University Museums: Opportunities and Challenges for international research

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One of 7 UK research councils

Annual budget of c. £102 million from the government to support research and postgraduate study in the arts and humanities

From April this year, United Kingdom Research and Innovation (UKRI) brings together the seven existing research councils, as well as Innovate UK and the Research and Knowledge Exchange functions of the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFC), in one unified body
AHRC PRIORITY AREAS

Design

Heritage

Modern Languages

“Working with the AHRC, the heritage research community, and heritage partner organisations to draw together and stimulate the development of a wide range of research across the arts and humanities that makes a contribution to understanding heritage and its intersections with key global challenges. We aim to support the interconnections between research, policy and practice, both in the UK and internationally.”
The Total Fund Amount Awarded to Heritage Awards 2009-2018

- Heritage: 33%
- Total Amount Awarded: 67%

Close to £182m of AHRC's +£545m is allocated to Heritage Research

AHRC HERITAGE FUNDING (2009-2018)
• From 2009, the AHRC received over 9,000 applications

• Over 3,100 applications were funded

• The AHRC has awarded over half a billion pounds in research funding

• The majority of applications are submitted to Research Grants in Thematic Mode, which has a 32% success rate.

• Research Grants in Responsive mode has a 28% success rate.
Opportunities for international research across all schemes

• International Co-Investigators on research grants
• International Partner Organisations
• Research overseas
• Involving international collaborators in networking schemes
Relevant Open Calls


- Nahrein Network Research Grants Call – GCRF collaborations between Iraqi and UK Organisations, closes 15/12/18 [https://ahrc.ukri.org/funding/apply-for-funding/current-opportunities/nahrein-network-research-research-grant-awards/](https://ahrc.ukri.org/funding/apply-for-funding/current-opportunities/nahrein-network-research-research-grant-awards/)

- Collaborative Doctoral Partnership Call (closes 13/09/18)
Updated March 2018

Strategic Objectives and Framework

Four cross-cutting and interconnected objectives are identified which will inform AHRC’s future strategy for heritage research:

• To further develop heritage research as an innovative and broad cross-disciplinary field
• To extend collaborations, partnerships, knowledge exchange and pathways to impact in heritage research
• To strengthen global interconnections in heritage research
• To enhance research capability for heritage research as a cross-disciplinary and collaborative field of enquiry
• Online at https://heritage-research.org/2018/04/06/359/
Values and cultural heritage

Community and Public Engagement, Inclusion and Diverse Heritages

Sustainable management of heritages

Future Heritages, New Uses/Re-Use of Heritages and Exploiting the potential of Digital and other Technologies

Intangible, emerging, hidden and contested heritages

Changing Heritage Economies

Heritage, Contested Pasts and Conflict

Global heritages and international development
A BEIS initiative operating delivery partners including the Research Councils, National Academies and HEFCE

‘aims to encourage and support new and existing partnerships between UK and developing country researchers, national/international development agencies & policy-makers’

‘allows UK research excellence to be deployed in a strategic and coherent way to understand and suggest solutions to the most significant and complex problems’

strengthens research capability

promotes ‘meaningful and equitable relationships between UK research institutions and developing country partners’
THE GCRF’S 12 PRIORITY AREAS

Secure and resilient food systems supported by sustainable marine resources and agriculture

Sustainable health and well being

Inclusive and equitable quality education

Clean air, water and sanitation

Affordable, reliable and sustainable energy

Sustainable cities and communities

Sustainable livelihoods supported by strong foundations for inclusive economic growth and innovation

Sustainable production and consumption of materials and resources

Resilience and action on short-term environmental shocks and long-term environmental change

Understand and effectively respond to forced displacement and multiple refugee crises

Reduce conflict and promote peace, justice and humanitarian action

Reduce poverty and inequality, including gender inequalities
HERITAGE RESEARCH

Nature, Culture & Posthumanities

Inclusion, Exclusion & Diversity

Future Heritages

Data, Technology & Social Change

Sustainable & Unsustainable Development

Global Challenges Research Fund

The UK in Europe