

# Newton International Fellowships

The Newton International Fellowships enable researchers to work for two years at a UK institution with the aim of fostering long-term international collaborations.

The Scheme aims to attract the most promising early career postdoctoral researchers from overseas in the fields of natural sciences, physical sciences, medical sciences, social sciences and the humanities. The Newton International Fellowships Scheme is delivered by the British Academy, [Academy of Medical Sciences](#), and the [Royal Society](#).

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## Aims

The aims for the Newton International Fellowships Scheme are to:

- Support the development and training of postdoctoral researchers at an early stage of their career from any country outside the UK, by providing an opportunity to work at a UK research institution for two years.
- Ensure the best postdoctoral researchers across all relevant disciplines from around the world are supported in the UK.
- Foster long-term relations between Newton International Fellows and the UK research base through the establishment of an alumni programme for former Fellows of this Scheme.

## Eligibility Requirements

The applicant must:

- Have a PhD, or applicants in the final stages of their PhD will be accepted provided that the PhD will be completed (including viva) before the start date of the Fellowship. Confirmation of award of the PhD will be required before any Fellowship award is confirmed
- Applicants should have no more than 7 years of active full time postdoctoral experience at the time of application (discounting career breaks, but including teaching experience and/or time spent in industry)
- Be working outside the UK
- Not hold UK citizenship
- Be competent in oral and written English
- Have a clearly defined and mutually-beneficial research proposal agreed with a UK host researcher.

Applicants should ensure that they meet all the eligibility requirements, which are explained in the scheme notes.

## Value and Duration

Newton International Fellowships last for two years. Funding consists of £24,000 per annum for subsistence costs, and up to £8,000 per annum research expenses, as well as a one-off payment of up to £3,000 for relocation expenses. Awards include a contribution to the overheads incurred, at a rate of 50% of the total award to the visiting researcher.

Applicants may also be eligible to receive follow on Alumni funding following the tenure of their Fellowship to support networking activities with UK-based researchers.

## **Newton Fund**

Additional Fellowships will be supported through the **Newton Fund**, specifically for applicants from Newton Fund partner countries, subject to available funding. This initiative aims to develop long-term sustainable growth and welfare of partner countries through building research and innovation capacity, and forms part of the UK's Official Development Assistance commitment.

## **Application Process**

Application form and scheme notes available from 23 January 2020

Applicant deadline 26 March 2020 (3pm UK time)

Results announced approximately 6 months after the closure of the round

Awards available for start date 1 October 2020 - 31 March 2021

The application form will be available on the British Academy's **Flexi-Grant system** from 23 Janua

<https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/newton-international-fellowships>

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