FASS Intellectual Party 2021

Research funding & how to get it!

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Where do you start (1)?

- Research your funder and sign up for funding alerts

ttps://www.ukri.org/opportunity/

- Read and research your funder website including:

  - **READ THOROUGHLY** the funding call (or guidance)

  - Find out what projects have been funded before?

  - Understand what is it the funder wants?

  - **SCRUTINISE** the submission instructions (e.g. attachments, supporting letters, using a funder portal, etc.)

Where do you start (2)?

- Talk with experienced research grant holders in your HEIs and with staff who are involved with and work with the funders (e.g. reviewers and panellists)

- **Don't be afraid to have a conversation with the Funder**

- Contact your institutional Research Support Office (RSO) for help

  - RSO will be able to offer lots of support and guidance including

    - How to plan and prepare your application

    - Costing your budget

    - Institutional approvals and supporting letters/statements

    - and much more e.g. ResearchCONNECT

  https://www.myresearchconnect.com/

Where do you start (3)?

- Talk to your Head of Department

- They will be able to offer you help and support, particularly with:

  - departmental processes (workload monitoring, approvals, etc.)

  - mentoring arrangements

  - peer review processes

- Talk to your networks

- Talk to potential stakeholders, supporters, and users of the research

- **Situate the context from which you are working (academic and societal)* see CfS in sample application provided**

- **Think about the impact you want to make and what's possible?**

Example ESRC Postdoc Fellowship Application

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Post Doctoral Fellowship
PROPOSAL

Document Status: With Council

ESRC Reference: ES/T006064/1

ESRC Postdoctoral Fellowships invite only 2019

Organisation where the Fellowship would be held

Organisation	Lancaster University	Research Organisation Reference:	A104396
Division or Department	Sociology		

Project Title [up to 150 chars]

The Cultural Politics of the British Monarchy: Inequalities, Neoliberalism and the Elites

Start Date and Duration

a. Proposed start date	01 October 2019	b. Duration of the grant (months)	12

Useful Tips

- Start the bid writing process as soon as you can….

- Read the **funder guidance/call document** and notify your **Research Support Office** – do your research topic and activities address the requirements of the call?

- Look at **previous successful grant applications** to see what has been funded.

- Prepare your **budget** in advance of your submission – and ensure the approval process is completed.

- Make sure your application is **peer-reviewed**: allow your peer reviewer(s) time to read your application and feedback in good time (discuss with Head of Department).

Any questions?

http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/research/support-for-researchers/research-services/