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### Fellowships

Funder	Funding Opportunity	Deadline
<b>March</b>		
Japanese Society for the Promotion of Science	<a href="#">JSPS post-doctoral fellowships</a> – For early career stage outstanding researchers (up to 6 years post-PhD). 12-24 months. Stipend, air-fare plus research allowance. Need Japanese host.	<b>12<sup>th</sup> March 2025</b>
European Commission	<a href="#">ERC Proof of Concept grant</a> – For PIs with existing ERC main grants (or those which finished after 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2024). To establish proof of concept of an idea that was generated in the course of the ERC-funded projects. €150 000 for 12–18 months	<b>13<sup>th</sup> March 2025 (see September deadline also)</b>
Royal Society	<a href="#">Newton International Fellowship</a> – 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%	<b>18<sup>th</sup> March 2025</b>
<b>April</b>		
NERC	<a href="#">NERC Independent Research Fellowship</a> – 5 years. Funded at 80% FEC. Facilities and cruise costs permitted. No studentships or equipment over £10K. No limit on PDRA-experience.	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025</b>
UKRI/DSIT/Alfred P. Sloan Foundation	<a href="#">UKRI Metascience AI early career fellowships</a> – Up to 2 years. Up to £260 000 FEC (80% funded). Early career researchers who will have a PhD by start date and are uniquely interested in AI's impact on science, rather than general AI ethics, safety and society-related topics. Not for AI tool development.	<b>10<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>
Schmidt Science	<a href="#">Schmidt Science Fellowship</a> – Up to 2 years. \$110 000 annual stipend. Postdoctoral fellowship at a world-leading laboratory anywhere in the world that represents a significant disciplinary pivot from the Fellow's DPhil.	<b>28<sup>th</sup> April 2025 (Oxford Internal – 1 per department)</b> <b>14<sup>th</sup> July 2025 (Funder final)</b>

<b>May</b>		
BBSRC	<a href="#">BBSRC Fellowships scheme</a> – 3 years of funding for early career researchers. No limit on available budget.	<b>7<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>
<b>June</b>		
UKRI	<a href="#">Future Leaders Fellowships</a> – Up to 4 (+3) years. No minimum or maximum funding value. For early career researchers seeking independence. No rules over permanent positions.	<b>18<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b>
<b>August</b>		
European Commission	<a href="#">ERC Advanced Grant</a> - up to 5 years of funding (max. €2.5m with a possible additional €1.0m) for exceptional established research leaders.	<b>28<sup>th</sup> August 2025 TBC</b>
<b>September</b>		
Royal Society	<a href="#">University Research Fellowship</a> - For early career stage outstanding researchers (3–8 years post-PhD). 8 years. Max. £1.87 million funding.	<b>10<sup>th</sup> September 2025</b>
STFC	<a href="#">Ernest Rutherford Fellowship</a> – 5 years. 80% FEC funded. early career researchers without a permanent academic position. Aligns with STFC remit.	<b>TBC</b>
European Commission	<a href="#">MSCA Post-doctoral Fellowship</a> – 2 or 3 years of funding for PhD holders (up to 8 years post-PhD); European or Global Fellowship options. Strict mobility rules.	<b>10<sup>th</sup> September 2025</b>
Royal Academy of Engineering	<a href="#">Fellowship</a> - 5 years of funding. £625k max (80% reimbursement). ≤ 4 years post-PhD.	<b>17<sup>th</sup> September 2025 (<a href="#">Oxford internal competition: 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025</a>)</b>
Canadian government	<a href="#">Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship</a> – For post-doctoral research in Canada for those with potential to launch a successful research-intensive career. 2 years. \$70 000/year.	<b>TBC – beware of internal host deadlines.</b>
<b>October</b>		
European Commission	<a href="#">ERC Starting Grant</a> – Up to 5 years. Max. €1.5m for those 2–7 years post-PhD.	<b>15<sup>th</sup> October 2025 TBC</b>
Royal Society	<a href="#">Dorothy Hodgkin Fellowship</a> – Up to 8 years and £1.87m. Applicants must have a need for flexible support due to personal circumstances.	<b>28<sup>th</sup> October 2025</b>
L'Oréal-UNESCO UK	<a href="#">Women in Science Rising Talent Programme</a> – 12 month period of post-doctoral research. £15K.	<b>TBC</b>
<b>November</b>		

Royal Astronomical Society	Royal Astronomical Society/ <a href="#">Norman Lockyer Fellowship</a> – Up to 3 years. Directly incurred costs only – salary, research expenses only. ECRs or those completing their PhD.	15 <sup>th</sup> November 2025
<b>December</b>		
European Commission	<a href="#">ERC Consolidator Grant</a> – Up to 5 years. Budget limit €2.0m. Possible access to extra £1.0 for those 7–12 years post-PhD at 1st Jan 2024.	TBC

Various deadlines or to be announced

Schmidt Science Foundation	<a href="#">Eric and Wendy Schmidt AI in Science Fellowship</a> – up to 2 years-long postdoctoral placement in a lab that amounts to a “significant disciplinary pivot”. Conferral of their PhD, including a successful defense, between May 15, 2025–June 30, 2026.	Various
Von Humboldt Foundation	<a href="#">Humboldt Research Fellowship</a> – 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.
Fulbright Commission	<a href="#">Fulbright Scholar Awards</a> - 3–12 months. \$5000 per month. For post-doctoral and established academics.	TBA
College JRFs	Both stipendiary and non-stipendiary advertised <a href="#">here under academic vacancies</a> .	Various dates but many advertised in September.
UKRI	<a href="#">Daphne Jackson Fellowship</a> - flexible, part-time, paid Fellowships, normally 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	<a href="#">JSPS fellowships</a> – various categories for pre-doctoral to establishing academics.	Various