

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

We do accept applications from those who have equivalent experience i.e. an individual in an established academic post without a doctorate is eligible to apply.

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

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

Yes. 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.

You can apply as an 'Independent Scholar' – this means you are applying independently from an institution.

I am applying as an Independent Scholar. Do I still need to press the 'Submit for Organisational Approval' button?

Yes. Because you apply as an Independent Scholar, your application will be checked for eligibility in the way that it would be if you were to have access to an institution research or finance office. If your application is deemed eligible, the Academy will provide the 'organisational approval'.

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 original award held have been met.

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

Yes, a 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 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?

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

What do you mean by endangered or emerging subjects?

The definition around this is broad and typically endangered or emerging subject areas are those that are newly formed, becoming more prominent or those that are in danger of becoming lost.

Does my referee have to be based in the UK?

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

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.

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.