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Fellowships

Funder	Funding Opportunity	EOI deadline	Funder deadline
March			
Japanese Society for the Promotion of Science	JSPS post-doctoral fellowships – For early career stage outstanding researchers (up to 6 years post-PhD). 12-24 months. Stipend, air-fare plus research allowance. Need Japanese host.	-	12 th March 2025
Royal Society	Newton International Fellowship – 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%	-	18 th March 2025
April			
NERC	NERC Independent Research Fellowship – 5 years. Funded at 80% FEC. Facilities and cruise costs permitted. No studentships or equipment over £10K. No limit on PDRA-experience.	-	3 rd April 2025
UKRI/DSIT/Alfred P. Sloan Foundation	UKRI Metascience AI early career fellowships – Up to 2 years. Up to £260 000 FEC (80% funded). Early career researches 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.	-	10 th April 2025
BBSRC	BBSRC New Investigator Award – For new lecturers to secure first major research funding. 5 years. Up to £2m. Funded at 80% FEC.	-	23 rd April 2025
Schmidt Science	Schmidt Science Fellowship – Up to 2 years. \$110 000 annual stipend. Postdoctoral fellowship at anywhere in the world that represents a significant disciplinary pivot from the Fellow's DPhil.	-	28 th April 2025 (Oxford Internal – 1 per department) 14 th July 2025 (Funder final)
May			
BBSRC	BBSRC Fellowships scheme – 3 years of funding for early career researchers. No limit on available budget.	-	7 th May 2025

June			
UKRI	Future Leaders Fellowships – Up to 4 (+3) years. No minimum or maximum funding value. For early career researchers seeking independence. No rules over permanent positions.	Note – internal competitions	18th June 2025
September			
Royal Society	University Research Fellowship - For early career stage outstanding researchers (3–8 years post-PhD). 8 years. Max. £1.87 million funding.	10th June 2025	10th September 2025
European Commission	MSCA Post-doctoral Fellowship – 2 or 3 years of funding for PhD holders (up to 8 years post-PhD); European or Global Fellowship options. Strict mobility rules.	10th July 2025	10th September 2025
Royal Academy of Engineering	Fellowship - 5 years of funding. £625k max (80% reimbursement). ≤ 4 years post-PhD. Match funding required.	11th May 2025 - Note – internal competition	17th September 2025 (Oxford internal competition: 11th June 2025)
Canadian government	Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship – For post-doctoral research in Canada for those with potential to launch a successful research-intensive career. 2 years. \$70 000/year.	Get in touch for advice.	TBC – beware of internal host deadlines.
October			
STFC	Ernest Rutherford Fellowship – 5 years. 80% FEC funded. early career researchers without a permanent academic position. Aligns with STFC remit.	1st July 2025	1st October 2025
European Commission	ERC Starting Grant – Up to 5 years. Max. €1.5m for those 2–7 years post-PhD.	15th July 2025 TBC	15th October 2025 TBC
Royal Society	Dorothy Hodgkin Fellowship – Up to 8 years and £1.87m. Applicants must have a need for flexible support due to personal circumstances.	28th July 2025	28th October 2025
L'Oréal-UNESCO UK	Women in Science Rising Talent Programme – 12 month period of post-doctoral research. £15K.	Get in touch for advice.	TBC
November			
Royal Astronomical Society	Royal Astronomical Society/ Norman Lockyer Fellowship – Up to 3 years. Directly incurred costs only – salary, research expenses only. ECRs or those completing their PhD.	15th September 2025	15th November 2025

Various deadlines or to be announced: Get in touch for advice.

Schmidt Science Foundation	Eric and Wendy Schmidt AI in Science Fellowship – 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	Humboldt Research Fellowship – 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	Fulbright Scholar Awards - 3–12 months. \$5000 per month. For post-doctoral and established academics.	TBA
College JRFs	Both stipendiary and non-stipendiary advertised here under academic vacancies .	Various dates but many advertised in September.
UKRI	Daphne Jackson Fellowship - 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	JSPS fellowships – various categories for pre-doctoral to establishing academics.	Various