grants scheme each application can have a maximum of up to two Co-Applicants.

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

No. The scheme notes will specify the earliest date that research may commence for each round of competition.

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

The scheme notes will specify the latest date that research has to have commenced by in the scheme notes.

**Does my referee have to be based in the UK?**

No, references written in English from appropriate overseas referees are welcomed by the Academy.

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

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

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

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