

LOCAL ISSUES  
WORLD-CLASS RESEARCH



# ACCESS TO FUNDING + RESEARCH



There are a number of ways to become involved in and collaborate with research through the Research Councils UK (RCUK).

For further information follow the links enclosed or visit the LARCI website: [www.larci.org.uk](http://www.larci.org.uk)



LOCAL AUTHORITIES &  
RESEARCH COUNCILS' INITIATIVE

# Research Council Websites

Each Research Council's homepage contains links to news, current research, and other updates.

Research Council	Homepage
Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC)	<a href="http://www.ahrc.ac.uk">www.ahrc.ac.uk</a>
Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC)	<a href="http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk">www.bbsrc.ac.uk</a>
Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)	<a href="http://www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk">www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk</a>
Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC)	<a href="http://www.epsrc.ac.uk">www.epsrc.ac.uk</a>
Medical Research Council (MRC)	<a href="http://www.mrc.ac.uk">www.mrc.ac.uk</a>
Natural Environment Research Council (NERC)	<a href="http://www.nerc.ac.uk">www.nerc.ac.uk</a>
Research Councils UK (RCUK) the strategic partnership of all seven Research Councils	<a href="http://www.rcuk.ac.uk">www.rcuk.ac.uk</a>
Science Technology and Facilities Council (STFC)	<a href="http://www.scitech.ac.uk">www.scitech.ac.uk</a>



## Searchable On-line Databases

Each Research Council has a searchable database of current and recently completed grants. Search these sites using keywords to find out who is doing, or has completed, research in the areas that interest you.

Database	Link
AHRC (Research We've Funded)	<a href="http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/FundedResearch/Pages/default.aspx">www.ahrc.ac.uk/FundedResearch/Pages/default.aspx</a>
BBSRC (Oasis database)	<a href="http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/science/grants/">www.bbsrc.ac.uk/science/grants/</a>
EPSRC (Grants on the web)	<a href="http://gow.epsrc.ac.uk/">http://gow.epsrc.ac.uk/</a>
ESRC (Plain English Summaries of completed awards)	<a href="http://www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/Plain_English_Summaries/">www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/Plain_English_Summaries/</a>
ESRC (Research)	<a href="http://www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/research/">www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/research/</a>
MRC (Research Portfolio)	<a href="http://www.mrc.ac.uk/ResearchPortfolio/index.htm">www.mrc.ac.uk/ResearchPortfolio/index.htm</a>
NERC (Grants on the web)	<a href="http://gotw.nerc.ac.uk/">http://gotw.nerc.ac.uk/</a>
STFC	<a href="http://www.scitech.ac.uk/SciProg/home.aspx">www.scitech.ac.uk/SciProg/home.aspx</a>

# Research Funding Opportunities

Most Research Councils have links to current and emerging areas of research funding together with consultations, calls for research proposals and fellowship opportunities. These can be accessed through the links indicated below.

## Current and Emerging Opportunities

AHRC	<a href="http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/FundingOpportunities/Pages/default.aspx">www.ahrc.ac.uk/FundingOpportunities/Pages/default.aspx</a> <a href="http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/FundingOpportunities/Pages/BrowseOpportunities.aspx">http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/FundingOpportunities/Pages/BrowseOpportunities.aspx</a>
BBSRC	<a href="http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/funding/index.html">www.bbsrc.ac.uk/funding/index.html</a> <a href="http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/funding/opportunities/index.html">www.bbsrc.ac.uk/funding/opportunities/index.html</a>
EPSRC	<a href="http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/funding/Pages/default.aspx">www.epsrc.ac.uk/funding/Pages/default.aspx</a> <a href="http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/funding/calls/Pages/future.aspx">www.epsrc.ac.uk/funding/calls/Pages/future.aspx</a>
ESRC	<a href="http://www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/opportunities/current_funding_opportunities">www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/opportunities/current_funding_opportunities</a> <a href="http://www.esrc.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/opportunities/forthcoming_opportunities">www.esrc.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/opportunities/forthcoming_opportunities</a>
MRC	<a href="http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/index.htm">www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/index.htm</a> <a href="http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Highlightnotices/index.htm">http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Highlightnotices/index.htm</a>
NERC	<a href="http://www.nerc.ac.uk/funding/">www.nerc.ac.uk/funding/</a> <a href="http://www.nerc.ac.uk/funding/news/">www.nerc.ac.uk/funding/news/</a>
STFC	<a href="http://www.scitech.ac.uk/Grants/ResGr/FundOpp/FundOpp.aspx">www.scitech.ac.uk/Grants/ResGr/FundOpp/FundOpp.aspx</a>

## Calls and Consultations

AHRC	<a href="http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/FundingOpportunities/Pages/FundingInitiatives.aspx">www.ahrc.ac.uk/FundingOpportunities/Pages/FundingInitiatives.aspx</a> <a href="http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/About/Policy/Pages/Activities.aspx">www.ahrc.ac.uk/About/Policy/Pages/Activities.aspx</a>
BBSRC	<a href="http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/funding/news/index.html">www.bbsrc.ac.uk/funding/news/index.html</a> <a href="http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/organisation/policies/reviews/consultations/">www.bbsrc.ac.uk/organisation/policies/reviews/consultations/</a>
EPSRC	<a href="http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/CallsForProposals/">www.epsrc.ac.uk/CallsForProposals/</a> <a href="http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/funding/calls/Pages/future.aspx">www.epsrc.ac.uk/funding/calls/Pages/future.aspx</a>
ESRC	<a href="http://www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/opportunities/current_funding_opportunities/index.aspx">www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/opportunities/current_funding_opportunities/index.aspx</a> <a href="http://www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/about/delivery_plan/">www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/about/delivery_plan/</a>
MRC	<a href="http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Calls/index.htm">www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Calls/index.htm</a> <a href="http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Sciencesociety/Publicinvolvement/Consultations/MRC003245">www.mrc.ac.uk/Sciencesociety/Publicinvolvement/Consultations/MRC003245</a>
NERC	<a href="http://www.nerc.ac.uk/funding/news/outstanding.asp">www.nerc.ac.uk/funding/news/outstanding.asp</a> <a href="http://www.nerc.ac.uk/about/consult/">www.nerc.ac.uk/about/consult/</a>
STFC	<a href="http://www.stfc.ac.uk/Grants/ResGr/clsdate.aspx">www.stfc.ac.uk/Grants/ResGr/clsdate.aspx</a>

## Fellowships

AHRC	<a href="http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/FundingOpportunities/Pages/Fellowships.aspx">www.ahrc.ac.uk/FundingOpportunities/Pages/Fellowships.aspx</a>
BBSRC	<a href="http://www.scitech.ac.uk/Grants/Fells/Contents.aspx">www.scitech.ac.uk/Grants/Fells/Contents.aspx</a>
EPSRC	<a href="http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/funding/fellows/Pages/default.aspx">www.epsrc.ac.uk/funding/fellows/Pages/default.aspx</a>
ESRC	<a href="http://www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/KnowledgeExch/index.aspx">www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/KnowledgeExch/index.aspx</a>
MRC	<a href="http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Fellowships/index.htm">www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Fellowships/index.htm</a>
NERC	<a href="http://www.nerc.ac.uk/funding/available/fellowships/">www.nerc.ac.uk/funding/available/fellowships/</a>
STFC	<a href="http://www.scitech.ac.uk/Grants/Fells/Contents.aspx">www.scitech.ac.uk/Grants/Fells/Contents.aspx</a>

# Research News

The Research Councils promote new research and outputs through press releases, news articles, bulletins and publications.

## Research News

AHRC	 <a href="http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/News/Latest/Pages/SubNews.aspx">www.ahrc.ac.uk/News/Latest/Pages/SubNews.aspx</a>
	 <a href="https://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/cgi-bin/webadmin?A0=AHRC">https://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/cgi-bin/webadmin?A0=AHRC</a>
	 <a href="http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/about/Publications">www.ahrc.ac.uk/about/Publications</a>
BBSRC	 <a href="http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/media/index.html">www.bbsrc.ac.uk/media/index.html</a>
	 <a href="http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/media/news_email.html">www.bbsrc.ac.uk/media/news_email.html</a>
	 <a href="http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/publications">www.bbsrc.ac.uk/publications</a>
EPSRC	 <a href="http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/newsevents/Pages/default.aspx">http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/newsevents/Pages/default.aspx</a>
	 <a href="http://fd.epsrc.ac.uk/EmailAlert/">http://fd.epsrc.ac.uk/EmailAlert/</a>
	 <a href="http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/pubs/Pages/default.aspx">http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/pubs/Pages/default.aspx</a>
ESRC	 <a href="http://www.esrc.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/">www.esrc.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/</a>
	 <a href="http://www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/RegistrationPage.aspx">www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/RegistrationPage.aspx</a>
MRC	 <a href="http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Newspublications/News/index.htm">www.mrc.ac.uk/Newspublications/News/index.htm</a>
	 <a href="http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Newspublications/News/RSSfeeds/index.htm">http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Newspublications/News/RSSfeeds/index.htm</a>
	 <a href="http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Newspublications/Publications/index.htm">www.mrc.ac.uk/Newspublications/Publications/index.htm</a>
NERC	 <a href="http://www.nerc.ac.uk/research/news/">www.nerc.ac.uk/research/news/</a>
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	 <a href="http://www.nerc.ac.uk/using/news/newsletters">www.nerc.ac.uk/using/news/newsletters</a>
RCUK	 <a href="http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/news/default.htm">www.rcuk.ac.uk/news/default.htm</a>
	 <a href="http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/news/rss">http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/news/rss</a>
	 <a href="http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/aboutrcuk/publications">www.rcuk.ac.uk/aboutrcuk/publications</a>
STFC	 <a href="http://www.stfc.ac.uk/PMC/news.aspx">www.stfc.ac.uk/PMC/news.aspx</a>
	 <a href="http://www.so.stfc.ac.uk/media/distlist.aspx">www.so.stfc.ac.uk/media/distlist.aspx</a>
	 <a href="http://www.stfc.ac.uk/Print%20Publications/3432.aspx">http://www.stfc.ac.uk/Print%20Publications/3432.aspx</a>

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## Get involved with LARCI

Would you be willing to:

- act as LARCI champion in your organisation?
- circulate LARCI e-newsletters to colleagues or other networks?
- join a LARCI Advisory Group?
- contribute an article for the LARCI newsletter?
- participate in Research Councils consultations or peer reviews?

To get involved with LARCI, e-mail [larci@rcuk.ac.uk](mailto:larci@rcuk.ac.uk) or for further information, visit the LARCI website at

[www.larci.org.uk](http://www.larci.org.uk)

# Register with LARCI

**Registering with LARCI will provide you with the following free services:**

- quarterly electronic newsletter
- notification of forthcoming events and seminars
- e-mail alerts about relevant information and opportunities
- direct line of communication with researchers
- collaborative Research Councils UK funding and placements available through LARCI
- opportunities to provide input into Research Councils UK-funded research consultations.

Your details will be used for LARCI business only, and will not be passed on to other organisations.

## Opportunities for Local Authorities to become involved with the Research Councils

Local authorities can become involved in the research process in a number of ways, all of which LARCI can facilitate. You can:

### **Use results from Research Councils UK projects to inform policy and practice:**

- access results from each Research Council through searchable on-line databases and websites
- check on dissemination events and knowledge exchange mechanisms through Research Council websites, the LARCI newsletters and bulletins.

### **Input directly to research projects:**

- apply with a joint or lead partner for specific Research Council funding
- respond to calls for participation through individual research programmes.

### **Inform future research directions:**

- become involved in Research Council consultations (promoted on individual websites, and flagged in LARCI newsletters).

## Making Contact

with researchers working in your area of interest

The websites and databases highlighted in this booklet are good places to start if you are looking to develop a working relationship with an academic in a particular subject area, but do not have existing contacts. Use the database to identify researchers working in your area of interest then contact them for guidance. Programme Managers or Centre Directors are often a good first port of call, as they have an overview of the projects and researchers involved in their areas of expertise. Alternatively, contact your local university – if they are not able to help you, they will have networks to identify colleagues who can, and a face-to-face meeting can be a productive investment towards identifying useful opportunities.

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