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ResearchBites Series: *Finding Funding/Funding Landscape*

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Develop a proposal

Preparing

- Intention to submit
- Funding opportunities
- Internal Funding
- RESEARCH Connect
- Grant writing tips
- Fellowship applications
- Ethics and governance
- Impact and engagement
- Data management plans

Run a project

Management

- Accepting an award
- Post award financial management
- Data protection & GDPR
- Data storage and archiving
- IT services for researchers
- Research data management
- Reporting

Achieve impact

Impact & Knowledge Exchange

- KTP
- Consultancy
- Commercialisation
- Intellectual Property (IP)
- Maximising impact
- PERU
- Working with industry
- PURE
- Communications
- Open Access/Data
- ORCID

Finance and costing

- Costing an application
- IT costs

Legal and contracts

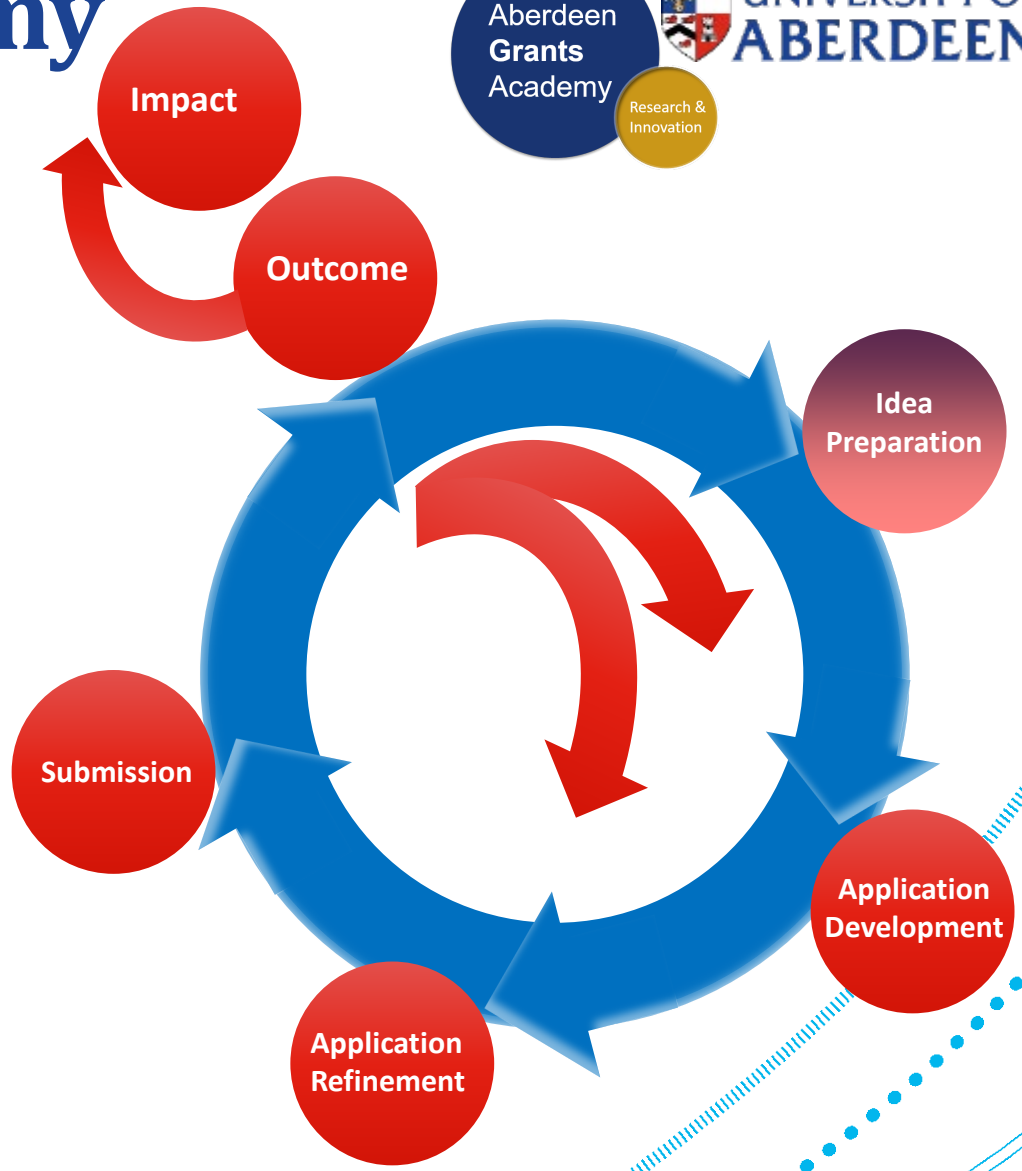
- Contracts for research

Development

- Researcher Development
- Researcher's Toolkit
- Continuing Professional Development

Goals of the Grants Academy

- Support at **ALL STAGES** of the research grant life cycle:
  conception of ideas, through development and refinement of an application, to research delivery and realising impact of the research we undertake.
- **Measureable increase in the quality and quantity** of research grant applications.
- Sharing best practice and training.



How the Grants Academy Works

- Developed as a series of interwoven elements including sandpits to support the development of ideas and projects, grant writing workshops, rebuttal support, support for delivery of outcomes and outcomes management and more.
- Including supporting:
  - Effective horizon scanning
  - Facilitation of early ideas development
  - Supporting interdisciplinary working
  - Supporting engagement with industry
  - Capacity building in strategic areas

Events and Training

- Conversation on Series
- Digital Research Workshops
- Insight Call Session
- ResearchBites
- Researcher Development
- Research Ethics and Governance Training
- Research Integrity Training
- UKRI Boot Camp
- News and Events

NEW: Grants Academy: Conversations on ..... *series*

Promoting Inter-disciplinary research

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Upcoming Grants Academy: Conversations on.....

ResearchBites

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Research applications – Getting Started

- Finding Funding/Funding Landscape
- EU & EU Funding
- Getting Started with Funding Applications
- Building your Budget

Research Applications – in depth

- Narrative CV
- Lay Summary
- Gender Action Plans
- Sustainable Considerations

Delivering a Successful Research Project

- Introduction to Research Contracts
- My Grant and Research Finance
- Practical Management of a Research Project
- Sharing Data from 3rd parties for research projects
- Impact
- PERU

Research Culture and Governance – Achieving Excellence

- Introduction to Research Ethics
- Safeguarding in Research
- Research Culture Briefing
- Nagoya
- PURE

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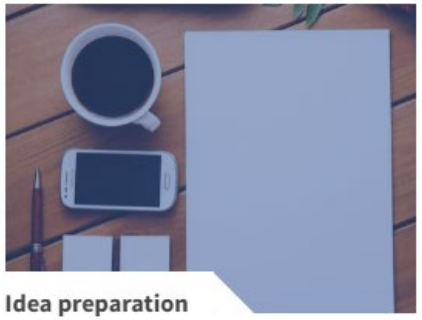
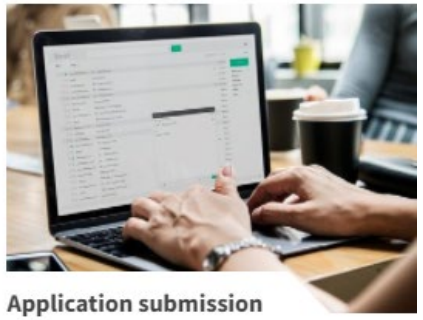


Idea preparation

Starting work on your next (or perhaps first) research project can be a daunting task. Here you will find information on the various initiatives that can provide you with inspiration.

Application development

There are lots of things to think about when developing your application. Here you'll find all the information you need to build a successful application.



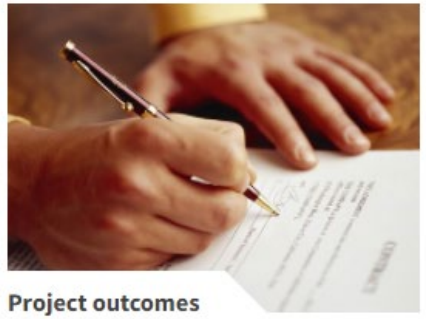
Application submission

Now that you've developed your application it's time to check its ready for submission.

Successful Grant Library

Managing your project

Find additional support to manage your project. Here you will find everything from HR support to data management.



Project outcomes

Congratulations on completing your project, here you will find the support information on financial reporting and promoting your research to the wider world.

Maximising Impact from Research

The impact of a research project is enhanced by the way in which it shapes understanding of a topic or challenge and the benefits it brings to stakeholders.

Funder Visits + Funder/ing Insights

LEVERHULME TRUST

FUNDER INSIGHTS SESSION – 24 MARCH 2022 (11.30am to 1.00pm)

The Leverhulme Trust awards funding across academic disciplines, supporting talented individuals in the sciences, arts, humanities and social sciences to realise their personal vision in research and professional development. As well as substantial grants for research, the Trust offers fellowships for researchers at every stage of their career as well as grants for international collaboration and travel.

Dr Tracey Henshaw, Assistant Director of the Leverhulme Trust will be presenting the online session to update us on funding opportunities including forthcoming strategic calls such as the Research Leadership Awards and the Doctoral Scholarships. There will also be an opportunity to talk to some of our award holders.

****REMINDER:** *Please note next session (Wellcome Trust funder insights) is taking place Monday 25 October 2021 1200 -1300 for details on how to register see below***

Grants Academy *Funder Insights* Series: UKRI, EU & Wellcome Trust

The Grants Academy, and Schools of Medicine Medical Sciences & Nutrition and Natural & Computing Sciences, will be running a series of 'Funder Insights' sessions in the autumn with a focus on UKRI, EU and the Wellcome Trust. All staff from across the University are welcome to attend, with new colleagues and early career researchers particularly welcome. The sessions will be an opportunity to disseminate the latest information on funding priorities, hear insights from colleagues who have recent experience of sitting on funding panels and who have had recent grant successes, as well as a reminder on some of the basic rules and information when planning to apply.

Please contact grantsacademy@abdn.ac.uk to register for any of these events and a diary invite will be sent to your calendar.

Wellcome Trust: Monday 25 October: 1200 – 1300 ***(please note this session will run again in spring 2022)***

Promotion of the Grants Academy

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NERC DISCOVERY SCIENCE JANUARY 2022 ROUND (DATE OF SUBMISSION TO BE CONFIRMED BY FUNDER) - BID DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT

The University is subject to a cap of two bids per call. As part of a more transparent approach to the selection of the two bids that will be submitted by Aberdeen the following internal process will continue.

Stage 1 – applicants should complete the attached outline form and submit to grantsacademy@abdn.ac.uk **by 5pm on 15 October**. ***If you have completed a form for previous rounds please revise that one and highlight the ways in which the idea and methodology has evolved since then.*** The panel will review the information provided on the forms and shortlist candidates for Stage 2. Candidates who are not shortlisted at this stage will be given appropriate feedback and guidance by a panel member so that they can develop their ideas for a future deadline.

Stage 2 – shortlisted candidates will be asked to present their proposal to the panel on **9 November** (slots will be allocated between **10.00am and 11.30am**) and following this two bids will be selected. A designated member of the panel will be assigned to each shortlisted principal investigator to provide expert guidance as the bid develops. This is in addition to the two internal peer reviewers that normally provide the academic guidance on the crafting of the bid. Unsuccessful shortlisted candidates will also receive support from a designated panel member to ensure they can work on the idea for a future round. If there is a time-limited nature to the research it should perhaps be considered under the NERC urgency grant call, which is not impacted by our institutional quota.

Stage 3 – the ***selected*** candidates will be asked to send their full applications to the panel by **5 January 2022** so that comprehensive feedback can be received for incorporation into the final bid prior to submission.

Funding Bulletins and Opportunities

UKRI Funding Bulletin APRIL 2022

Please see below for a consolidated list of UKRI calls.

Welcome to the Grants Academy UKRI funding bulletin. This bulletin will initially be published on a monthly basis and we would welcome any feedback to grantsacademy@abdn.ac.uk

Leverhulme Trust - Research Leadership Awards - Internal Selection Process

Internal Selection Panel: 5pm, 21 March 2022
Deadline: 12 noon, 10 June 2022

Scope: The scheme is designed to support talented researchers who have successfully launched a university career but who need to build a research team to address a distinct research problem. This creates an opportunity for the development and demonstration of research leadership; that is, for the direction of a modest team or group, whose research may significantly change the established landscape in a particular field of inquiry. Each grant runs over a period of 4 to 5 years. Up to £1 million is awarded for staff salaries and associated costs.

Internal Selection / Triage Processes

External Funding

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Research Councils

- AHRC
- BBSRC
- EPSRC
- ESRC
- MRC
- NERC
- STFC

EU Funding

- European Research Council (ERC)
- Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions (MSCA)
- Global Challenges/Clusters & Missions

US Funders

- NIH
- NSF

Major Charities

- British Academy
- British Heart Foundation
- Cancer Research UK
- Leverhulme Trust
- Royal Society
- Wellcome Trust

Government funding

- Chief Scientist Office
- Defence Science & Technology Laboratory (DSTL)
- Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA)
- Department of Health
- Food Standards Agency (FSA)
- Scottish Enterprise

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Internal Funding

Internal Funding

- University Home
- StaffNet
- Research and Knowledge Exchange
- Research & Knowledge Exchange Support
- Application Development
  - Internal Processes
  - External Funding
  - Internal Funding
  - RESEARCHconnect
  - Research Governance
  - Digital Research
  - Data Management
  - ORCID

The University of Aberdeen under the Aberdeen Grants Academy manages several internal funding opportunities to pump-prime research and knowledge exchange activities.

Deadlines are announced through-out the year for the various streams. Please feel free to ask questions at anytime.

- Internal Funding to Pump-Prime Interdisciplinary Research and Impact
- SFC COVID -19 Grant Extension and Bridging Fund
- UKRI COVID-19 Extension Allocation
- Global Challenge Research Internal Fund: Pump Prime or Impact Accelerator Fund and COVID-19 Response Schemes
- Knowledge Exchange and Commercialisation (KEC) Award
- Public Engagement with Research Enabling Fund 2020-2021
- Wellcome Trust Institutional Strategic Support fund (ISSF)

Working with Business

Collaboration

Collaborations to develop long term relationships, and to create innovative solutions for real-world problems:

- Consultancy
- Research Collaborations
- Knowledge Transfer Partnerships
- Partnerships including Programme Advisory Boards

Funding & Contracts

Explore funding options for industry:

- Horizon 2020
- Knowledge Transfer Partnerships
- Innovation Vouchers for SMEs

Access Confidentiality Agreements, Research Agreements, and related for your collaborative work with us

Business Contacts

Find out more about who to contact at the University of Aberdeen, including Research & Innovation, and the Careers and Employability Service.

Development and Training

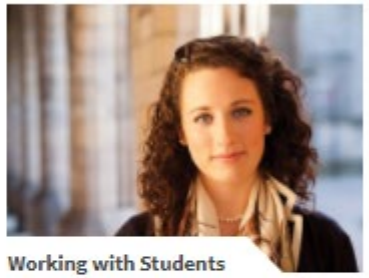
Training and courses directed towards meeting the needs of business and industry.

- Continuing Professional Development
- Postgraduate Study
- Executive Education

Facilities and Expertise

Our world-leading expertise and facilities are accessible to businesses of all sizes through a number of routes.

- Equipment and facilities
- Expertise
- Research Centres and Institutes



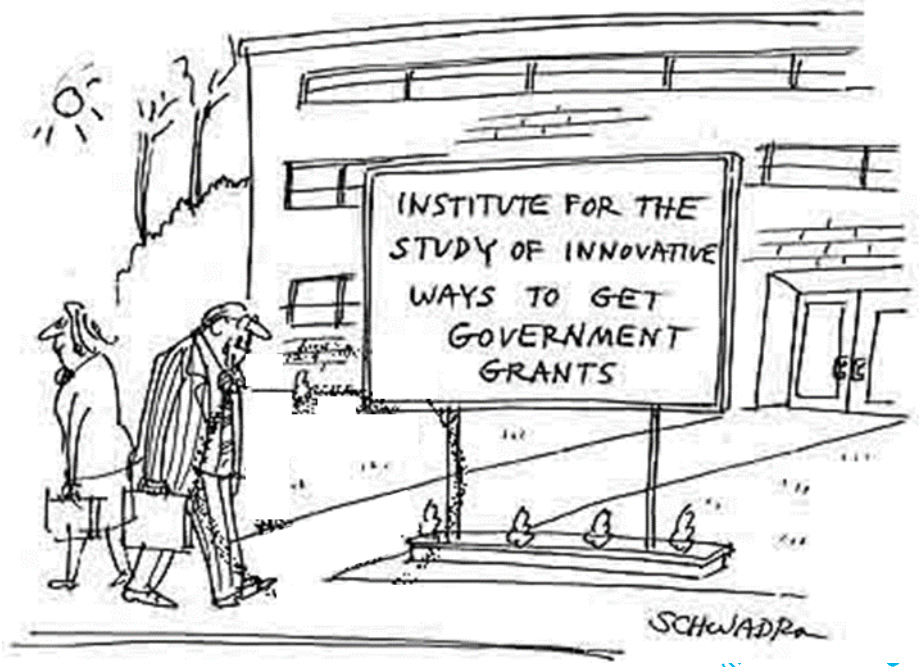
Working with Students

Engage with the Careers and Employability Service for student and graduate recruitment, supporting student skills development and employability, and raising your profile.

- Student placements and projects
- Employer engagement
- Career mentoring

To consider before seeking funding?

- What's the big question?
- Why is it important?
- Does it fit RCUK (or charity) strategy?
- Why are you the person(s) to address it?
- Why should it be done now?
- Do you have a research strategy?
- What is novel?
- What will the impact be?



What type of funding / career stage

- Research Grants
- Travel Grants
- Equipment
- Pump-priming
- Early Career – named on grants
- Fellowships
- Impact and Knowledge Exchange
- Translation
- Public Engagement
- Tenders

Improving Chances of Success

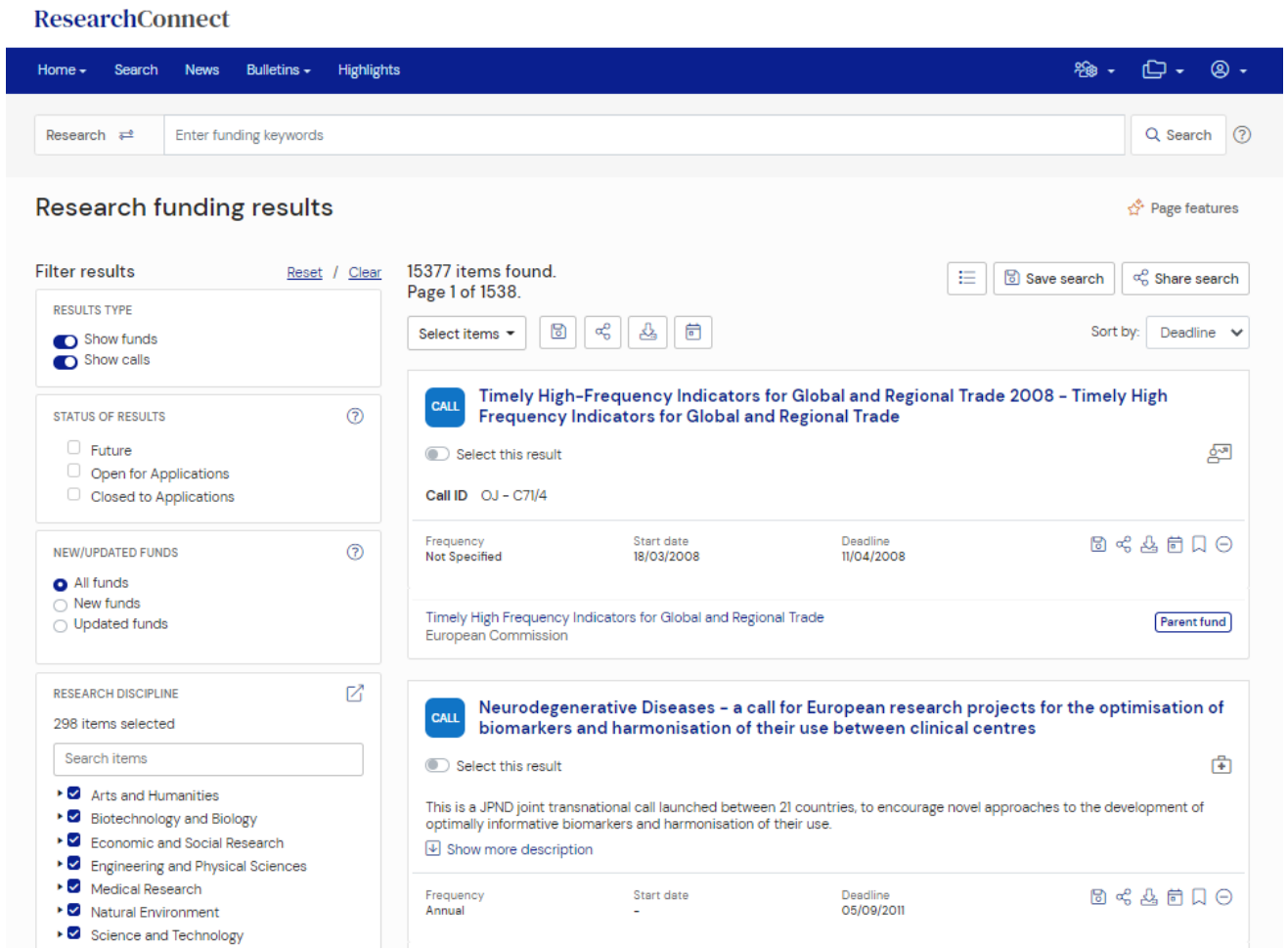
- Start early and plan in advance
- Accept mentoring and internal peer review
- Be positive but be realistic
- Read and follow the rules
- Present case logically and simply
- Justify the importance of your research
- Ensure essential collaborations are in place
- Make sure the outcomes are clearly stated

Research Career Stages

Employed on grant	First responsibility is to deliver research findings
Named on grant	Some input into application
Applicant on grant	Application for salary Joint with PI – roles?
Fellowship	You write the application

RESEARCHconnect

https://www.myresearchconnect.com/



Looking for Research Funding Opportunities?

The University of Aberdeen subscribes to the web-based funding service at RESEARCHconnect a comprehensive and reliable source of funding opportunities. You can save complex searches to re-run at a later date or set-up automated email alerts for funding opportunities. Guidance and further information available here.

Peer Review and Intention to Submit

Internal Peer Review

Peer Review and Mentoring Procedure

Intention to Submit

Intention to Submit UKRI Research Councils or Wellcome Trust Grant Applications

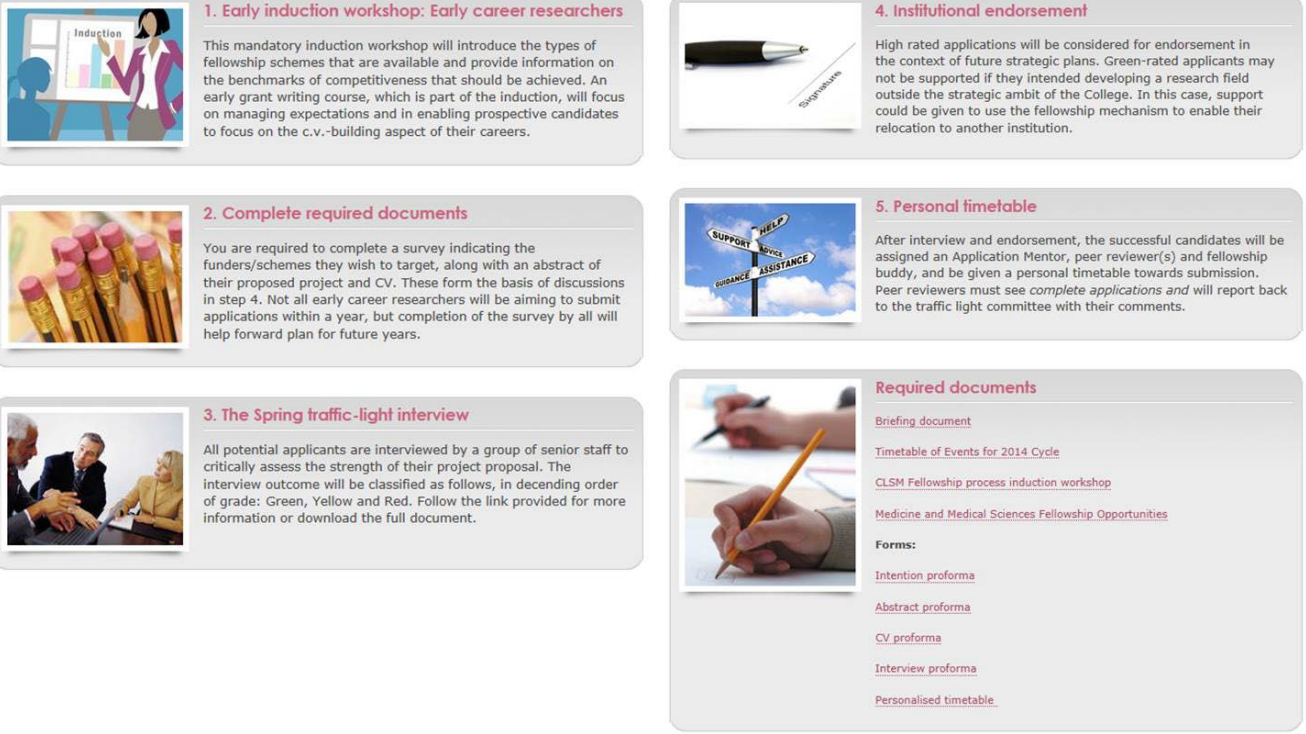
NERC Intention to Submit

Fellowship Traffic Light Process

Supporting Fellowships Application

Fellowship Applications Support Process

5 Steps to fellowship applications



- Traffic Light ‘Interview’ with senior staff (RAG Outcome)
- Allocation of application mentor, peer reviewers and timelines, processes and support.

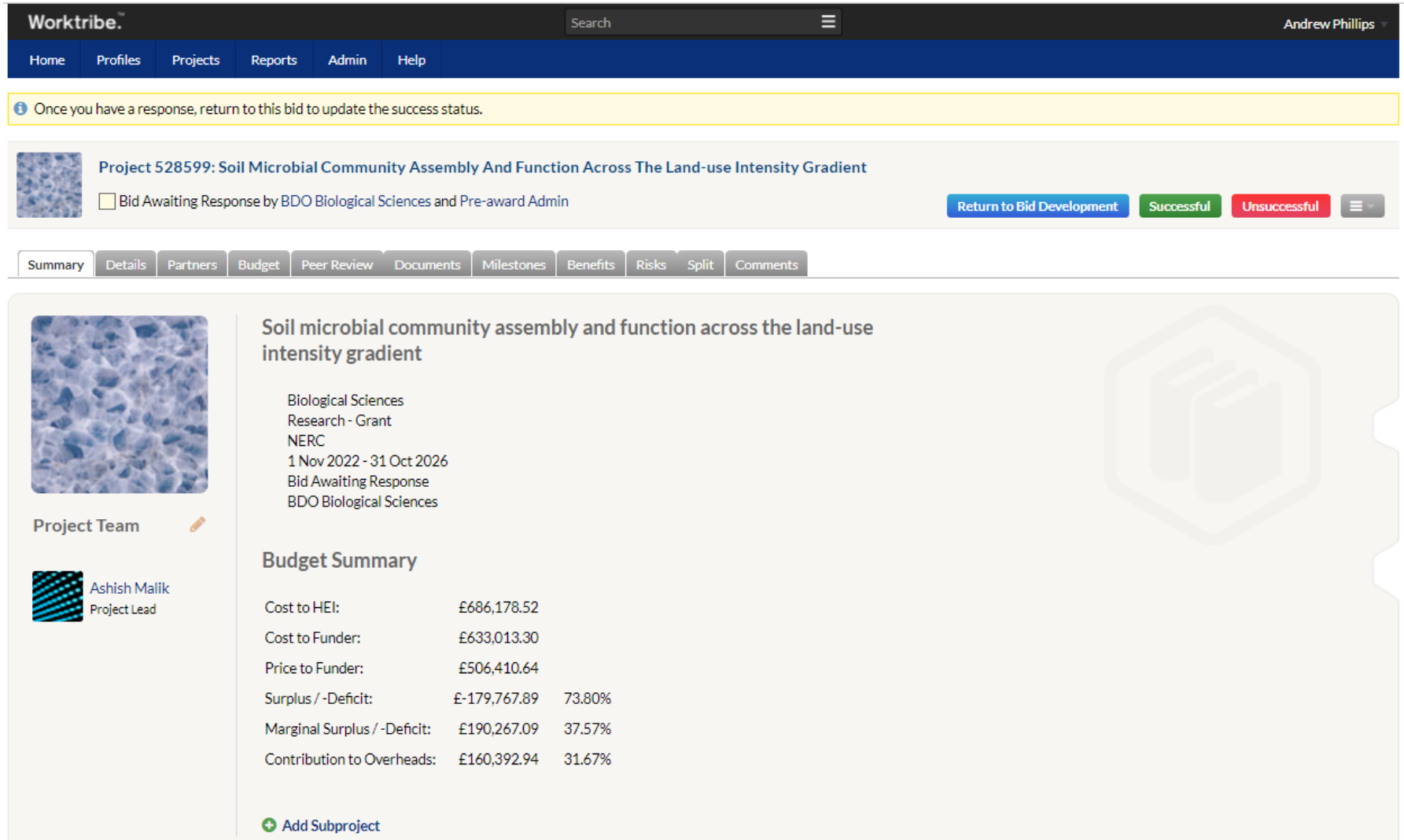
Worktribe

Sign into Worktribe at https://uoa.worktribe.com

The University has implemented **Worktribe** as part of the Research Award Management System project. This online platform provides a single end to end solution for development, submission and approval of grant applications through to post award monitoring and financial management.

- Overview Session Recordings
- FAQs
- User Guides and Forms
- Support, Training and Feedback

Worktribe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Project 528599: Soil Microbial Community Assembly And Function Across The Land-use Intensity Gradient
Bid Awaiting Response by BDO Biological Sciences and Pre-award Admin
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Partners
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Comments
Soil microbial community assembly and function across the land-use intensity gradient
Biological Sciences
Research - Grant
NERC
1 Nov 2022 - 31 Oct 2026
Bid Awaiting Response
BDO Biological Sciences
Project Team
Ashish Malik
Project Lead
Budget Summary
Cost to HEI: £686,178.52
Cost to Funder: £633,013.30
Price to Funder: £506,410.64
Surplus / -Deficit: £-179,767.89 73.80%
Marginal Surplus / -Deficit: £190,267.09 37.57%
Contribution to Overheads: £160,392.94 31.67%
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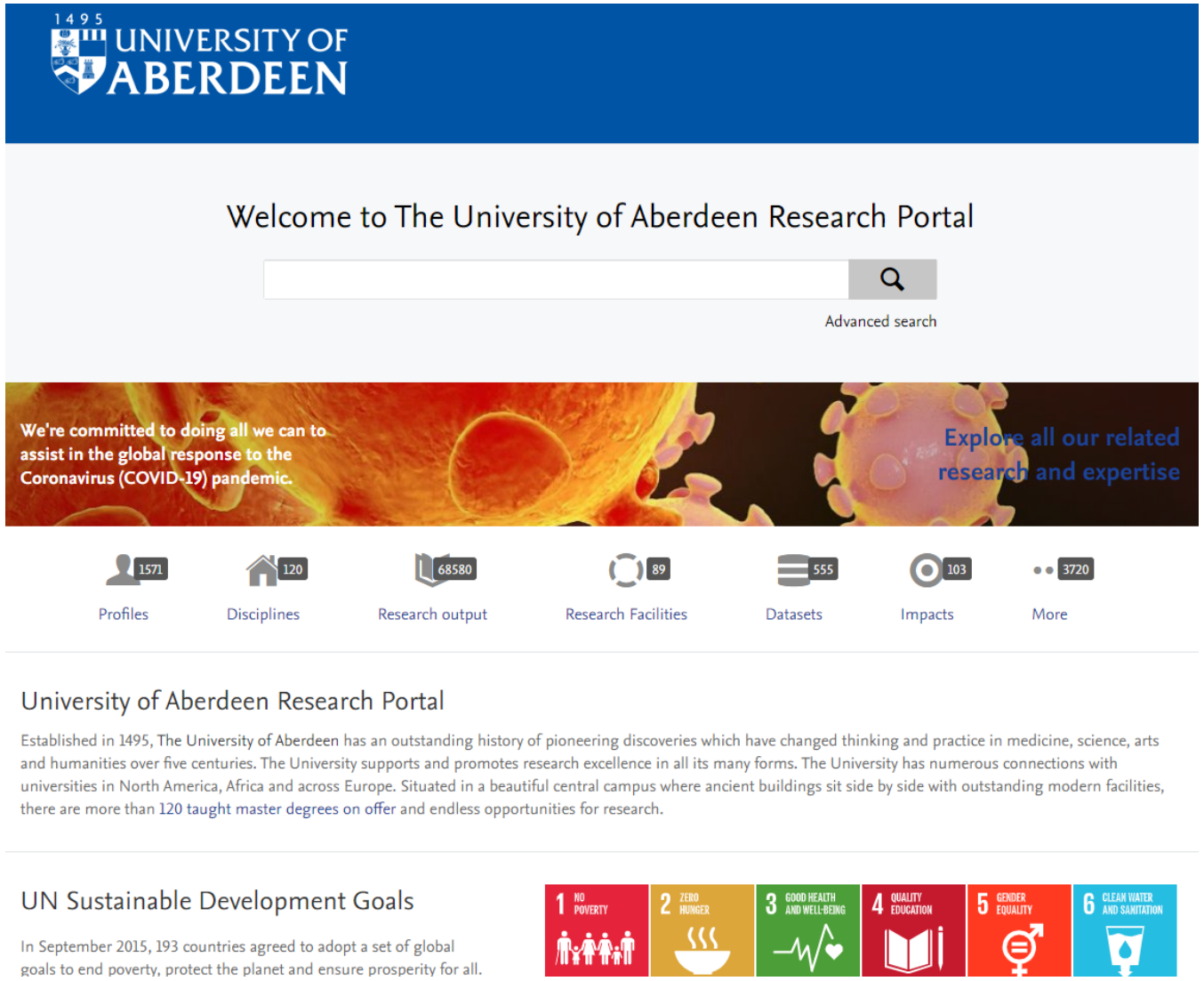

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£402,095
Aug 13 - Dec 17

Deep-sea ecosystem functioning in a changing climate: consequences of changing sea-ice cover for Arctic benthic ecosystems

NERC award to University of Aberdeen and Ursula Witte

£264,676
Feb 06 - Jan 08

Acceptability of genetic testing and preventative treatment in Paget's disease: psychological and clinical predictors

Refine by :

Project Status

- ☐ Active (255)
- ☐ Closed (900)

Funded Amount

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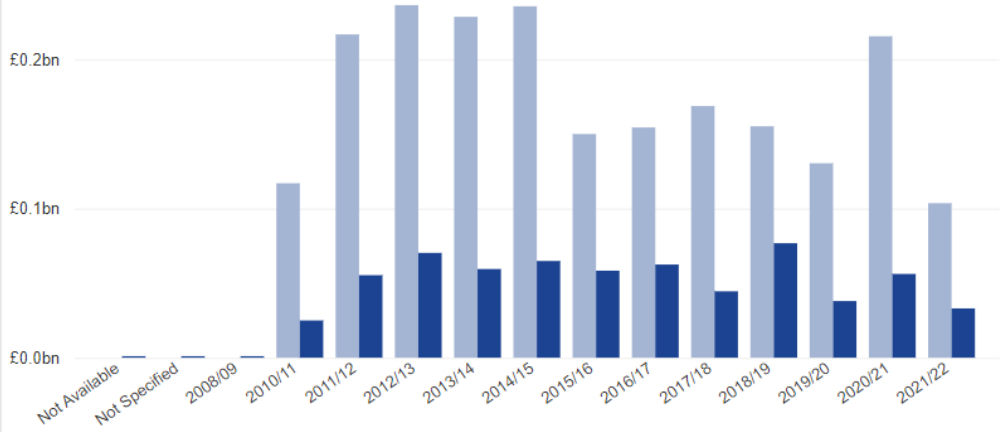
Applications and Awards — Financial Year 2021/22

By Financial Year/Quarter



By School/Division for FY 2021/22

	Applications	Awards
Medicine, Medical Sciences & Nutrition	£51,082,008	£15,072,879
Natural & Computing Sciences	£12,113,387	£7,574,410
Engineering(LV3)	£8,339,473	£3,735,514
Biological Sciences(LV3)	£11,752,026	£3,040,787
Geosciences	£7,549,984	£953,538
University Senior Management	£611,064	£453,000
Divinity, History & Philosophy	£3,650,178	£434,750
Business School(LV3)	£751,670	£398,367
Law(LV3)	£771,357	£325,698
Psychology(LV3)	£2,719,444	£296,604
Language, Literature, Music and Visual ...	£1,195,930	£273,368
Social Science	£2,329,371	£240,903
Professional Services	£629,541	£162,765
Total	£103,540,080	£33,024,372

By Ref UoA 2021 for FY 2021/22

	Applications	Awards
Clinical Medicine	£33,465,696	£13,116,260
Chemistry	£8,139,992	£6,563,329
Engineering	£7,223,225	£3,489,480
Earth Systems and Environmental Sciences	£14,003,249	£2,633,414
Biological Sciences	£4,333,541	£1,543,978
Public Health, Health Services and Primary Care	£16,228,718	£1,366,539
Not Specified	£2,431,236	£883,969
Mathematical Sciences	£757,204	£680,220
Business and Management Studies	£1,324,890	£398,367
Psychology, Psychiatry and Neuroscience	£2,708,114	£358,867
Computer Science and Informatics	£2,154,691	£328,861
Law	£937,279	£325,698
Total	**£103,540,080**	**£33,024,372**

By Funding Body Category for FY 2021/22

	Applications	Awards
Other Overseas	£14,800,465	£12,258,176
UK Charities	£14,229,630	£7,812,877
UKRI	£36,021,017	£6,256,387
UK Industry	£4,496,767	£5,287,435
UK Govt	£23,952,111	£3,848,996
Other Sources	£603,912	£434,433
EU Other	£915,593	£156,444
EU Govt	£9,946,049	£66,371
Total	£103,540,080	£33,024,372

Country View | Project Type | All Qtr's To Date | Full Year | Previous Qtr

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UKRI https://www.ukri.org/

UK Research and Innovation brings together the seven Research Councils, Innovate UK and a new organisation, Research England.

Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC)

AHRC funds world-class, independent researchers in a wide range of subjects. Their research provides social and cultural benefits and contributes to the economic success of the UK but also to the culture and welfare of societies around the globe.

Arts & Humanities Research Council

Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC)

BBSRC invests in world-class bioscience research and training. Their research is helping society to meet major challenges, including food security, green energy and healthier, longer lives and underpinning important UK economic sectors, such as farming, food, industrial biotechnology and pharmaceuticals.

BBSRC bioscience for the future

Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)

ESRC is the UK's largest funder of research on the social and economic questions facing us today. Their research shapes public policy and contributes to making the economy more competitive, as well as giving people a better understanding of 21st century society.

E·S·R·C ECONOMIC & SOCIAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC)

EPSRC invests in world-leading research and postgraduate training across the engineering and physical sciences. Their research builds the knowledge and skills base needed to address scientific and technological challenges and provides a platform for future UK prosperity by contributing to a healthy, connected, resilient, productive nation.

EPSRC Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council

Innovate UK

Innovate UK works with people, companies and partner organisations to find and drive the science and technology innovations that will grow the UK economy. They drive growth by working with companies to de-risk, enable and support innovation.

Innovate UK

Medical Research Council (MRC)

MRC is at the forefront of scientific discovery to improve human health. Their scientists tackle some of the greatest health problems facing humanity in the 21st century, from the rising tide of chronic diseases associated with ageing to the threats posed by rapidly mutating micro-organisms.

MRC Medical Research Council

Natural Environment Research Council (NERC)

NERC is the driving force of investment in environmental science. Their leading research, skills and infrastructure help solve major issues and bring

Research England

Research England is a new council within UK Research and Innovation. Taking forward the England-only responsibilities of HEFCE in relation to research and knowledge exchange, Research

Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC)

STFC is a world-leading multi-disciplinary science organisation. Their research seeks to understand the

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Funding type

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Researching zoonotic pathogen emergence, detection and protection

Apply for funding to:

- improve understanding of the animal-human-environment interface
- develop vaccine and diagnostics technology platforms to improve animal health.

You must be:

- a UK scientist based at an eligible UK institute

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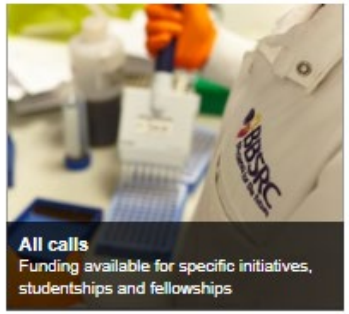

All calls
Funding available for specific initiatives, studentships and fellowships

How to apply
Guidance for creating a high-quality research grant application

Information for reviewers
What you need to know if requested to review a research grant application

Post-application information
What happens next, your obligations if funded and available support/resources

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How to apply

Guidance for creating high-quality research grant applications.

The guidance below will cover the majority of applications however, **there will be times when a call will have differing requirements**. In these instances, additional guidance will be provided in the call information.

Submit your research grant application

- **Apply via:** Je-S system. Guidance on how to use the system is available on Je-S or you can contact the helpdesk using the details below
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Fit to Strategy

Look at delivery plans, mission statements and align

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- Little time
- Pressure on funds
- Priorities and politics
- Pressure to be impartial
- Pressure to short list (grants which don't play by the rules are the easiest to eliminate)
- The panel may not know you
- The panel does not necessarily care about your subject
- Panel may have no specialist in your area

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- Assume panel sees 80 grants/ round
- ~5 will be truly exceptional and will funded with little further analysis;
- The majority (~60) will not receive serious consideration due to intrinsic faults leading to adverse consequent referee's comments;
- ~15 will be argued over – some will fail and others be funded;
- **the committee need to be convinced!**

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