

Royal Society – International exchanges

Closing date for internal approval of budget	28 February 2025	@Sugandren Moodley @Zusake Sokutu
Internal closing date	6 March 2025	@Eleanor van der Westhuizen
Royal Society final closing date	Wednesday 12 March 2025	Register https://grants.royalsociety.org/

If you have a collaborator in the UK, you may want to consider the following opportunity to stimulate new research collaborations. Please consult the attached [framework document](#) and [Subject Groups and Areas document](#).

The International Exchanges Scheme is designed to offer a flexible platform for **UK-based scientists** to interact with the best scientists around the world. It is available for **scientists based in the UK** who want to stimulate new research collaborations with leading scientists overseas through either a one-off visit or bilateral travel.

- Grants can cover either a one-off short visit to explore opportunities for building lasting networks or bilateral visits to strengthen emerging collaborations.
- Research must be within the Royal Society's remit of natural sciences, which includes but is not limited to biological research, chemistry, engineering, mathematics, and physics.
- Submissions from clinically qualified scientists may be considered. The society does not support clinical or interventional research on humans at the individual or group level, social sciences or humanities, unless otherwise stated.

Travel can be conducted by all project participants, which includes the applicant, the co-applicant, and also members of their respective teams.

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- Eligible consumable costs include visa charges, police registration fees, postage and printing, books, reagents, computer software, stationery for overseas visitors while in the UK, fieldwork expenses, and animal and plant licence fees.
- Ineligible consumable costs include, but are not limited to, publication costs, computer hardware, bench fees, conference registration fees, travel to conferences, departmental costs/overheads, access charges, medical insurance, excess baggage, expenses relating to accompanying dependents, contributions towards salaries, costs involving travel to a third country/territory, and costs incurred by project participants not associated with the applicant organisations.

One-off visit collaborations

- One visit to be taken in either direction, i.e. either the applicant undertakes a visit to the overseas institution, or the co-applicant visits the UK institution.
- Visits to last between one week and three months.
- Up to £3 000 available.

Multiple visits collaborations

- Collaborative visits to be undertaken over a period of either up to
 - a. one year with up to £6 000 available, £1 500 of which can be spent on eligible consumables; or
 - b. two years with up to £12 000 available, £3 000 of which can be spent on eligible consumables.
- Visits must be bilateral, meaning that the applicant and co-applicant and/or project participants must undertake at least one visit to the overseas collaborating institution during the award period.
- Only participants based at the same institution and working within the applicant's or co-applicant's research team who are directly involved in the collaborative project are eligible to claim travel and subsistence against the award.

Participants

To complete and submit the application form, the lead applicant is required to invite the following individuals to complete their section of the application form (who must be listed under the Participants tab):

- the co-applicant
- the applicant's head of department
- the co-applicant's head of department