

## Call for applications: The British Academy- International Fellowships

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

Keywords: Early-career researchers, international collaboration, Research fellowship

**Funding amount and duration of funding: Salary costs and research expenses for a period of 24 months**

**Funder deadline: 18 March 2025**

### UCT Internal Deadlines

- **UCT Intention to submit deadline:** Please complete [intention-to-submit](#) form an by **28 Feb 2025**

**This call does not require submission through the UCT eRA process.** Applicants should work directly with their UK host institution to prepare and submit their applications.

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### About the Funding Opportunity

[The International-fellowships programme](#) funded by the British Academy, is designed to attract and support outstanding early-career researchers from around the world. This prestigious initiative provides the opportunity for researchers to conduct high-quality, original research at a UK host institution, fostering international collaboration and long-term research partnerships. Funding covers salary, research expenses, and relocation costs, supporting career development over a two-year fellowship.

The objectives are to:

- Support early career researchers in pursuing innovative research.
- Provide opportunities for skill development and knowledge transfer.
- Foster long-term research relationships through networking and the alumni programme

**Applicants should ensure that they meet all the eligibility requirements, which are explained in the [scheme notes](#)**

### Eligibility Criteria

#### **Lead Applicant Requirements:**

- Must hold a doctoral degree or be in the final stages of a PhD (completion before the start of the fellowship).
- Must have no more than seven years of active full-time postdoctoral experience.
- Must be working outside the UK and not hold UK citizenship.
- Must not have lived, worked, or undertaken research in the UK for 12 months prior to the application deadline (except short-term visits of less than three months).

#### **Host and Sponsor Requirements:**

- A UK-based institution must act as the host organization.
- The UK Sponsor must be an established independent researcher holding a permanent or fixed-term contract at the host organization.

### Other Key Points:

- Applicants who completed their PhD in the UK must have been working outside the UK for at least one year.
- UCT researchers may participate as collaborators but cannot act as the host organization.
- The UK sponsor or host institution is responsible for submitting the application through the funder's portal.
- While UCT does not submit the application, it is recommended that researchers complete [intention-to-submit](#) form

### Funding Amount and Duration:

- Salary costs covered at 80% of Full Economic Cost (FEC).
- Research expenses of up to £12,000.
- Relocation costs of up to £8,000 (justifiable above this with approval).
- Fellowship duration: 2 years/24 months.

### Application Process

- **Funder Portal (FlexiGrant):**
  - **Create an Account:** Register at [FlexiGrant](#).
  - **Complete All Sections:**
    - Summary Page
    - Eligibility Declaration
    - Research Proposal
    - Contact Details
    - Career Summaries (Lead Applicant and UK Sponsor)
    - Financial Details
    - Participant Contributions
    - Applicant Declaration
  - **Invite Participants:** Ensure all referees and institutional contributors accept invitations and submit their sections.
  - **Institutional Approval:** Liaise with the UK Host Institution, which is responsible for submitting the final application via Flexi-Grant to the British Academy, to secure approvals before the deadline.
  - **Submission Deadline:** Submit by **Tuesday, 18 March 2025, at 17:00 UK time.**