

# The British Academy

## Research Funding

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# About the Academy: Roles

- A Fellowship
- A Funding Body
- A Voice



# About the Academy: Values

- Excellence
- Independence
- Distinctiveness



## Our subject areas

- The Humanities
- The Social Sciences

### Other societies

- The Royal Society
- The Royal Academy of Engineering
- The Academy of Medical Sciences
- The Royal Society of Edinburgh



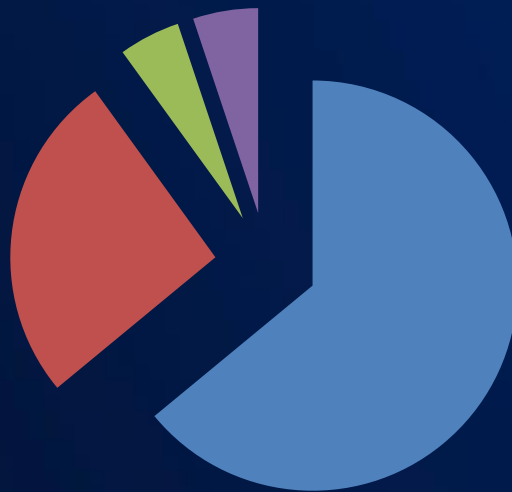
## Focus of research funding

- Individuals
- International engagement
- Excellence and engagement
- Languages and Quantitative Skills



# Division of spend 2014-15

## Allocated Spend



- Research, £16m
- International Engagement, £6.5m
- Languages and Quantitative Skills, £1.2m
- Public Policy and Engagement, £1.3m

# Research and international spend 2014-15

## Allocated Spend



- Postdoctoral Fellowships, £10.75m
- Mid-Career Fellowships, £4.2m
- Small Research Grants, £1.3m, inc £500k from Leverhulme
- Newton International Fellowships, £1.4m
- International Partnerships and Mobility, £1m
- Skills Acquisition Awards, £200k



## Available research support

- Humanities and social sciences
- Postdoctoral level
- Applicants resident in the UK
- Complement the schemes of the AHRC and ESRC



# Research Awards & Int'l Schemes

- BA/Leverhulme Small Research Grants (SG)
- Postdoctoral Fellowships (PDF)
- Mid-Career Fellowships (MCF)
- Senior Research Fellowships (SRF)
- Skills Acquisition Awards (SQ)
- International Partnership & Mobility (IPM)
- Newton International Fellowships (NIF)

## BA/Leverhulme Small Research Grants

- Restored scheme, now with additional funding from Leverhulme Trust
- Awards £10k, tenable for up to 24 months
- Commonly used for pilot studies, small-scale projects
- Worldwide in scope, international partners
- High priority in Academy portfolio
- Wide outreach: over 100 HEIs in last financial year

## BA/Leverhulme Small Research Grants

- Two rounds of competition per year
- 2014-15 round now open with a deadline of 15 October 2014
- Awards for research to start between 1 Apr and 31 August 2015
- Further round in spring 2015 – deadline in April 2015
- Awards for research to start between Sep and Mar 2016

## BA/Leverhulme Small Research Grants

- 1102 applications in 2014, 118 awards, 10.7% success rate

Similar numbers anticipated for the future competitions

## Evaluation Criteria

For all awards:

- academic merit
- originality of proposal
- relationship to and volume of research already in the field
- feasibility of research programme
- specificity of scheme of research
- intended outcomes

## Peer Review

- assessment procedures proportionate to scale of funding
- subject specialists within Academy
- for international grants, may also use area specialists
- recommendations confirmed by Award Committees, in light of budget available
- Code of Practice for all assessors



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