

All Research Groups: Current Calls for Proposals

Royal Society: joint projects grants programme

The Royal Irish Academy invites applications for funding through its Royal Society joint project grants programme. The programme is designed to enable international collaboration by providing the marginal costs of research, such as travel, subsistence and research expenses. The collaboration should be based on a single project including two teams or individuals: one based in Ireland, and the other in the UK. The collaboration should involve bilateral visits between Ireland and the UK. The joint project grant provides a maximum of 7,500 euros per team per year for up to two years.

Project leaders must be of at least postdoctoral status or equivalent. Awards are granted for research in the natural and applied sciences, including mathematics, engineering, medicine and the scientific research aspects of psychology, archaeology, geography, agriculture and the history of science. Please note that grants do not include the social sciences or clinical medical research. Irish collaborators should be resident within the Republic of Ireland.

Further information is available [here](#). External deadline: 12 December 2008; internal deadline: 29 November 2008.

Royal Society: Leverhulme Trust senior research fellowships

The Royal Society invites applications for the Leverhulme Trust senior research fellowships. This scheme provides opportunities for academics in the natural sciences, including agriculture, mathematics, technology, medical and engineering sciences, to be relieved of their teaching and administrative duties while conducting full-time research. Applicants must be of postdoctoral or equivalent status, hold a permanent post at a UK university and be at a stage in their career when they would particularly benefit from a period of full-time research.

Fellowships last between one academic term and one year and provide a reimbursement of the candidate's salary costs to their employing institution. Research expenses up to a maximum of £2,500 are available to cover costs of consumables, etc. The place of tenure for the award may be the fellow's home institution or any other university or not-for-profit research organisation within the UK.

Further information is available [here](#). External deadline: 9 January 2009; internal deadline: 9 December 2008.

Leverhulme Trust: Research programmes

The Leverhulme Trust invites applications from teams of established researchers for its research programme grants.

These provide funds to research teams to enable them to explore significant issues in the social sciences, in the humanities and, to a lesser extent, in the sciences. Two themes are selected annually by the trustees for the following year's competition. The themes for 2009 will be announced on the Trust's website on 15 October 2008. For each theme, a minimum of £500,000 and a maximum of £1.75 million is available for the support of work extending over periods of up to five years. Awards provide salaries for research staff and associated research costs.

Eligible institutions are universities, other institutions of higher and further education in the UK, and registered charities in the UK. The scheme is also open to institutions or organisations of similar status in developing countries where the provision of research funding is seriously limited. Joint applications from more than one institution are welcomed.

Further information is available [here](#). External deadline: 4pm, 11 January 2009. Internal deadline: 15 December.

European Commission: Specific Actions – researcher's night

The European Commission has launched a call for proposals for participating in the specific action Researchers' Night 2009. This call relates to coordination and support actions. The action is aimed at supporting efforts undertaken to bring the researchers closer to the general public, with a view to enhancing their important role in society and in particular within the citizens' daily life.

It is intended to ensure as large a geographical coverage as possible, involving the maximum number member states and associated countries. Participants can be any legal entity of the member and associated states, if relevant constituting a partnership at regional, national or international level. The projects will be selected for funding by a panel of external independent experts. Activities organised will have to be focused on the public at large, and be organised in a relaxed and festive context, the researchers being actively involved and directly put in contact with the public. The expected impact of this action consists of continuing to tackle the existing stereotypes about researchers and their profession and to make them perceived as ordinary people by the public at large. One side-effect should also be to convince young people that scientific careers are fascinating and to stimulate their embarkation on scientific orientations.

The grant will cover a period up to seven months, covering the necessary awareness campaign, the activities during the night itself and the impact assessment period. Eligible costs will be those necessary for the completion of the action, in compliance with the cost models applied by participants. The full indicative budget for this call is 3 million euros. FP7-PEOPLE-2009-NIGHT.

Further information is available [here](#). External deadline: 5pm Brussels local time, 14 January 2009; internal deadline: 15 December.

Edinburgh Mathematical Society UK: Research Support Fund

The Edinburgh Mathematical Society invites applications under its research support fund. The main criteria used to assess applications are their academic merit and benefit to the mathematical community (either individuals, groups or the mathematical community in general). Activities supported include: visits from mathematicians or statisticians based outside Scotland; conferences, workshops or summer schools; publications; guarantees for projects which are intended to be self-financing.

Here are the details of [Edinburgh Mathematical Society's](#) support fund. The external deadlines are 15 January, 15 March, 15 May, 15 September and 15 November each year. The next external deadline is 15 January. Our internal deadline will be 19 December 2008.

Mittag-Leffler Institute: Scientific programme awards

Mittag Leffler Institute invites programme proposals for the academic year 2011 to 2012. The institute runs programmes in specialised areas of mathematics to which leading scientists are invited. The programmes can run for the whole year, or be of semester length. Around 25 to 28 visitors are in residence at any given time. The minimum length of stay is one month, and it is expected that two or three leading mathematicians will stay for at least a semester each. Proposals are expected to display scientific strength and to show how the research would benefit mathematical research in Scandinavia (here meaning Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland and Iceland). Each scientific program is expected to have at least one member from a Scandinavian country.

Further information is available [here](#). The external deadline is 15 January 2009; the internal deadline is 15 December.

Harold Hyam Wingate Foundation UK: Scholarships

The Harold Hyam Wingate Foundation invites applications for its scholarships to pursue pioneering work in a wide variety of fields of intellectual, scientific, artistic, social or environmental value.

Here are the details of [Wingate Scholarships](#). The deadline for this application is 30 January 2009. Our internal deadline is Friday 16 January 2009.

Royal Society: Dorothy Hodgkin Fellowship 2009

The Dorothy Hodgkin Fellowship scheme supports excellent scientists and engineers at an early stage of their career. The Royal Society invites in particular female candidates to apply for an opportunity that is designed to help successful candidates to progress to permanent academic positions in the UK. Each fellowship offers:

- The possibility of holding appointments on a part-time basis or converting from full-time to part-time and back again to help match work and other commitments, such as parental or caring responsibilities etc.
- The possibility to claim back time spent deferring the fellowship and/or working part-time at the end of the fellowship.
- The possibility of claiming some funds for family support where these can be justified on scientific grounds, e.g. the cost of child care during a conference or collaborative visit abroad.
- The option of participating in a mentor scheme and of networking with other Dorothy Hodgkin Fellows.

Length of tenure: A maximum of 4 years' funding is guaranteed.

Place of tenure: Fellowships must be held in a UK university or a not-for-profit research organisation (except for Research Council Institutes).

Value: Provides funding to cover the research fellow's salary costs, estates costs and indirect costs. Under the full economic costing model, 80 per cent of these costs will be met by the Royal Society. Research expenses (up to £13,000 for the first year and up to £11,000 annually thereafter) will also be provided.

Eligibility: Applicants are expected to be at an early stage of their career. As an example, applicants could have had one or two post doc positions. Applicants who have not yet submitted their PhD, must have done so by 1 October 2009 and, if offered an appointment, cannot take it up until a successful result has been received. The latest date the award can be deferred to is 1 January 2010.

Persons holding a permanent post in a university will not be considered (includes UK).

External deadline: 20 January 2009; internal deadline 5 January.

Isaac Newton Institute for Mathematical Sciences: Visitor programme

The Isaac Newton Institute for Mathematical Sciences invites applications for funding under its visitor programme. This aims to bring together mathematical scientists from UK universities and leading experts from overseas for research on specialised topics in all branches of the mathematical sciences from pure mathematics, applied mathematics and statistics, to theoretical aspects of any discipline. A choice of six-month, four-month and four-week programmes is available. Each programme is allocated a budget for salary support, subsistence allowances and travel expenses.

Further information may be found [here](#). External deadline: 31 January and 31 July annually. The next internal deadline is 17 January 2009.

London Mathematical Society UK: Connectivity Grants

The London Mathematical Society invites applications for its connectivity grants. These support potential new collaborations between mathematicians and non-mathematicians on new applications of mathematics with up to £500 awarded towards costs. The intention is to help applicants do the preparatory work prior to a larger scale application to the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council. The use of the grants is not restricted but might include the costs of a small-scale meeting to identify problems or travel costs to bring in external experts. Any mathematician working in the UK is eligible to apply for a grant, but if none of the applicants is a member of the society the application must be supported by a member.

Here are the details of **London Mathematical Society's** grant scheme 6. The deadlines for this application are 31 January, 31 May and 31 August. The next external deadline is 31 January 2009. The internal deadline is 17 January.

London Mathematical Society: Collaborative small grants

The London Mathematical Society invites applications for its small grants. These are to support visits for collaborative research, either by the grantee to an institution in the UK or abroad, or by another mathematician to the home of the grantee. Up to £600 is awarded for visits to or from abroad, and up to £300 for visits within

the UK. Awards are open to mathematicians working in the UK. If none of the candidates is an LMS member then the application must be supported by a member of the society.

More information is available [here](#). The deadlines are 31 January, 31 May and 15 September annually. The next deadline is 31 January. The internal deadline is 17 January.

London Mathematical Society: Conference Grants

The London Mathematical Society is inviting applications for grants for organisers of mathematical conferences to be held in the UK. The current upper limit for grants is £6,000. This normally covers support for the principal speakers (up to £4,000); research students (up to £1,000); participants from the international short visits scheme or from the former Soviet Union (up to £1,000). Any mathematician working in the UK is eligible to apply for a grant, but if the applicant is not a member of the society then the application must be countersigned by a member who is prepared to support the proposal.

Information about the grant is available [here](#). The deadlines are every 31 January, 31 May, and 20 September. The next external deadline is 31 January. Our internal deadline is 17 January.

Douglas Bomford Trust

The Douglas Bomford Trust invites applications for funding projects over £1,500. This funding is designed to enable competent individuals and organisations to pursue education, training, research and knowledge transfer; innovation and the application of science and technology with respect to the design, development, evaluation and construction of machines, systems and techniques; travel to acquire or disseminate knowledge; the development and maintenance of professional competencies; the development or acquisition of new skills, techniques and capabilities.

More information is available [here](#). The deadlines are 1 February and 1 July annually. The next external deadline is 1 February 2009. Our internal deadline is 17 January 2009.

Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851: Research fellowships

The Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851 invites applications for its research fellowships. These allow young scientists or engineers the opportunity to conduct research for two years.

The awards are open to candidates in any of the physical or biological sciences, mathematics, applied science or any branch of engineering. To encourage engineering candidates, one award, designated the Brunel research fellowship, will be awarded to the most meritorious application for an engineering project.

Candidates in science subjects should have a PhD or be about to obtain one; candidates in engineering must be of at least PhD standard. The fellowship stipend payable in 2009 amounts to £28,500 for the first year, and £30,000 for the second and third years. An additional sum of £2,500 per annum will be made available for fellows conducting research in London.

The awards are open to applicants in the UK, RoI, the British Commonwealth and Pakistan.

External deadline: 5pm, 19 February 2009; internal deadline 22 January.

Royal Society: Research grants

The Royal Society invites applications for its research grants. The scheme provides seed corn funding for new projects of timeliness and promise initiated by young scientists at an early stage of their career or by established scientists wishing to change the direction of their research. The grants cover all subjects within the remit of the Royal Society, including physics, chemistry, mathematics, engineering science, agricultural and medical research, the scientific aspects of archaeology, geography, experimental psychology and the history of science. Applicants should have postdoctoral level or equivalent status and have a permanent or limited-tenure position in a UK university or non-profit organisation.

In addition, non-tenured researchers and retired scientists resident in the UK and working in association with an eligible institution may apply for support for research in the history of science and for assistance with the publication of scholarly works in that field.

The grants provide funding of up to £15,000 to cover specialised equipment, essential consumable materials and services. Grants of up to £5,000 are awarded to assist with the publication of scholarly works in the history of science.

Further information is available [here](#). External deadline: 7 November 2008 and 3 April 2009. The next internal deadline is 20 March.

Royal Society: Partnership grants

The Royal Society invites applications under its partnership grants scheme to enhance science education in the UK. The scheme offers up to £3,000 for teachers and scientists/engineers to work in partnership on activities involving students from five to 18 years old. Applications are welcomed from UK primary or secondary school teacher or practising scientists or engineers (ie above graduate level in university or with appropriate industrial experience). The grant is awarded directly to the participating school, enabling it to pay for any specialist equipment needed for the investigation, travel expenses for the scientist or engineer or the school group and possibly teacher supply cover.

Further information is available [here](#). External deadlines: 10 October 2008 and 12 March 2009. The next internal deadline is 26 February.

European Commission: Marie Curie co-funding of regional, national, and international programmes

The European Commission has launched a call for proposals for Marie Curie co-funding of regional, national and international grants under its Framework 7 people programme. The actions under the People specific programme address researchers at all stages of their careers, in both public and private sectors. Researchers are of at least postgraduate or equivalent level and are classified on the basis of professional experience. The Marie Curie actions are open to all domains of research and technological development addressed under the EC treaty. Research fields are chosen freely by the applicants in a bottom-up manner. Actions are funded under support for training and career development of researchers funding scheme.

The indicative budget for this call is 75 million euros. FP7-PEOPLE- COFUND-2008, J C296 (19/11/2008) p.21

External deadline: 5pm Brussels local time, 19 February 2009. Internal deadline: 5 February.

European Science Foundation: Automata: from mathematics to applications science meetings

The European Science Foundation invites applications for workshops and summer schools under its automata: from mathematics to applications programme. The aim is to advance the theory of automata and increase its application to challenging scientific problems. The programme is multidisciplinary in approach and stands at the crossroads of mathematics, theoretical computer science and applications. By setting up a framework where new applications of AT and theoretical insights can be communicated and shared by an open and qualified group of European scientists, this programme will catalyse progress in both directions. Applications are accepted for:

1. workshops. A workshop may bring together between 10 and 50 participants for two to four days;
2. summer schools. A school may bring together between 30 to 150 participants for one to two weeks. Schools are directed towards graduate students who have completed a master's degree, doctoral students or the equivalent. The schools should contain a clear training element. Schools might take place in connection with other activities or as an independent activity. ESF funding may be used to fully or partially fund a meeting. ESF funding should be used to cover the travel and accommodation costs of speakers and participants.

Additional information about the grant is available [here](#). The deadlines for this application are 15 March, 15 June, 15 September, and 15 December annually. The next external deadline is 15 March, with an internal deadline of 1 March.

European Commission: FP7 ERC advanced investigator grants: physical sciences and engineering

The European Commission has issued a call for the European Research Council advanced investigator grants for physical sciences and engineering. These encourage and support innovative investigator-initiated research projects by leading advanced investigators across the EU Member States and Associated Countries. Funding will target researchers who have already established themselves as independent research leaders. The budget for advanced investigator grants is 489.5 million euros, and physical sciences and engineering grants are eligible for up to 39 per cent of this amount. There are two sub-calls to this announcement: ERC-2009-AdG_20090415 for the domain social sciences and humanities; ERC-2009-AdG_20090506 for the domain life sciences.

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Deadline: 5pm local time, 25 March 2009; internal deadline: 11 March.

Leverhulme Trust: Visiting professorships

The Leverhulme Trust invites applications for its visiting professorships. These enable UK universities to host an internationally distinguished academic from overseas in order to enhance the skills of academic staff or the student body within the host institution. It is recognised that visiting professors may also wish to use the opportunity to further their own academic interests. Priority will be given to new or recent collaborative ventures.

Professorships will last three to 10 months and may be in any field. Academic staff employed in UK higher education institutions are eligible to apply for the award. Professorships will provide a maintenance grant commensurate with the salary of a professor in the relevant discipline, as well as expenses for travel and consumables.

Further information is available [here](#). External deadline: 4pm, 14 May 2009; internal deadline: 30 April.

NERC: Non-thematic funding, standard research grants (all sciences)

The Natural Environment Research Council invites applications for its standard research grants. Proposals may be in any subject area relevant to NERC's remit. This is an open competition for curiosity-motivated basic, strategic or applied research. The principal investigator must be resident in the UK and be employed at lecturer (or equivalent) level or above by an eligible UK research organisation.

Here are the details of **NERC's** standard research grants. The deadlines for this application are 1 July and 1 December annually. The next external deadline is 1 July. Our internal deadline is 17 June.

NERC: Partnership Research Grants

The Natural Environment Research Council seeks to increase collaborative research in order to help the transfer of knowledge gained in research to users. The scheme aims to facilitate and promote joint activities between academic researchers and partners in public or private sector organisations. The research must fall within the NERC science remit.

Here are the details of **NERC UK's** Partnership Research Grants programme. The deadlines for this application are 1 July and 1 December annually. The next external deadline is 1 July. Our internal deadline is 17 June.

NERC: Non-thematic funding, small grants (all sciences)

The Natural Environment Research Council invites applications under its small grant scheme. This is an open competition for curiosity-motivated basic, strategic or applied research, providing funding for small discrete

projects, proof-of-concept studies, pump-priming exercises, or other activities. The maximum funding that may be sought is £25,000 for the directly incurred costs. In addition NERC will pay the standard proportion of directly allocated and indirect costs.

Principal investigators must be resident in the UK and employed at lecturer or equivalent level by an eligible UK research organisation.

Further information is available [here](#). External deadline: 4pm, 1 September annually. Internal deadline: 16 August.

London Mathematical Society: Joint research groups grant (scheme 3)

The London Mathematical Society invites applications under its scheme to support joint research groups. This encourages groups of mathematicians with a common research interest, working in at least three different locations in the UK, to engage in collaborative activities. Any mathematician working in the UK is eligible, but applications must be supported by a member of the society. The maximum grant awarded is currently £1,400.

Further information can be found [here](#). External deadline: 15 September annually; internal deadline: 1 September 2009.

Current Calls for Proposals: no deadline for applications

EPSRC: Postdoctoral Mobility Mechanism Grants

The aim of the scheme is to encourage the effective transfer into different research disciplines of knowledge gained by postdoctoral research assistants working on existing EPSRC research grants and enhance the competencies and career opportunities of these researchers. Awards take the form of a 12 month follow-on grant and are funded in accordance with full economic costing arrangements.

More information is available [here](#). There is no closing date for this application.

EPSRC: Visiting researchers grants

The Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council invites applications for its visiting researchers grants. These cover salary costs and travel subsistence for scientists and engineers of acknowledged standing, either from within the UK or abroad, to visit the hosting investigator's organisation. Applications must be submitted by the UK host organisation to which the grant will be made. Support for visiting researchers may be requested either on its own or as part of a larger research proposal. Funding is limited to 12 months per individual.

Here are the details of [EPSRC's](#) programme. There is no closing date for this application.

EPSRC: Encouraging postdoctoral mobility between disciplines

The Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council invites applications for grants aimed at encouraging postdoctoral mobility between disciplines. These grants support the transfer of outputs of research between different disciplines as well as aiding the career development of postdoctoral research assistants funded on EPSRC grants. Researchers may apply for follow-on support to allow a PDRA reaching the end of a project in one discipline to transfer their knowledge and skills to another discipline. In the first instance an extra year of PDRA support will be offered under this scheme.

Here are the details of [EPSRC's](#) programme. There is no closing date for this application.

Daiwa Anglo-Japanese Foundation UK: Small Grants

The Daiwa Anglo-Japanese Foundation invites applications for its small grants. These are available to individuals, societies, associations or other bodies in the UK or Japan to promote and support interaction between the two countries. Awards may cover all fields of activity, including educational and grassroots exchanges, research travel, the organisation of conferences, exhibitions, and other projects and events that fulfil this broad objective. New initiatives are especially encouraged.

Here are the details of [The Daiwa Anglo-Japanese foundation's](#) grants programme. There is no closing date for this application.

Daiwa Anglo-Japanese Foundation UK: Special Project Grants

The Daiwa Anglo-Japanese foundation is inviting applications for its special project grants. These are intended to fund new initiatives and respond flexibly to proposals that meet its general objectives but which may fall outside the criteria of the small grants and awards programme. The foundation intends to accommodate two to three significant projects per annum which require funding for a specified period.

Here are the details of [The Daiwa Anglo-Japanese foundation's](#) grants programme. There is no closing date for this application.

Science Foundation Ireland: Workshops and conference grants

Science Foundation Ireland invites applications for its workshops and conferences grants. The grants supports international meetings held in Ireland for intensive inquiry and collaboration on topics of timely scientific importance related to those fields of science, engineering, software engineering, and mathematics that underpin biotechnology and information and communications technology.

Here are the details of **SFI's** workshops and conference programme. There is no closing date for this application.

EPSRC: Mathematics Research Workshops and Symposia

The Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council invites applications to conduct research workshops and symposia under its mathematical sciences programme. Funding is primarily to stimulate research rather than training, although limited resources (less than 10 per cent of the total cost of the workshop) may be earmarked to support student attendance, excluding travel costs for EPSRC students.

Here are the details **EPSRC's** research programme. There is no closing date for this application.

BBSRC: International Scientific Interchange Scheme Short-Term Travel Awards

The Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council invites applications for short-term travel awards under its international scientific interchange scheme. The programme provides grants to help scientists make and establish new contacts with their international counterparts. The awards allow researchers to travel outside the UK to initiate collaboration or prepare proposals with partners for international programmes.

Here are the details of **BBSRC's** ISIS Scheme. There is no closing date for this application.

BBSRC: Industry Interchange Programme

The Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council seeks applications to its industry interchange programme. The programme supports the short-term exchange, in either direction, of researchers between the science base and industry. The aim is to provide strategic advantage to the UK science base and industry arising from reciprocal access to facilities, expertise or knowledge, and an increased understanding of scientific issues of common concern.

Interchanges may be held either full or part time, or in tranches and applications must fall within the remit of BBSRC. Participation is open to researchers within UK universities or BBSRC-sponsored institutes and UK industry. Participants should be qualified to PhD level or have relevant experience to undertake the planned work. Awards are typically worth up to £50,000.

More information about the grant is available [here](#). Deadline: applications may be submitted at any time and will be assessed by the Bioscience for Industry Strategy Panel, which meets three times a year.

Embassy of the Republic of Poland in London UK: Short-term study visit grants

The Embassy of the Republic of Poland in London invites applications for its short-term study visit grants. These support UK academics and other professionals wishing to establish new contacts, develop programmes of joint research, exchange scientific information or gather material for their academic research. Each visit normally lasts from one week to one month. The age limit for applicants is 50. Candidates should be experienced academics in their professional field.

The grant will provide internal travel costs related to the visitor's itinerary plus accommodation and per diem for subsistence, or a lump sum award in aid. Candidates must submit a letter of invitation from an academic institution in Poland with their application.

Here are the details of **The Embassy's** short-term visit grants. There is no closing date but applications should be submitted at least 12 weeks before the proposed arrival date in Poland.

EPSRC: Mathematical Sciences Small Grants Scheme

The Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council invites applications for its mathematical sciences small grants scheme. This programme aims to enable researchers to develop new collaborations and study new techniques with recognised and established members of the community. Small grants may support: visiting researchers; visits to overseas organisations; and small research workshops.

Here are the details of **EPSRC's** mathematical sciences programme. There is no closing date for this application.

EPSRC: First Grant Scheme

The Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council invites applications for its first grants scheme to assist individuals in obtaining a research grant at the beginning of their academic careers. Candidates must have been appointed to their first academic lecturing UK university position within the previous 24 months and be applying as a principal investigator for the first time. Applicants should be within 10 years of completing their PhD or an equivalent professional qualification at the time of submitting their proposal.

Here are the details of **EPSRC's** first grant scheme. There is no closing date for this application.

EPSRC: Visiting Researchers Grants

The Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council invites applications for its visiting researchers grants. Support will be provided for salary costs and travel subsistence for scientists and engineers of acknowledged standing, either from within the UK or abroad, to visit the investigator's organisation. Applications must be made by the host organisation in the UK to which the grant will be made. Support for visiting researchers may be requested either on its own or as part of a larger research proposal. Funding is limited to 12 months per individual.

Here are the details of **EPSRC's** visiting researchers grants. There is no closing date for this application.

British Council UK: Science networking development scheme

The British Council Israel and the International Scientific Relations Unit at the Ministry of Science, Culture and Sport invite applications under the science networking development scheme to establish new collaboration and to encourage bilateral cooperation between practising scientists in both countries. Proposals in the natural and engineering sciences, life sciences, exact sciences and information technology are particularly encouraged.

Here are the details of **British Council UK's** science networking scheme. There is no closing date for this application.

British Council UK: International Exchange Programme for Young Scientists

The British Council Mexico invites applications for its international exchange programme for young scientists. The purpose of this programme is to enable scientists to establish new collaborations and open new funding options for their projects.

Funding is available for Mexican postdoctoral students: to visit a UK research institution to make new contacts and establish a formal collaboration; or to invite a scientist from the UK to give a talk in a Mexican research centre or institute in order to initiate a new collaboration between Mexican scientists and the British guest.

Here are the details of the **British Council UK's** exchange programme. There is no closing date for this application.

EPSRC: Network grants

The Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council invites applications for its network grants. The aim of these networks is to create new interdisciplinary research communities and topics by developing interaction between the research community and appropriate science, technology and industrial groups, and to:

- transfer experimental techniques, models and scientific insights;
- promote mobility between academe, universities and industry.

Networks are expected to lead to new collaborative multidisciplinary research proposals and some may develop into virtual centres of excellence, providing critical mass of analytical expertise.

Funding for a maximum of three years is provided to cover the operating and support costs of a network.

Requests may include: the investigators' salaries; travel and subsistence; and administrative support. The grants are available to researchers who are permanent employees of a university or similar institution.

Further details about this call can be found [here](#). There is no closing date.

EPSRC: Mathematics research workshops and symposia

The Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council invites applications to conduct research workshops and symposia under its mathematical sciences programme. Funding aims primarily to stimulate research rather than training, although limited resources (less than 10 per cent of the total cost of the workshop) may be earmarked to support student attendance, excluding travel costs for EPSRC students. Proposals should be for events costing over £20,000 and should put in context the planned activity with regard to similar activities in the UK and worldwide. Details should be provided on how the activity will benefit the UK and why it is appropriate to hold such an event at this time.

Further details about this call can be found [here](#). There is no closing date for applications.