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Mobility, Funding and Fellowship Opportunities in the UK

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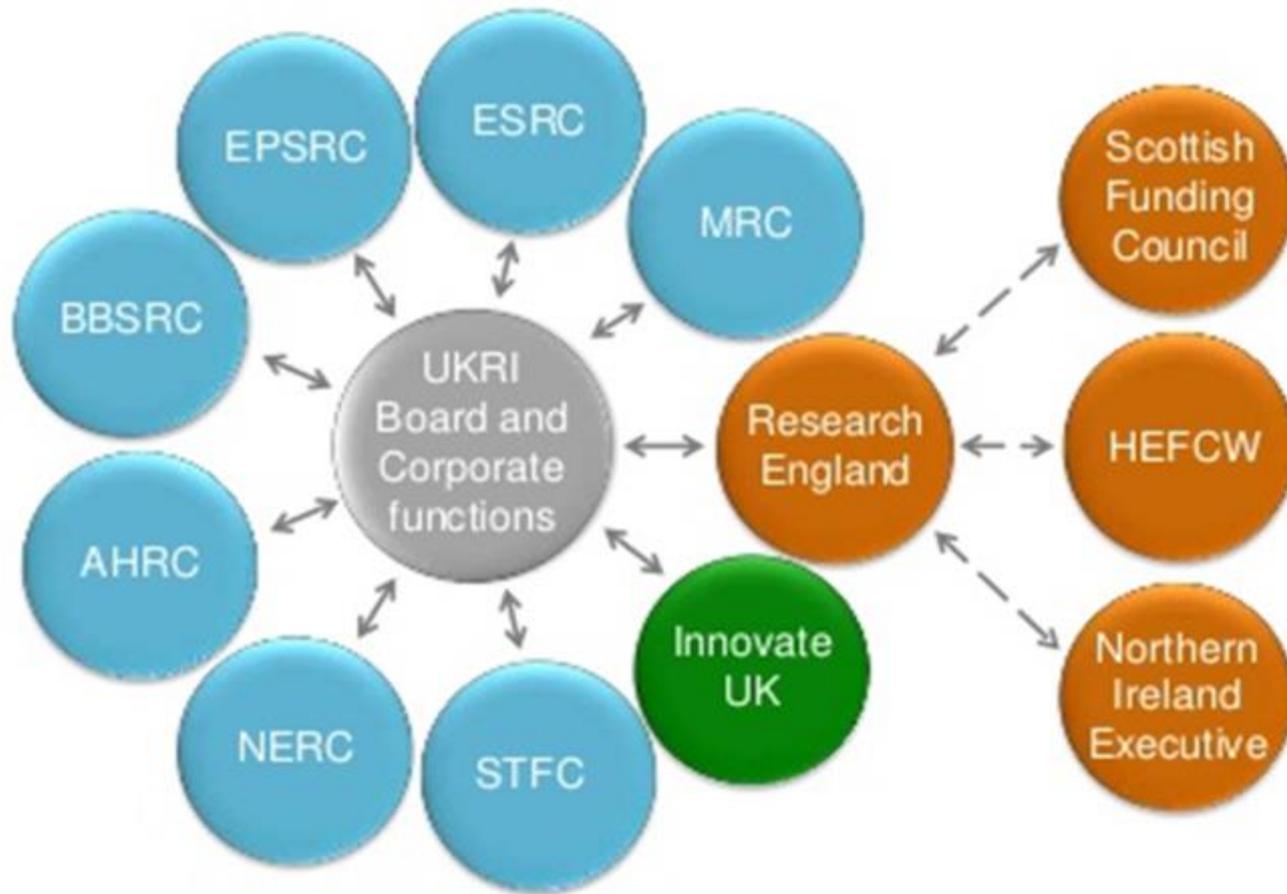
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What Is UK Research & Innovation (UKRI)?



From April 2018, UKRI will bring together the seven Research Councils, Innovate UK, and Research England.

The logo for EPSRC features the acronym 'EPSRC' in a bold, purple, sans-serif font, with a thin blue horizontal line above and below the text.

Engineering and Physical Sciences
Research Council



Arts & Humanities
Research Council

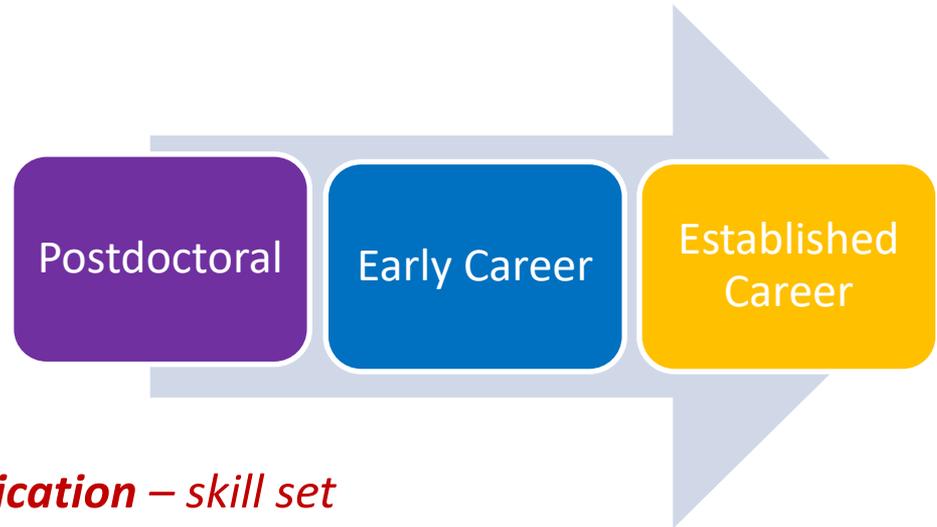


- AHRC - Arts and Humanities Research Council
- BBSRC - Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council
- EPSRC - Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council
- ESRC - Economic and Social Research Council
- MRC - Medical Research Council
- NERC - Natural Environment Research Council
- STFC - Science and Technology Facilities Council



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EPSRC Fellowship framework



Three career stages

No time-bound eligibility criteria

*it's all about the **person specification** – skill set*

Open for submission year round

Open to researchers from anywhere in the world, but applicants need to have support of an eligible UK host organisation and apply via that university

Applications invited in **fellowship priority areas**



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Resource Package	Postdoctoral	Early Career	Established Career
Duration	Up to 3 years	Up to 5 years	Up to 5 years
Salary	50 - 100% FTE	50- 100% FTE	50 - 100% FTE
Travel & Subsistence	Yes	Yes	Yes
Staff	No	Yes	Yes
Visiting Researchers	Yes	Yes	Yes
Equipment	Items costing less than £10,000 (incl. VAT)*	Yes – in line with current EPSRC guidelines for equipment	Yes – in line with current EPSRC guidelines for equipment
Consumables	Yes	Yes	Yes
Public Communication Training	Yes	Yes	Yes

- The type of resources available is determined by the career stage under which you are applying.



Eligibility

Applicants are expected to hold a PhD or have equivalent research experience

There are **no** eligibility rules based on years of post-doctoral experience or whether you hold a permanent academic position

Need a Host Organisation: UK HEI or any organisation eligible for EPSRC funding

Check eligibility <http://www.ukri.org/funding/how-to-apply/eligibility>

A person specification will be used to describe the desired attributes for each career stage – discuss with your Host Organisation

UKRI Future Leaders Fellowships

New activity: call launched April 2018, aiming to fund **550 fellows** with two calls per year over the next three years



Support for **early career researchers and innovators** with outstanding potential in universities, businesses, and working with other research and user environments

Open across the **whole UKRI remit**

Provide **long-term funding** (4-7 years) to tackle adventurous programmes or multidisciplinary questions

Academic employer commitment: **tapered salary support** and **up-front follow-on position**

**UKRI Future
Leaders
Fellowships**

Further information: [UKRI Future Leaders Fellowship web pages](#)



International Exchanges Awards

Aim: The scheme stimulates new collaborations between scientists in the UK and overseas through either a one-off visit or bilateral travel.

Amount of Grant: £3,000 for a one-off visit and between £6,000 to £12,000 for multiple visits (one-two years)

Currently open – Deadline: Wednesday 30 May 2018. 3pm

Newton International Fellowships

Aim: The scheme provides the opportunity for the best post-doctoral researchers from all over the world to **undertake research at UK research institutions for a period of two years**. The scheme covers the broad range of the **natural and social sciences and the humanities**. Newton International Fellowship alumni are also eligible to receive up to £6,000 annually for five years following the tenure of their Fellowship to support continuing networking activities with UK-based researchers.

The scheme is jointly run by the British Academy, the Academy of Medical Sciences and the Royal Society.

Amount of Grant: £99,000 over a two-year period



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University Research Fellowship

This Fellowship provides the opportunity to build an independent research career. Those appointed are expected to be **strong candidates for permanent posts in universities at the end of their fellowships.**

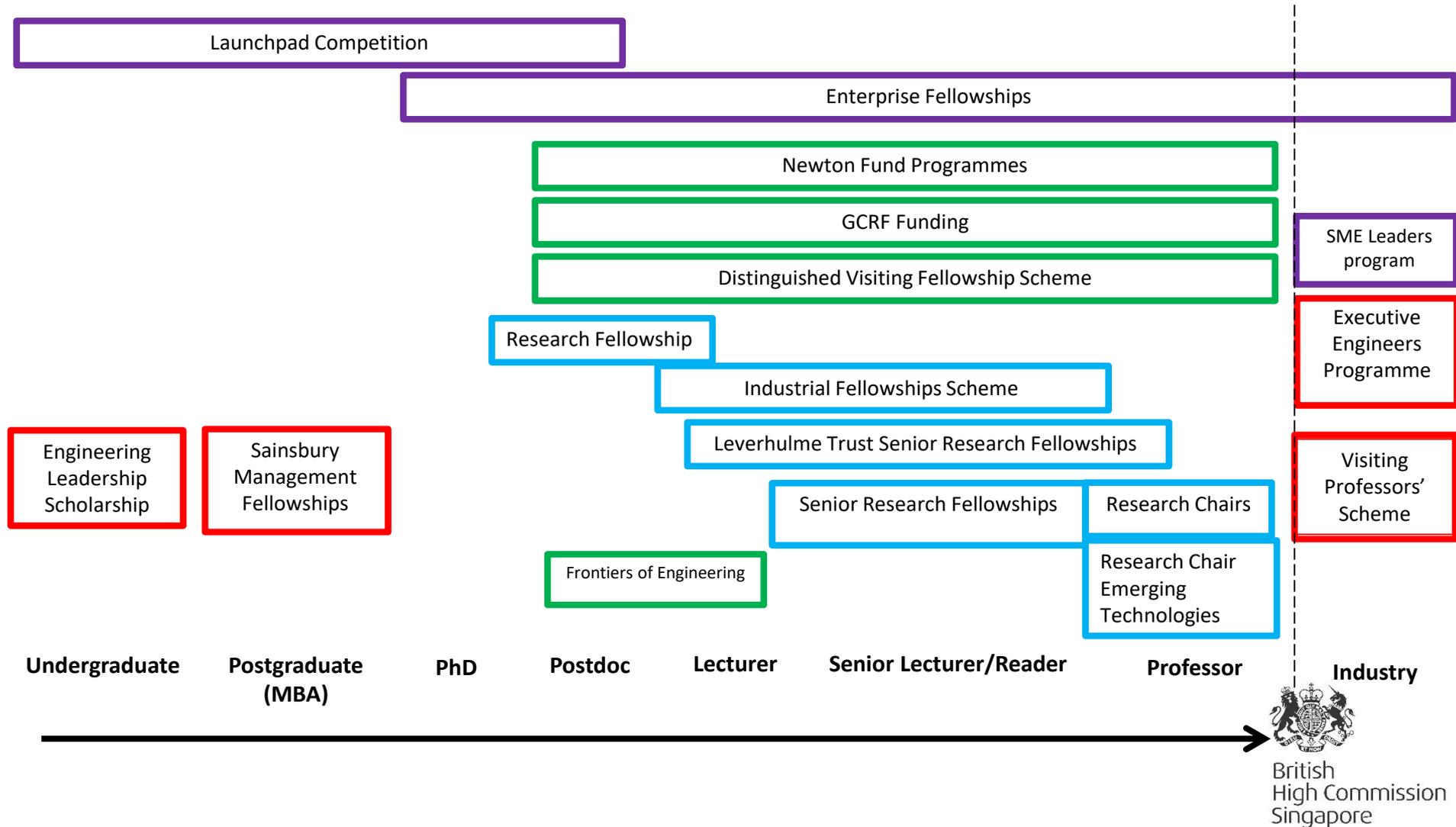
Dorothy Hodgkin Fellowship

This scheme offers a recognised first step into an independent research career for outstanding scientists at **an early stage of their research career** who require **a flexible working pattern** due to personal circumstances, such as parenting or caring responsibilities or health-related reasons.

Sir Henry Dale Fellowship

This scheme is for outstanding post-doctoral scientists wishing to **build their own UK-based, independent research career** addressing an important **biomedical** question.





Enabling Academic-Industry Engagement

Research Chairs and Senior Research Fellowships

Strengthen the *links between industry and academia* by supporting exceptional academics in UK universities to undertake **user-inspired research that meets the needs of industrial partners.**

Industrial Fellowships

Enables **mid-career academics** to undertake a **collaborative research project in an industrial environment** with the aim to strengthen the *relationship between universities and industry*



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Early-Career Fellowships

Research Fellowships and Engineering for Development Research Fellowships

Support **early-career academics** to establish successful research careers and encourage the best researchers to remain in the academic sector.

Creativity and Interdisciplinarity

Leverhulme Trust Senior Research Fellowships

Enable academics to reinvigorate their research careers or start new lines of research

Leverhulme Trust APEX awards – in partnership the British Academy and the Royal society, these awards provide established academics with an exciting opportunity to pursue genuine **interdisciplinary research** to benefit the wider society.



Commonwealth Scholarships

1. Commonwealth Rutherford Fellowships

- Up to 50 fellowships are available for researchers to spend **one or two years at an eligible UK university** conducting post doctoral research.

2. Singapore Commonwealth Scholarships and Fellowships in Innovation

- Scholarship award the scholarship is awarded to students undertaking a post graduate programme in a UK University. The programme should include an aspect of research or development in an innovation related area.
- Fellowship award : The Fellowship will support applicants who have a clear plan of research into an area of innovation, **have an agreement from a University, Company, or other body in the UK** that the applicant can undertake a fellowship with them, and be citizens of Singapore.



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CHEVENING

Scholarships awarded by the UK

Chevening Scholarship

Chevening offers two awards- Chevening Scholarships and Chevening Fellowships. Recipients are selected by British Embassies and High Commissions around the world. Upon completion of their programme, scholars will become part of the Chevening Alumni, an extensive network of professionals in a wide variety of industries. To be eligible, you must be able to **return to your country of citizenship for a minimum of two years** after your award has ended, **have at least two years' work experience**, and have an undergraduate degree that will enable you to gain entry into a postgraduate programme at a UK University, among others.



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Useful Links

<https://www.ukri.org/funding/funding-opportunities/>
<https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/funding/search>
<http://www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/International/funding-and-opportunities/Pages/gateway-to-international-opportunities.aspx>
<https://royalsociety.org/grants-schemes-awards/>
<https://www.raeng.org.uk/grants-and-prizes>
<http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk/apply/rutherford-fellowships/>
<http://www.chevening.org/>
<http://www.thercss.sg/>
<https://www.thercss.sg/scholarship-in-innovation>

Questions?

*This list is not exhaustive



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