EPSRC Support for Early Career Researchers
First Grant Scheme

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Jargon Buster – Positions on Grants

- 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?

- **Research Focused**
  - New Academic?
    - Standard Grant
    - First Grant
  - Have applied to EPSRC before
    - Standard Grant

- **Develop as a future leader**
  - Fellowship
    - Postdoctoral
    - Early
    - Established

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/
First Grant Scheme – Eligibility

- 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
First Grant Scheme

How to apply?

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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
Standard Research Funding

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.
Proposal Submission Through Je-S

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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- Expert referee notes,
- CVs for visiting researchers and named RAs

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!