



THE UNIVERSITY *of* EDINBURGH

Una Europa Opportunities for Early Career Researchers

University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom

Where Is It?

The University of Edinburgh is spread throughout the city of Edinburgh and the surrounding area (<https://www.ed.ac.uk/maps/maps>): Old College (Law), New College (Divinity), Holyrood (Education and Sport), High School Yards (Geosciences), Central Area (Humanities, Socials Sciences, Neuroscience) and Lauriston (College of Art) campuses are all fairly central. King's Buildings (Sciences and Engineering) and Edinburgh Bioquarter (Medicine) are in the south of the city and beyond the city limits is the Easter Bush Campus (Veterinary Medicine)

What Opportunities Are There?

National and foundation funding

Funding	DL	Duration	Amount	Eligibility	Nationality requirements	Fields	More info
Economic and Social Research Council	Spring	12 Months	Full salary plus £10K in other costs	Completed PhD in UK, no more than 12 months postdoc experience	n/a	Economic and Social Sciences	https://www.sgsss.ac.uk/fellowships/pdf-scheme/ https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/esrc-postdoctoral-fellowships/

Postdoctoral Fellowship							
Economic and Social Research Council New Investigator Grants	Open	Max is 5 years	Up to £300K	Applicant defined	n/a	Economic and Social Sciences	https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/esrc-responsive-mode-new-investigator-grants-round-two/
Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council Postdoctoral Fellowship	Open	3 years	Full salary plus -equipment (<£10K) and other items needed to carry out the project -costs related to impact -travel and subsistence	Have a PhD and not held a “significant” grant	n/a	STEM	https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/epsrc-post-doctoral-fellowships-dec-2023-responsive-mode/
Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council Fellowships	May	3 years	Full salary plus all research expenses	Have a PhD or “Equivalent experience”	n/a	Biotechnology and Biological Sciences	https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/2024-bbsrc-fellowships-scheme/
Medical Research Council Career Development Awards	September & April	5 years	Full salary plus research expenses	Have a PhD or equivalent, see guidelines	n/a	-global health research -infections and immunity -molecular and cellular medicine	https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/career-development-award/

						-neurosciences and mental health -population and systems medicine	
Natural Environment Research Council Independent Research Fellowship	November	5 years	Full salary plus research expenses (see guidelines)	Have a PhD	n/a	-atmospheric physics and chemistry -climate and climate change -ecology, biodiversity and systematics -geosciences -marine environments -polar sciences -science-based archaeology -terrestrial and freshwater environments	https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/nerc-independent-research-fellowship-2023/
UK Research and Innovation Future Leaders Fellowship	Spring/Summer	4 years, plus further 3 years if extended	Full salary – tapered support (University makes up the rest) plus research expenses	Early Career Researchers – see guidelines	n/a	All disciplines	https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/future-leaders-fellowships-round-9/
Science and Technology Facilities Ernest Rutherford Fellowships	September (but internal deadlines may apply)	Up to 5 years	Full salary plus some research expenses	Have a PhD	n/a	-astronomy, solar and planetary science -particle physics -particle astrophysics -nuclear physics	https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/stfc-ernest-rutherford-fellowship/

						-accelerator science -computational science	
Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship	February	3 years	50% Salary (University makes up the rest) £6K p.a. on research costs	Have gained a PhD within 4 years of deadline excluding "career breaks"	n/a	All disciplines except "medicine/clinical"	https://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/early-career-fellowships
British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowship	October	3 years	Salary plus £6K research expenses	Have passed Viva Voce in last 3 years	UK and EEA Citizens, or obtained PhD in UK, or "strong prior association with UK academic community"	Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences	https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/postdoctoral-fellowships/
British Academy International Fellowship	March	2 years	Salary plus £12K research expenses and £8k relocation costs	Have PhD and no more than 7 years Postdoc exp, and be working outside UK	Not be a UK citizen	Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences	https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/international-fellowships/
Paul Mellon Centre Early Career Fellowships	Spring	2 years	£70K in total	PhD in British art studies	n/a	British Art History	https://www.paul-mellon-centre.ac.uk/grants-and-fellowships/early-career-fellowship
Royal Society University	September	8 years	Up to £1.83M	PhD and between 3-8 years postdoctoral	n/a	STEM	https://royalsociety.org/grants/university-research/

Research Fellowship				research experience			
Royal Society Newton International Fellowship	March	2 years	Up to £280K	PhD and no more than 7 years postdoctoral experience	Be based outside UK and not be a UK citizen	STEM	https://royalsociety.org/grants/newton-international/
Royal Society Career Development Fellowship	January	4 years	Up to £690K in total	PhD and identify as being from a Black heritage	Researchers from underrepresented backgrounds	STEM	https://royalsociety.org/grants/career-development-fellowship/
Royal Society Dorothy Hodgkin Fellowship	October	8 years	Up to £1.83M	PhD and no more than 6 years postdoctoral experience, and a need for flexible support due to personal circumstances	Scientists who require a flexible working pattern due to personal circumstances	STEM	https://royalsociety.org/grants/dorothy-hodgkin-fellowship/
Wellcome Trust Early Career Awards	Three times a year – next deadline October 2024	Up to 5 years	Full Salary plus £400K research costs	PhD or equivalent and no more than 3 years postdoc experience	n/a	Health and Wellbeing, broadly defined	https://wellcome.org/grant-funding/schemes/early-career-awards
Mildred Blaxter Fellowship	October	1 year	Salary plus £2.5K research expenses	Hold a PhD, no more than 48 months postdoc experience	n/a	Sociology of Health and Illness	https://www.shifoundation.org.uk/schemes/mildred-blaxter-award/

Institutional funding

Occasional programmes of internally funded fellowships are advertised through our vacancies website: <https://www.ed.ac.uk/human-resources/jobs> Additionally individual Schools/Centres may have internal funds available <https://www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/>

Why Come Here?

Edinburgh is the capital city of Scotland, one of the constituent nations of the UK and we are close to and have links with City of Edinburgh Council, Scottish Government, the Scottish National Galleries and Museums, other Higher Education Institutions, hospitals and the wider community. Edinburgh has a vibrant cultural and sporting life and extensive green spaces. It is easy to access the Scottish Highlands and the rest of the UK. The university is ranked 22nd in the world on the QS World University Rankings.

Who Should I Contact?

You'll need the support of a mentor or host for any application, so make direct contact in the first instance, details on our staff and their research interests can be found at <https://www.research.ed.ac.uk/> They will be able to put you in touch with their local research support office.