

Funding Call – International Interdisciplinary Research 2026

We rarely get humanities and social sciences calls – the British Academy call might be worth pursuing if you have a partner overseas. **The academy particularly encourages applications from the humanities.**

Die British Academy is inviting proposals **led by UK-based researchers in the humanities and social sciences** working with international partners and wishing to develop genuinely interdisciplinary projects that range across all SHAPE and STEM disciplines on the theme of transnational and planetary challenges.

The academy will only accept applications that focus on one or more of the following four transnational and planetary challenge domains:

TRANSNATIONAL AND PLANETARY DOMAINS	ELIGIBILITY	APPLICATION PROCEDURE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth system governance, including problems related to climate change, biodiversity loss, oceanic degradation, and other forms of environmental pollution. • Digital and other transformative technologies, including the challenges presented by artificial intelligence (AI), cyber, synthetic biology, nanotech, and other breakthroughs. • Global health, particularly the rising threat posed by pandemic disease and the linkages between human, animal, and environmental health (One Health). • Outer space governance, encompassing the dilemmas posed by accumulating orbital debris, space traffic congestion, property and sovereignty claims, and arms racing. 	<p>Applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PI must hold an established role in an eligible UK university or research institute. • Co-applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria: • Must include at least one researcher who is based internationally. • Must be of postdoctoral or above status (or have equivalent research experience). • Can include other researchers based in the UK or internationally at all career stages. • No individual may be a co-applicant on more than two projects under this call (nor may a PI be additionally a co-applicant on more than one other project). 	<p>All applicants must register in the British Academy’s online Flexi-Grant system to enable the processing and assessment of their application. All applications must be submitted in English.</p> <p>The deadline for submissions and UK institutional approval is 17 September 2025 at 17:00 (UK time). Applicants will not be allowed to make any changes to their applications or submit any additional information after the 17 September deadline.</p>

[Access the Scheme notes for applicants here.](#)