

British Academy International Fellowships 2025

Internal selection process & guidance for applicants

Research Strategy & Performance 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 living and working outside the UK (for at least 12 months at the time of application).
- 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 pages 5 & 6 of the BA guidance: [International Fellowship 2024 - Scheme Notes.pdf](#)

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.

You should contact your local research support colleagues for advice on the technicalities of this scheme, including eligibility. A list of contacts can be found at the end of this guidance document.

Internal selection process timeline

The timeline for the application process is set out below. If you'd like to check any element of this process, please contact Susie (susanna.cornick-willis@kcl.ac.uk), who will either advise or put you in touch with the right person to assist.

Please do discuss with your local research support colleagues, as advised above. The list of helpful contacts is at the bottom of the document.

All documents should be written in Ariel, font size 11.

Date	Action	Notes
By Monday 10 th February 2025	Ensure HoD approval	Please discuss your potential application with your Head of Department (HoD) or Head of School (HoS) and obtain written confirmation that they approve of your submission.
Monday 10 th February 2025, 4pm <i>Please note that this deadline is final and non-negotiable</i>	Deadline for applicants to send intention to apply to the Research Strategy & Development Team	<p>Please ensure that you discuss all eligibility criteria and salary negotiations with your Faculty Research Support teams.</p> <p>Please submit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmation that you: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 11th 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. Outline why you want to come to King's; required

		<p>training and development during the Fellowship; benefits of the Fellowship for your career trajectory (max. 1 page A4)</p> <p>Send to: susanna.cornick-willis@kcl.ac.uk</p> <p>VDR confirms final decisions on the selection of applications which will be developed for submission to British Academy.</p>
By 13 th Feb 2025	Agreement of King's support from VDR	RDMs to consult with HoDs and VDRs to review and agree the range of candidates King's will support for development and submission
By 14 th Feb 2025	Candidates informed of selection decisions	All applicants informed of selection decisions
14 th Feb – 11 th March 2025 (with drafts to RDMs by 21 st Feb, latest)	Application development; standard costings & Worktribe process	<p>Please contact your local research support colleagues for assistance with costings and Worktribe processes. Local contact details are at the bottom of this guidance document.</p> <p>During this period you should also work with your Research Development Manager on the academic content of your application (see box below for more detail)</p>
By 21 st Feb 2025 (latest)	Send draft application to Research Development Manager (RDM) for review	<p>Please send a <u>PDF download of the entire application form</u> from the BA portal and submit to RDM for their review; they will read your draft and provide constructive feedback by 28th Feb.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts & Humanities RDM – emma.jay@kcl.ac.uk • King's Business School RDM – sarah.l.evans@kcl.ac.uk • Law RDM (interim) - gilad.toffell@kcl.ac.uk • Social Science & Public Policy RDM – gilad.toffell@kcl.ac.uk
Tuesday 11 th March 2025 <i>Please note that this deadline is final and non-negotiable</i>	King's internal submission deadline for applicants	Please contact your local Pre-Award colleagues for support with your final submission.
Tuesday 18 th March 2025, 5:00pm	British Academy final external deadline	Pre-Award team make final checks of the application and submit on behalf of the institution to BA.

Contact details

Please contact Susie Cornick-Willis (susanna.cornick-willis@kcl.ac.uk) with any queries about the process above

Faculty key contacts

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