# £481m for UK's world class research and innovation infrastructure

UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) has announced a **£481 million**

**investment in major research and innovation infrastructure** over the next three years, including CoSTAR, a new state-of-the-art facility for the UK's renowned screen, gaming and performance sectors, and RICHeS, a network of facilities and expertise in the field of heritage science which will uncloak the potential for heritage assets.

The 23 major infrastructure projects and 9 scoping studies through UKRI's Infrastructure Fund will help to maintain the UK's position as a research and innovation superpower. New, cutting-edge facilities and equipment across the UK will strengthen international capability and transform expertise across a spectrum of disciplines including: the arts, physics, life and environmental science, social science, medicine.

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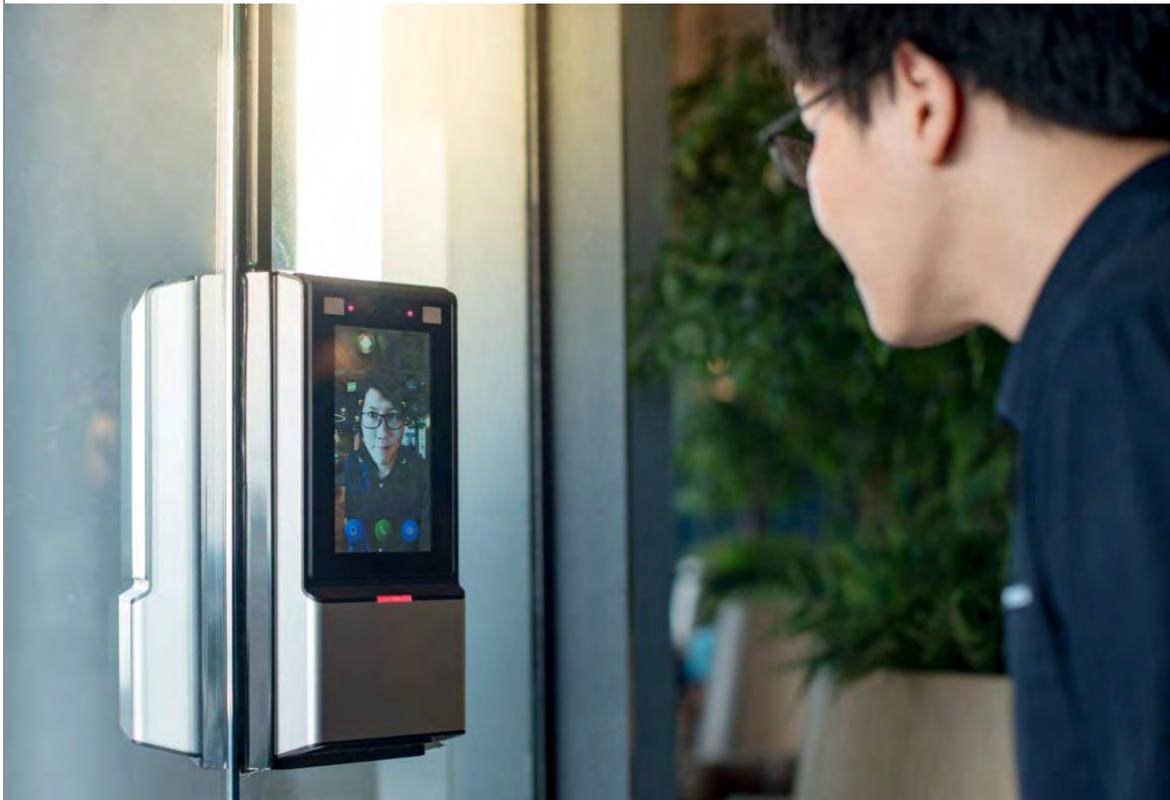


## £8.5 million research programme to transform AI ethics and regulation in the UK

AHRC has announced £8.5 million funding to support a new major research programme, 'Enabling a Responsible AI Ecosystem' which will tackle

Artificial Intelligence ethics and regulation. The first of its kind in the UK, this research programme will ensure the development and use of AI is more responsible, ethical and accountable. Researchers will collaborate with industry and policy makers to lead the way in research-informed AI regulation and standards. The programme is delivered in partnership with the Ada Lovelace Institute.



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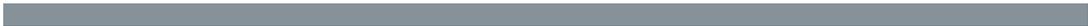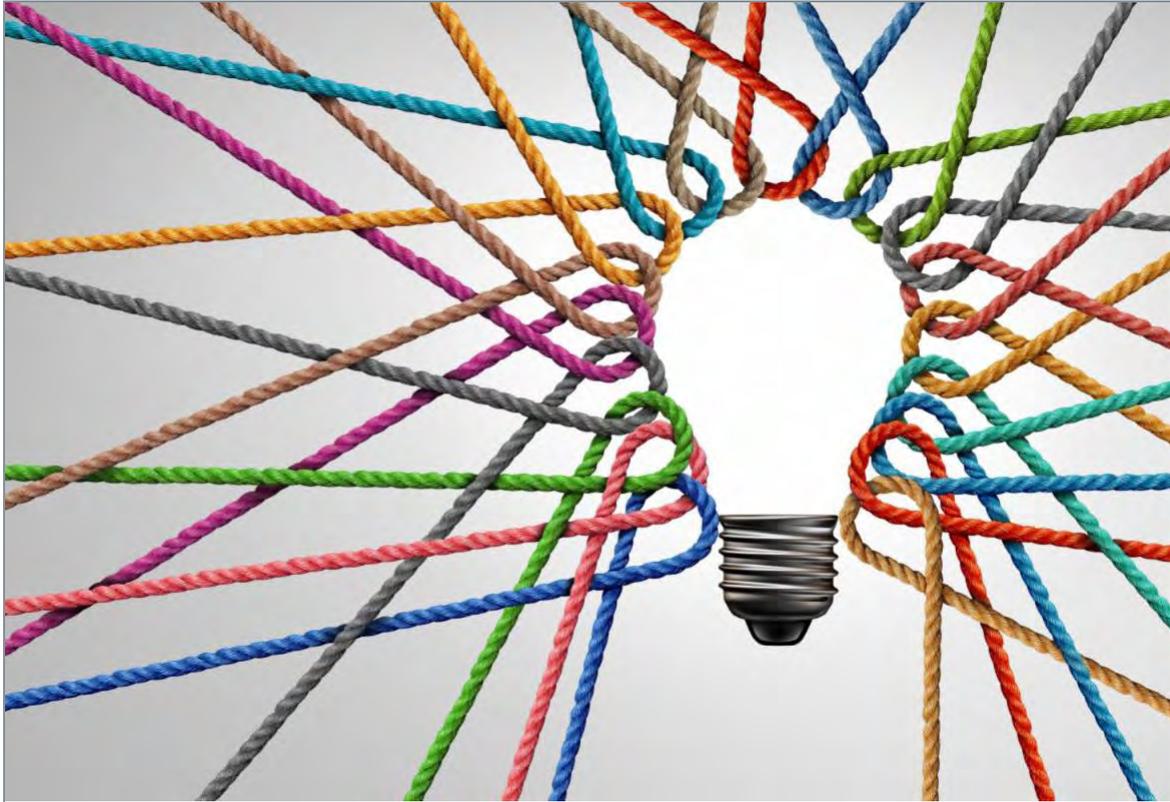
## £118m to accelerate UK bright ideas into global opportunities

Ideas emerging from UK research organisations will benefit from £118 million funding to jumpstart knowledge exchange, translation and commercialisation.

The Impact Acceleration Account (IAA) supports critical early-stage translation of UK research to real impacts. It is the first time AHRC has participated directly in IAA funding, investing £5 million over three years. This move represents an opportunity for AHRC to support both culture change, and the early-stage industry engagement that support research and innovation commercialisation.

The arts and humanities are at the forefront of innovation playing a critical role in the innovation ecosystem. The IAAs will help enhance industry and enable arts and humanities researchers to work with the creative industries and government departments to generate real social, economic and cultural value.

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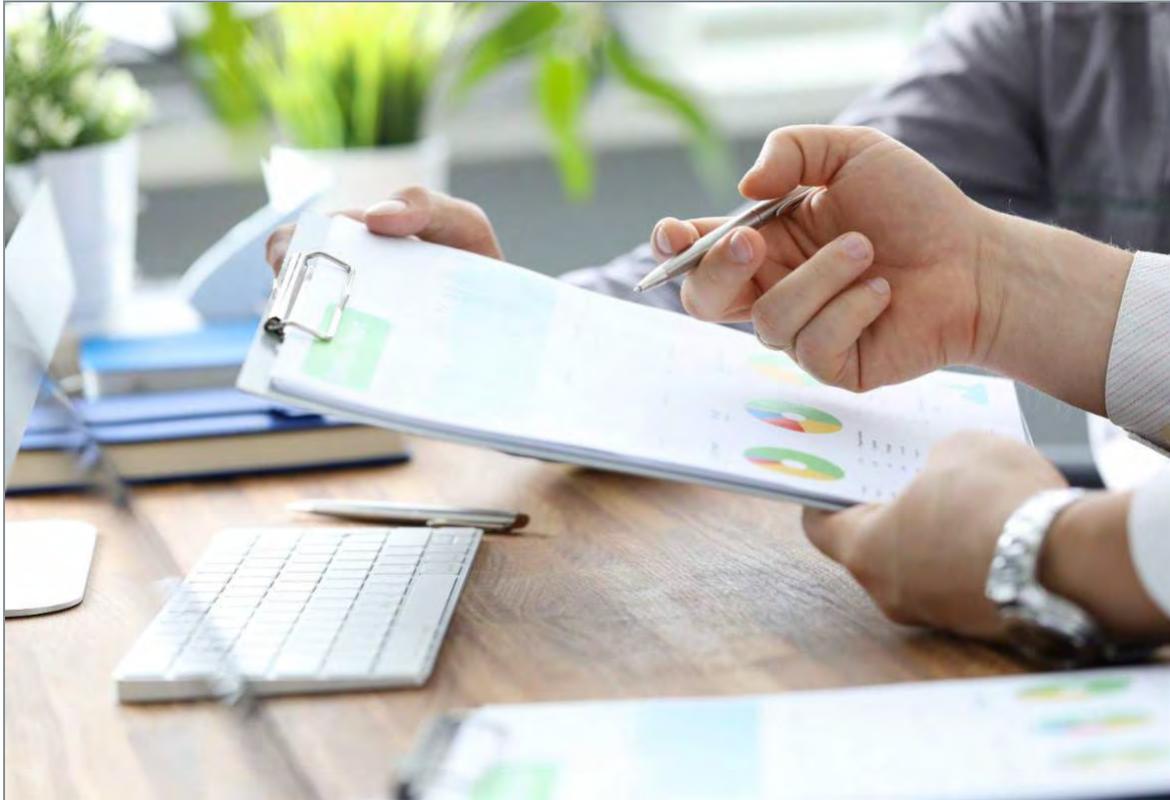
## UKRI budget allocation confirmed

The Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, Kwasi Kwarteng has confirmed UKRI's detailed three-year budget allocations. The allocations set out how UKRI will invest £25 billion in world-class research and innovation to deliver benefits for communities across the UK.

UKRI's overall budget was set as part of the 2021 Spending Review and rises from £7,904 million in 2022 to 2023, to £8,874 million in 2024 to 2025.

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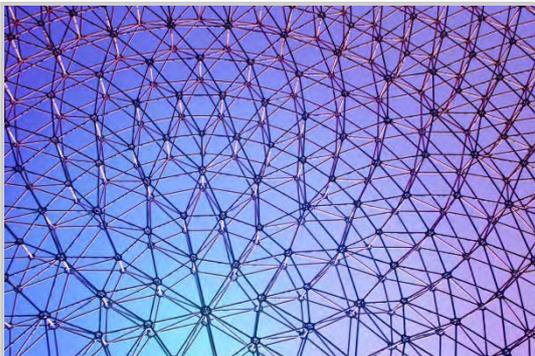
## On the AHRC blog...

AHRC's Ruth Robinson (Head of Operations) and Matthew McCallum (Associate Director of Programmes) extend a warm welcome to the 425 new members of AHRC's Peer Review College, following a successful recruitment process.
This recruitment process focused on diversifying the college to reflect the full diversity of the research community.

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## On the airwaves...

It's Pride month and to celebrate, our latest BBC Radio 3 New Thinking podcast showcases research about covert queer communities in Northern Ireland and China. Tune in to hear Dr Naomi Paxton talk to Dr Tom Hulme (Queen's University Belfast) and Dr Ting Guo (University of Belfast) about sexuality before Liberation and Anglophone cinema.

Listen here

## Develop your research for the BBC by becoming a New Generation Thinker

Could you turn your research into a captivating programme for the largest possible audience? New Generation Thinkers is a joint scheme between the AHRC and the BBC that selects top early career researchers to make programmes for the BBC. Thinkers appear on and present radio programmes, workshop ideas with top BBC producers, get top training from the AHRC, opportunities to participate in festivals, and much more.
 Applications for New Generation Thinkers 2023 open on 30 June 2022 and close on 22 September 2022. Find out more when the scheme opens on the **UKRI Funding Finder**.
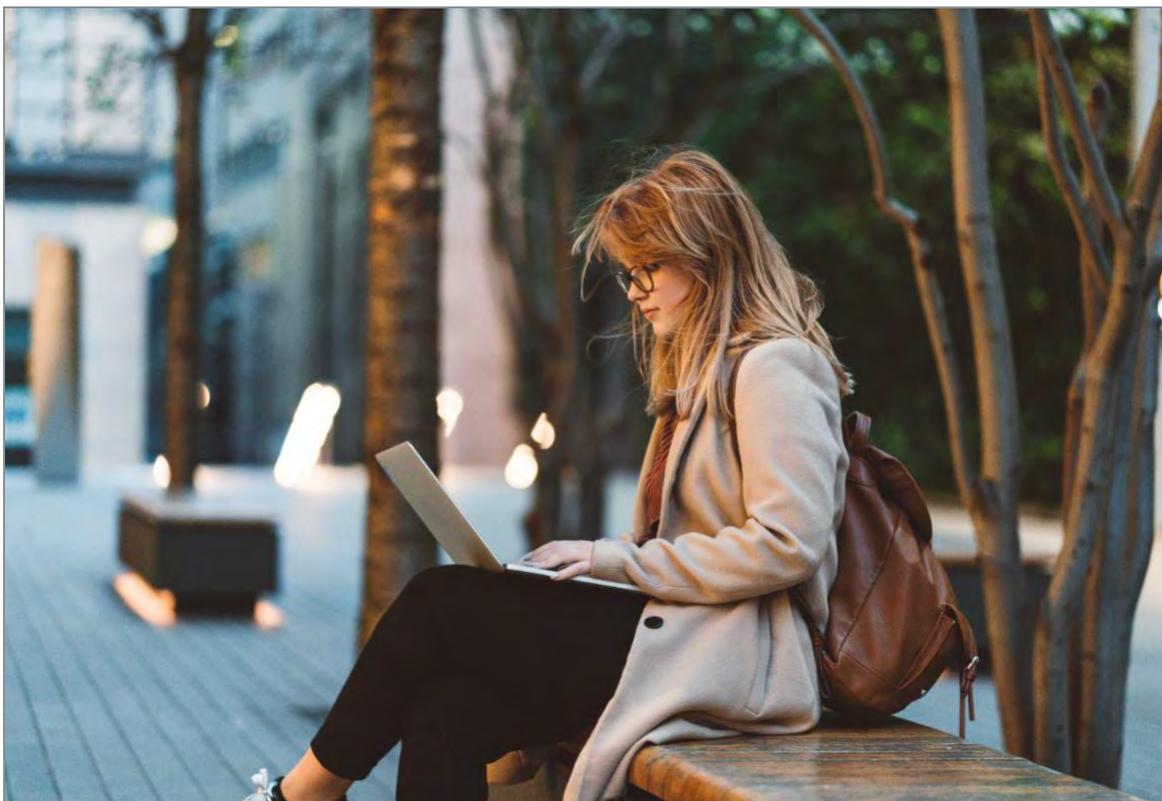
## UKRI considering financial support for research students

UKRI is talking to sector groups on a range of options regarding financial support for UKRI postgraduate research students, due to the increasing cost of living.

UKRI-supported students, which includes students funded by UKRI's seven research councils, receive at least a minimum stipend. Typically, the minimum stipend is revised in line with a measure of inflation annually. In line with this approach, the minimum stipend is due to increase by 2.9% at the beginning of the 2022 to 2023 academic year to reflect the rate of inflation from October 2020 to September 2021. Any decision on financial support will be communicated in the summer.

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## Share your views on our new guidance on developing

## early careers

We are inviting feedback from the arts and humanities community on how you have engaged with our new **AHRC Guidance on Training and Developing Early Career Researchers in the Arts and Humanities**. Launched on 21 April, the Guidance is a revised and more accessible version of the Research Training Framework designed for Early Career Researchers (ECRs), managers of ECRs, and support staff at Research Organisations. We are now interested to hear about your awareness of the guidance and how you might have applied it.

If you identify as an ECR, or a manager of ECRs, we invite you to **share your feedback with us via a short survey** by 16 June 2022.

We also welcome your thoughts on the guidance through email, you can get in touch with us at: **researcher.development@ahrc.ukri.org**

## Alumni corner: celebrating the successes of our AHRC-funded PhDs

**We're showcasing inspiring career stories of our AHRC-funded doctoral graduates. Email our researcher development team if you have a story to share.**

**This month we're spotlighting Dr Rachel Warner:**

**Dr Rachel Warner** is a lecturer at the University of Reading. Already a professional designer with an interest in 'design for public good', Rachel completed her AHRC-funded doctoral research in 2021.
Her PhD, entitled 'Design for decision making: the design of information for later life housing options', explored tackling social problems, including improving quality of life and healthy ageing, through a design-focused approach.

Rachel undertook her research as part of the **Design Star Centre for Doctoral Training**. Her doctoral experience had an 'immeasurable impact' on her personal and professional development, encouraging her to build a holistic skillset based on efficient project management. Rachel has adapted this ongoing skills development to her growing teaching responsibilities and her commitment to support of students through the **Real Jobs** scheme and as her department's Diversity and Inclusion Liaison.

As part of her PhD, Rachel also fully embraced the 'Design Star collaborative mentality'. Through networking and co-organising the **2017 Summer School**, Rachel was able to explore cross-disciplinary research methods alongside colleagues as part of the Design Star CDT community. With an expanded understanding of how design research could be applied more broadly, Rachel has brought her 'design for public good' principles into the fields of data visualisation for climate communication and **human rights information design**.

## New calls and opportunities

### Invite to a webinar exploring the AHRC Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (ED&I) Engagement Fellowship Scheme

On Friday 15 July we will be hosting a webinar to explore learning from the recent ED&I Engagement Fellowship pilot scheme. The event will showcase the work of the Fellows and discuss the role of ED&I for AHRC as a funder and ED&I as a research theme.

If you'd like to join us, **please register here**.

**Find out more**

### Call for Expressions of Interest (EoI) to host the Creative Industries Policy & Evidence Centre from June 2023 to 2028

AHRC intends to continue funding for the **Creative Industries Policy & Evidence Centre (PEC)**. Expressions of Interest are now invited from potential Research Organisations and Independent Research Organisations who are interested in hosting the PEC and its core team from June 2023 for a further five-year period.

Since its inception in 2018, hosted by Nesta and funded by AHRC as part of the Creative Industries Clusters Programme, the PEC has established itself as a UK centre of excellence for research and evidence to inform Creative Industries Policy. Building on Nesta's long history of evidencing the value of the creative industries, it has become the go-to place for policymakers working in the sector and provides a vital bridge between academia, policy and industry.

To find out more about this opportunity and the Expressions of Interest

process **please visit our website**.

Applications close on 21 July 2022, 4pm UK time.

**Find out more**

## AHRC Bursaries for Cultural Sector Leadership Training Courses, Winter 2022/23

AHRC is pleased to announce the availability of bursary opportunities for arts and humanities researchers to undertake an intensive training course delivered by **Clore Leadership**. Applications are now open for the **Emerging Leaders** and **Leadership Pulse** courses in Winter 2022/2023.

The courses offer researchers a unique opportunity to develop leadership skills and competencies to contribute to the vitality of the cultural sector through their research and engagement activities.
AHRC will provide funding for the full course fee (fees, accommodation, meals, etc.) for two arts and humanities researchers for each course. A carer's bursary is also available to support applicants with caring responsibilities.

The closing date for applications is midday Wednesday 6 July 2022.

For information specific to AHRC applicants (e.g. additional eligibility requirements), **please visit the AHRC page on the Clore website**.

**Find out more**

## Call for facilitator to develop Knowledge Exchange activities for CHANSE Transformation projects

The European multilateral funding initiative **CHANSE** (Collaboration of Humanities and Social Sciences in Europe) is inviting applications for a **facilitator to develop knowledge exchange activities** across their **26 Transformation projects**. The projects **have been funded through CHANSE's latest call, 'Transformations: Social and cultural dynamics in the digital age'.**
Candidates are welcomed from established research organisation based anywhere in the world, contingent on the organisation's existing in-house

capacity to host a grant and the applicant's experience of the European knowledge exchange landscape.

This opportunity closes on 26 July 2022 at 4pm UK time.

**Find out more**

## Future of UK Treescapes Fellowship Scheme

NERC is inviting proposals for **Treescapes Fellowships**, to provide researchers/non-academics to spend 3-12 months working on a topic related to the Treescapes programme remit.

The scheme will provide a learning and knowledge exchange experience outside the Fellow's usual area of expertise and enhance broader interdisciplinary environmental and forest science capacity. Applicants should be innovative and creative in proposal development, providing clear description of how they intend to use the Fellowship to contribute to the Treescape programme.

Open to applicants under the remit of NERC, AHRC, or ESRC, but proposals must demonstrate relevance for the funding council, NERC.

 Applications close 12pm on 29 July 2022.

**Find out more**

## Funding opportunity pre-announcement: International networks for disability-inclusive global development

Apply for funding to explore the impact of arts and humanities research on disability-inclusive sustainable global development. This funding opportunity is looking to support research networking activities exploring the distinctive contributions that arts and humanities research can make to achieving disability inclusive sustainable global development.

The deadline for applications is 22 September 2022 at 16:00.

## Early Career Fellowships in Cultural and Heritage Institutions

We are pleased to pre-announce a pilot funding opportunity which will open in November 2022. It is designed for early career researchers who would like to spend up to two years undertaking a fellowship in cultural and heritage organisations with an Independent Research Organisation status. The purpose of this opportunity is to enable early career postdoctoral (or equivalent) researchers to gain research and career experience in the galleries, libraries, archives and museums (GLAM) sector, and to strengthen the sector thanks to new research projects.

## Bursaries for Ukrainian researchers to attend HERA conference

HERA is providing 10 bursaries to support Ukrainian researchers to attend the upcoming HERA conference including the Early Career Research event on 7 September and the conference programme on the 8-9 September in Wroclaw in Poland. The selection criteria will be based on the following:
· Researcher is Ukrainian
· Researcher is a Humanities scholar
· Researcher can speak English proficiently

Once researchers meet the above criteria, all applicants will be selected by a lottery system. Applications close on 11 July, with the successful applicants being informed by mid-July.

# Coronavirus updates

For all the latest information on the vital work of UKRI and our community in response to the crisis, visit the **UKRI Coronavirus Hub**.

**A summary of current funding opportunities:**

- Digital research fellowships at US cultural institutions

- Fellowships to inform policies for culture and heritage capital

- Future Leaders Fellowships: round 7

- International networks for disability-inclusive global development

- Equality, diversity and inclusion caucus

- Support knowledge exchange for CHANSE digital transformations research

- Pre-announcement: early career fellowships in cultural and heritage institutions

- Host the Creative Industries Policy and Evidence Centre: stage one

- Research partnerships with indigenous researchers

- Improving UK identification of adult survivors of modern slavery

- Pre-announcement: Design Exchange Partnerships: designing net zero

- Embed digital skills in arts and humanities research

- Improve equality, diversity and inclusion in UK modern slavery research

- Pre-announcement: collaborate with German partners on arts and humanities research: round five

- Build community research consortia to address health disparities

- Becoming the programme director for Enabling a Responsible AI Ecosystem

- Collaborative Doctoral Partnerships: round four

- Turing AI World-Leading Researcher Fellowships: round two

- [Work with researchers in Luxembourg on arts and humanities projects](#)

- [Pre-announcement: Turing AI World-Leading Researcher Fellowships: rounds two and three](#)

- [AHRC research networking scheme](#)

- [AHRC Working with Brazilian researchers](#)

- [UKRI-SBE lead agency opportunity](#)

- [Daphne Jackson fellowship](#)

- [AHRC follow-on funding for impact and engagement](#)

- [AHRC standard research grant](#)

- [AHRC early career research grant](#)

- [AHRC research, development and engagement fellowships: early career researchers route](#)

- [AHRC research, development and engagement fellowships: standard route to support mid-career and established researchers](#)

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