British Academy International Fellowships 2024

*Internal selection process &  
guidance for applicants*

Research Strategy & Development Team  
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Overview   
The BA International Fellowships Programme provides support for outstanding early career researchers to make a first step towards developing an independent research career through gaining experience across international borders. Each award is expected to involve a specific and protected research focus with the award-holder undertaking high-quality, original research.

Applicant eligibility

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. Details can be found on the BA website: <https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/international-fellowships/>

Finances   
The International Fellowships offer support for **three years** and the award is offered at 80% FEC. Applicants may apply for research expenses of up to £12,000 and relocation costs of up to £8,000. Applicants will need to justify the level of research expenses and relocation costs requested in their application.

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

From this round onwards, the British Academy International Fellowship award-holders will no longer be classified as visiting researchers on a stipend, but salaried employees. Award-holders will receive a reasonable salary set by King’s.

Internal selection process timeline

The timeline for the application process is set out below.

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| Date | Action | Notes |
| **Monday 19th February 2024, 4pm**  ***Please note that this deadline is final and non-negotiable*** | Deadline for applicants to send intention to apply to the Research Strategy & Development Team | Please submit:   * Confirmation that you:   + meet British Academy’s eligibility criteria for the scheme set out on their website: <https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/international-fellowships/>   + understand that you must liaise with relevant people to ensure 5 support statements are in place   + are able to finalise your application by 6th March (including support statements) to meet the King’s deadline for institutional checks and approvals   + can identify a UK sponsor * Email confirmation from your HoD that they: support your application; are willing to write one of the support statements; that the UK sponsor is in support; and that a training and development programme will be provided. * CV (max. 2 pages of A4 inclusive of publication list) * A summary of your research proposal and why it’s important, plus identification of sponsor and host department (max. 1 page A4) * Draft personal statement detailing how you fit the BA scheme and requirements. E.g. outline why you want to come to King’s; required training and development during the Fellowship; benefits of the Fellowship for your career trajectory (max. 1 page A4)   Send to: [susanna.cornick-willis@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:susanna.cornick-willis@kcl.ac.uk)  VDR confirms final decisions on the selection of applications which will be developed for submission to British Academy. |
| **By 19th Feb 2024** | Agreement of King’s support from HoD | RDMs to consult with HoDs to confirm candidates that are ready and suitable to apply |
| **By Monday 26th Feb 2024 (latest)** | Send draft application to Research Development Manager (RDM) for review | Please send a PDF download of the entire application form from the BA portal and submit   * Arts & Humanities RDM – [emma.jay@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:emma.jay@kcl.ac.uk) * Law & King’s Business School RDM – [sarah.l.evans@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:sarah.l.evans@kcl.ac.uk) * Social Science & Public Policy RDM – [david.newsome@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:david.newsome@kcl.ac.uk) |
| **26th Feb – 6th March 2024** | Application development; standard costings & Worktribe process | Research Development Managers available to give feedback to applicants during development. |
| **Thursday 6th March 2024**  ***Please note that this deadline is final and non-negotiable*** | King’s internal submission deadline for applicants |  |
| **Thursday 13th March 2024, 5:00pm** | British Academy final external deadline | Pre-Award team make final and financial checks of the application and submit on behalf of the institution to BA.  . |

Contact details

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