**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](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=NUNFkk5Wz0ywsCREW4wD943aRnS3L-RPsF4vKdj41yJUQUVWMFE3MEpDWEg3UVowQU9DTkg5NDhXVCQlQCN0PWcu)  form an by **18 Feb 2025**
* **UCT eRA:** Approval via UCT’s electronic Research Administration (eRA) system is **REQUIRED** prior to submission to the funder. Applicants should:
* Initiate eRA Approval form and contact faculty finance/budget reviewer by no later than **18 Feb 2025**
* [eRA Internal Approvals forms](http://www.researchsupport.uct.ac.za/rsh/era/internal-process) should reach the Finance Approver by no later than **04 March 2025**

**Contacts: Faculty of Health Sciences:** [FHS.ResearchFunding@uct.ac.za](mailto:FHS.ResearchFunding@uct.ac.za) **; All Other Faculties -**  [internationalgrants@uct.ac.za](mailto:internationalgrants@uct.ac.za)

**About the Funding Opportunity**

[The International-fellowships programme](https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/international-fellowships/) 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**](https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/international-fellowships/guidance-notes-2025/)**.**

**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.

**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**

***UCT Internal Processes and Key Deadlines***

For your application to receive institutional approval and be submitted on time, please adhere to the following internal processes and deadlines:

* **UCT eRA System**:
  + Applications must go through UCT’s **electronic Research Administration (eRA)** system for institutional approval. This ensures that your faculty finance office reviews and approves the budget and compliance checks before submission to the funder.

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| **Key Timelines and Deadlines** | **Deadline** |
| PI to initiate an eRA Proposal Approval request and alert their faculty finance office of the budgetary support needed | **Immediately** |
| PI to submit an eRA Proposal Approval request with a draft budget to the Budget Reviewer step on eRA at least **4 weeks** before the funder deadline | **18 February 2025** |
| PI to submit an eRA Proposal Approval request to the Finance Approver step on eRA at least **2 weeks** before the funder deadline | **4 March 2025** |
| Approval form and all supporting documents to reach RC&I via eRA at least **1 week** before the funder deadline | **11 March 2025** |
| PI to submit the application on the funder portal to RC&I (Administering Organization) by five working days before the funder’s deadline *(if applicable)* | **12 March 2025** |
| Funder deadline for full proposal | **18 March 2025** |

* **Funder Portal (FlexiGrant)**:
  + In parallel with the eRA process, the online application must be completed on the British Academy’s **FlexiGrant portal**.
* **Create an Account:** Register at [FlexiGrant](https://britishacademy.flexigrant.com/).
* **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**.