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Fellowships

Funder	Funding Opportunity	EOI deadline	Funder deadline
June			
NERC	NERC Independent Research Fellowship – 5 years. Funded at 80% FEC. Facilities and cruise costs permitted. No studentships or equipment over £10K. No limit on PDRA-experience.	16 th April 2026	16 th June 2026
UKRI	Future Leaders Fellowships – Up to 4 (+3) years. No minimum or maximum funding value. For early career researchers seeking independence. No rules over permanent positions.	Note – internal competition – closed	16 th June 2026
Royal Academy of Engineering	Fellowship - 5 years of funding. £800k max (80% reimbursement). ≤ 4 years post-PhD. New two stage application process.	11 th May 2026 – Note – internal competition – closed	25 th June 2026
July			
Schmidt Science	Schmidt Science Fellowship – Up to 2 years. \$110 000 annual stipend. Postdoctoral fellowship at anywhere in the world that represents a significant disciplinary pivot from the Fellow's DPhil.	27 th April 2026 – Note – internal competition – closed	13 th July 2026
September			
Royal Society	University Research Fellowship - For early career stage outstanding researchers (3–8 years post-PhD). 8 years. Max. £1.87 million funding.	9 th June 2026	9 th September 2026
European Commission	MSCA Post-doctoral Fellowship – 1–3 years of funding for PhD holders (up to 8 years post-PhD); European or Global Fellowship options. Strict mobility rules apply.	9 th July 2026	9 th September 2026
STFC	Ernest Rutherford Fellowship – 5 years. 80% FEC funded. early career researchers without a permanent academic position. Aligns with STFC remit.	29 th June 2026 – Specific EOI format for this opportunity.	30 th September 2026
BBSRC	Early Independence Fellowship – 3 years for PhD holders (no limit on experience. 80% FEC funded. Aligns with BBSRC remit.	Internal competition for those with outlines submissions only – closed	September 2026 TBC (Full Stage application)

October				
European Commission		ERC Starting Grant – Up to 5 years. Max. €1.5m for those 2–7 years post-PhD.	14 th July 2026 TBC	14 th October 2026 TBC
Schmidt Sciences		Eric and Wendy Schmidt AI in Science Postdoctoral Fellowship – 5 years. PhD at time of application. Priority access to ARC . Support from an /ML mentor.	August 2026 TBC	October 2026 TBC
Royal Society		Dorothy Hodgkin Fellowship – Up to 8 years and £1.87m. Applicants must have a need for flexible support due to personal circumstances.	28 th July 2026	28 th October 2026
November				
Royal Astronomical Society		Royal Astronomical Society/ Norman Lockyer Fellowship – Up to 3 years. Directly incurred costs only – salary, research expenses only. ECRs or those completing their PhD.	September 2026 TBC	November 2026 TBC
Royal Society		Career Development Fund – 4 years. For PhD holders those who self-identify as having Black heritage AND are a UK national or completed higher educational studies/up to 2 years post-doctoral research in the UK. Up to £690k.	18 th September 2026	18 th November 2026
December				
Marshall Commemoration Commission	Aid	Marshall Sherfield Fellowship – 1–2 years of funding for American Scientists to research in the UK. Stipend, research support grant, travel.	October 2026 TBC	December 2026 TBC
January				
Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851 Research Fellowship		1851 Research Fellowship – For early career stage outstanding researchers (up to 3 years post-PhD).36 months. Salary at 100%, £10K per year research expenses.	13 th November 2026 TBC	13 th January 2027 TBC
March				
Japanese Society for the Promotion of Science		JSPS post-doctoral fellowships – For early career stage outstanding researchers (up to 6 years post-PhD). 12-24 months. Stipend, air-fare plus research allowance. Need Japanese host.	January 2026 TBC	March 2026 TBC
Royal Society		Newton International Fellowship – non-UK scientists at an early stage of their research career and wish to conduct research in the UK. 2 years. Max. £280k total funding. Salary reimbursed at 80% FEC, research expenses at 100%	January 2027 TBC	March 2027 TBC

Rolling/various deadlines or to be announced: Get in touch for advice.

Von Humboldt Foundation	Humboldt Research Fellowship – Post-doctoral and experienced researchers. 6–24 month stay in Germany. Can be divided into 3 stays over 3 years. Monthly stipend.	Selection committee meets in March, July and November. Applications open throughout
Fulbright Commission	Fulbright Scholar Awards - 3–12 months. \$5000 per month. For post-doctoral and established academics.	TBA
College JRFs	Both stipendiary and non-stipendiary advertised here under academic vacancies .	Various dates but many advertised in September.
UKRI	Daphne Jackson Fellowship - flexible, part-time, paid Fellowships, usually for 2 years, to assist talented scientists into a career following a break of at least two years.	Open
Japanese Society for the Promotion of Science	JSPS fellowships – various categories for pre-doctoral to establishing academics.	Various
BBSRC	BBSRC New Investigator Award – For new lecturers to secure first major research funding. 5 years. Up to £2m. Funded at 80% FEC.	Open
EPSRC	Mathematical Sciences Fellowship – 3 years for PhD-holders (no significant funding experience). Funded at 80% FEC. Aligned with EPSRC mathematical sciences remit. No sign	Open