



EPSRC Support for Early Career Researchers

First Grant Scheme

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Funding Opportunities by career stage

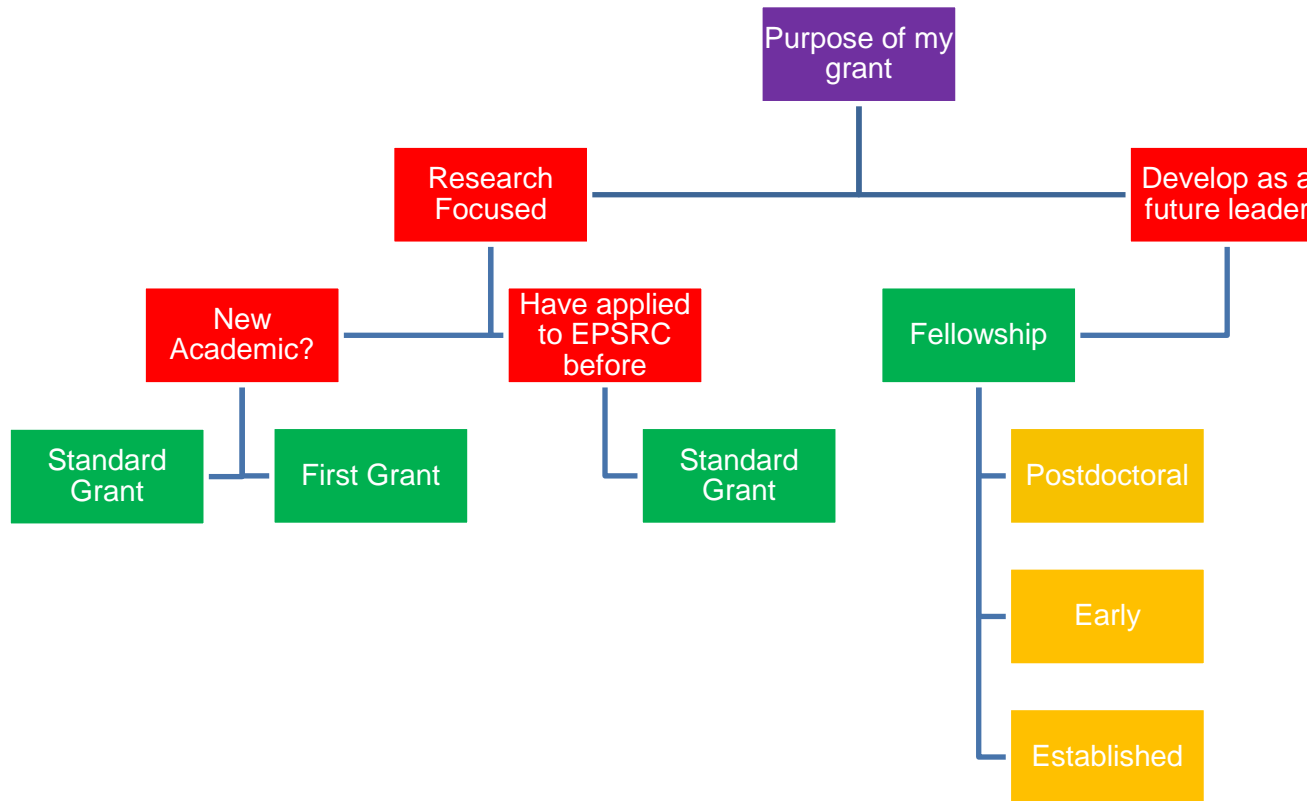
Career Stage	Funding Opportunities
Postdoctoral Researchers	Postdoctoral Fellowship Researcher Co-I Named PDRA on an EPSRC grant
New Academics	First Grants
Early Career	Early Career Fellowship Standard Grant
Established Career	Established Career Fellowship Standard Grant Programme Grant



- ■ ■ Researcher Co-Investigator (Co-I) – PDRAs who contribute significantly to the development of a proposal.
- ■ ■ Co-I – Claims salary on the grant they are named on.
- ■ ■ PI – Leads the research on the grant
- ■ ■ Project Partner – Organisations which provide specific contributions to a research project (direct or indirect)
- ■ ■ Visiting Researcher – Established researcher who must be staying for a period of 3 months or more.
- ■ ■ Postdoctoral Research Assistant (PDRA) – May be named or unnamed and are fully funded from the grant.



Which grant is for me?



Other grants are available; Workshop grants, Network Grants and Overseas travel grants.
(Apply via Standard Grant mode)



First Grant Scheme – Key features

- Are not a 'must' you can go straight to Standard Research grant
- Funding capped at £125,000
 - calculated at 100% FEC; EPSRC contributes 80% FEC
- Duration max. 2 years
- No closing dates
- Open for proposals in all of EPSRC's remit
- Only allowed to apply once!
- First Grant proposals are only in competition with other First Grants

<http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/funding/howtoapply/routes/newac/firstgrant/>



- Within 36 months of first academic lecturing appointment in a UK university or probation period of the new appointment
- Submit within 10 years of PhD or equivalent prof. qualification
- Hold an academic university post that exceeds the duration of the grant
- You do NOT hold an EPSRC Early/Established Career Fellowship
- You are applying to EPSRC as a PI for the first time
- You *can* be a Co-I on another grant already
- Unsuccessful EPSRC fellowship applicants *can* apply for a First Grant



How to apply?

<http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/funding/howtoapply/routes/newac/firstgrant/>

Here you find links to:

- EPSRC Funding Guide
- Eligibility rules
- Je-S portal ; Joint electronic submission
- Documents needed for a First Grant Proposal
- People to contact for advice on submission

Assessment process:

- Expert peer review (academic community), if supportive:
- Prioritisation Panel (approx. 7 times a year)

ICT First Grant contact: Nelly.Wung@epsrc.ac.uk

- ||| Flexible funding route which supports a wide range of research programmes.

- ||| Key Features:
 - ||| No fixed length
 - ||| No fixed value
 - ||| No closing dates – Applications can be submitted all year round
 - ||| No constraint on field of research, permitted it is within EPSRC remit!

- ||| Things to consider:
 - ||| High Risk/High Return proposals are encouraged.
 - ||| Embracing new concepts or techniques.

- ||| Relevant activities funded via this route:
 - ||| Long term proposals aimed at developing critical mass.
 - ||| Feasibility studies.
 - ||| Overseas Travel Grants.
 - ||| Workshops.



Je-S Application completed online and should include:

- Track record of applicants,
- Description of proposed research,
- Diagrammatic work-plan,
- Justification of Resources,
- Impact Plan.
- Host organisation statement (for First Grants)

In addition or if required.

- Project partner statements of support,
- Equipment quotes,
- CVs for visiting researchers and named Ras

Routing classification



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Advice:

EPSRC website

Je-S hand book

Contact your Research Office

- What type of contact would you most value for engaging with EPSRC (ICT Theme) in the future?
- How would like to input into our ECR strategy, and strategies more broadly?

Feedback your 3 top ideas!

