

UK Science and Research Funding Opportunities – THAILAND

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Instructions

This document provides a summary of funding opportunities for UK researchers to collaborate with international partners, which Thailand is one of the eligible partners. UK funding opportunities are delivered across multiple departments and organisations, and the list below (**Table 1**) is not an exhaustive list. Applicants are advised to **read the guidance note** of each call in full details, which may require Co-PI from the UK and one other country, before submitting the application. For further queries, please contact relevant UK funders / delivery partners.

Please visit this page for overall **UK Official Development Assistance Funding overview**: <https://ukcdr.org.uk/uk-oda-funding-overview/>

Summary of upcoming events:

- UK-Thailand HE STI Forum
- Dissemination of Engineering Biology Landscape and Foresight in Thailand and Malaysia
- Guest Lecture on Food Sustainability and Resilience

Summary of funding available:

- **Health**: 17 programmes
- **Climate**: 2 programmes
- **Social Sciences**: 2 programmes
- **Capacity Strengthening / Cross themes**: 11 programmes

Please note this document is **not** updated on a regular basis. You are encouraged to follow and subscribe to relevant e-newsletters for up-to-date notification (**Table 2**).

Upcoming event: UK Thailand Forum – Advancing Higher Education and Innovation Ecosystem

Date: Mon 11 Aug 2025

Time: 09.00 – 15.30

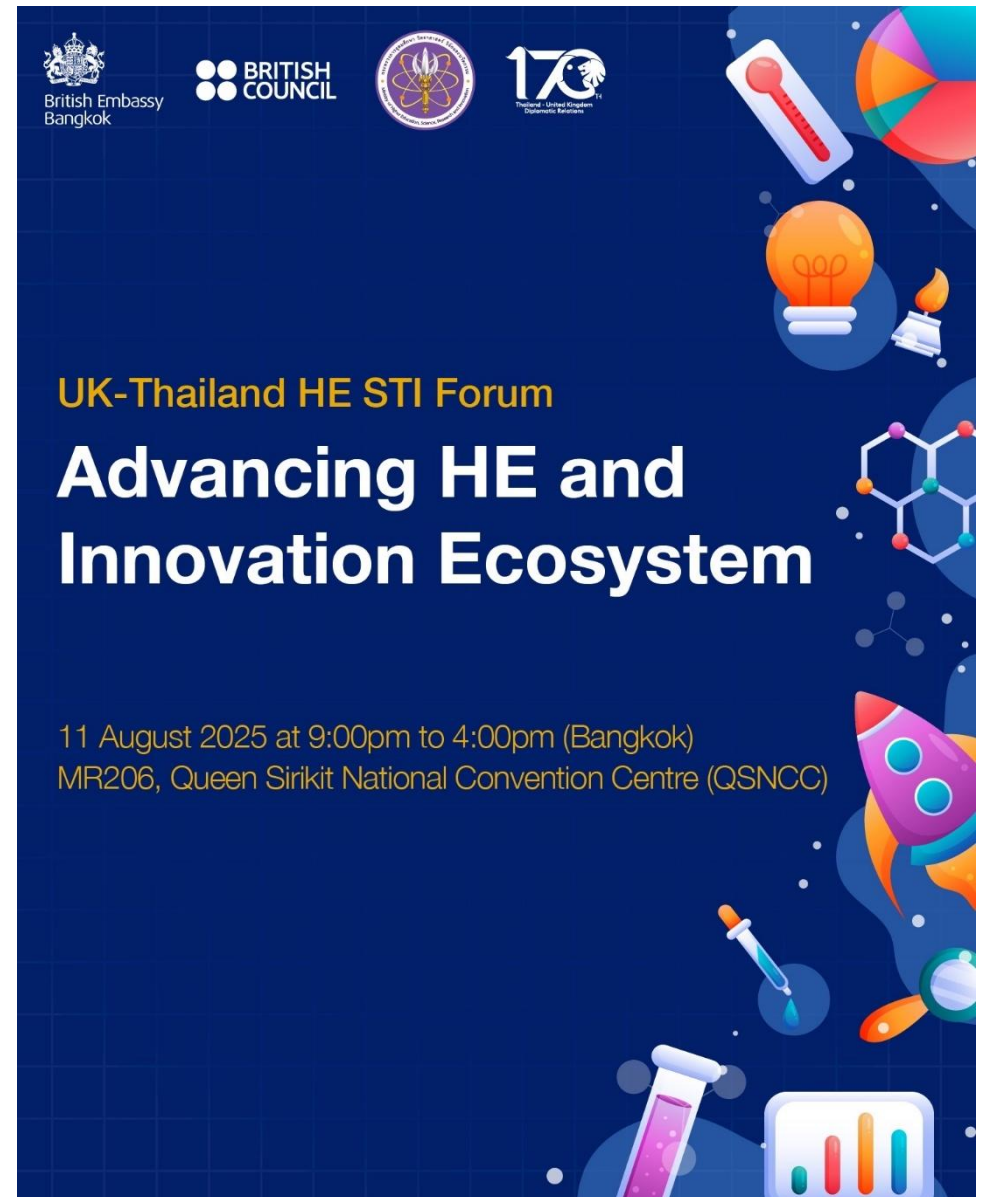
Venue: MR206, Queen Sirikit's National Convention Centre

Join us for a one-day activity to showcase UK-Thailand partnerships in Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation, and hear from lessons learned on developing partnerships.

This event is a part of the **upcoming MHESI Fair 2025**, which the UK is also hosting a UK Pavillion.

- **Registration to the Forum:** <https://shorturl.at/QwJEf>
- **Programme:** <https://shorturl.at/YGQHJ>


***Limited seatings available**





Upcoming event: Dissemination of Engineering Biology Landscape and Foresight in Thailand and Malaysia


We are pleased to invite you to join an upcoming online dissemination event on 13 Aug, 08.00 UK time, to present findings from the recent study, ***Engineering Biology in Malaysia and Thailand: Assessment of National Capabilities and Opportunities for Strategic Collaboration***.

Event Details

 **Date:** Wednesday, 13 August 2025

 **Time:** 08:00 – 09:00 (UK time) | 14:00 – 15:00 Jakarta time | 15:00 – 16:00 Malaysia time

 **Duration:** 1 hour (approx. 30-minute presentation + Q&A)

 **Platform:** Microsoft Teams – [Please register here](#). Meeting link will be sent to you after registration.

The report highlights:

1. Analysis of Malaysia and Thailand's national R&I capabilities, global positioning, sectoral opportunities, and regulatory and infrastructure readiness
2. Key challenges for EB ecosystem development, including policy, regulatory, and funding gaps, fragmented research and infrastructure, and limited commercialisation capacity
3. Strategic collaboration opportunities for UK, Malaysia and Thailand collaboration, including joint R&D, regulatory modernisation, talent development, responsible innovation and market expansion

The study was commissioned by the South and Southeast Asia Research Innovation Hub (SSEARIH), FCDO, with the Science & Technology Network (STN), and conducted by the Malaysian Bioeconomy Development Corporation and Thai Academy of Science & Technology. You can access the full report and policy briefs for Malaysia and Thailand here: <https://www.evidencefund.com/lib/EZKEUCVQ?referrer=/lib>




Dissemination Event on:

Engineering Biology in Malaysia and Thailand:

Comparative Assessment of National Capabilities and Opportunities for Strategic Collaboration

Session delivered virtually on 13 August 2025

- ⌚ 8:00am to 9:00am (United Kingdom)
- ⌚ 2:00pm to 3:00pm (Thailand)
- ⌚ 3:00pm to 4:00pm (Malaysia)

Upcoming event: Guest Lecture on Food Sustainability and Resilience

Date: Fri 5 Sep 2025

Time: 09.30 – 11.00

Venue: CM-IES, 30th Anniversary Building, Chiang Mai University

Join and meet Prof. Bob Doherty, University of York, for a guest lecture on 'Food Sustainability, and Resilience, at Chiang Mai University.



Professor Bob Doherty

Professor in Marketing and Dean of School
for Business and Society
University of York



Friday, 5th September 2025
9.30 am – 11.00 am
CM-IES, Room No. 210, 30th Anniversary Building

Table 1.0 – List of Funding Opportunities

Theme	Health (Fellowship for Digital Health)	Health (Professorship Scheme)
Programme name	Transformative Technologies for Healthcare and Environmental Resilience (THER)	Academy of Medical Sciences Professorship Scheme
Funder / Delivery partner	ISPF / British Council through Edinburgh Napier University	DSIT / Academy of Medical Sciences
Expected outcomes / Brief Description	Fellowship for early-career research to work at the University. This includes those without a permanent research-related post / academic post.	Support to take up full Professorship to the UK
Priority area / Scope	Digital Health: 1) AI for fall prevention, 2) Robotics and AI in Healthcare, 3) Exoskeleton Robots for Rehab, 4) Autonomous EV for Emergency Services, 5) AI-Driven Body Area Networks for Monitoring, 6), IoT for Healthcare for continuous monitoring, and 7) AI for digital health and precision medicine	Biomedical sciences, or healthcare
Budget	3 early-career scholarships for Thailand, including bursary, research expense and other costs	Up to £500,000
Duration	Minimum 10 months	Up to 5 years
Briefing	N/A	N/A
Link	https://blogs.napier.ac.uk/ispf-early-career-fellowships/introduction/	https://acmedsci.ac.uk/grants-and-schemes/grant-schemes/academy-of-medical-sciences-professorship-scheme
Deadline	15 Aug 2025	3 Sep 2025
Contact	Professor Dr Hongnian Yu, at H.Yu@napier.ac.uk	Rachel Campbell, Grants Manager, at Rachel.Campbell@acmedsci.ac.uk

Theme	Health (Systems Medicine)	Health (Infection)	Health (Infection)
Programme name	Population and systems medicine: research grant	Infections and immunity: research grant	Infections and immunity: new investigator
Funder / Delivery partner	MRC	MRC	MRC
Expected outcomes / Brief Description	Research to unlock the complexity of human health and disease across the life course. This includes population health and the impact of environmental factors including the social environment on health outcomes. (Thai as co-lead only).	Research to develop scientific knowledge that extends our understanding of human infectious disease and the role of the immune system in inflammation, immune-mediated disease, and cancer. (Thai as co-lead only).	Support for new investigators to become independent researcher, with research that increases understanding within the field of infections and immunity. (Thai as co-lead only).
Priority area / Scope	Full research areas are broad and included in the link below	Discovery research area are broad and included in the link below	Discovery research area are broad and included in the link below
Budget	-	-	Typically under £1m
Duration	Typically 3 – 5 years	Typically 3 – 5 years	Usually 3 years
Briefing	N/A	N/A	N/A
Link	https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/population-and-systems-medicine-research/	https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/infections-and-immunity-research/	https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/infections-and-immunity-new-investigator/
Deadline	4 September 2025	4 September 2025	4 September 2025
Contact	psmb@mrc.ukri.org	iib@mrc.ukri.org	iib@mrc.ukri.org

Theme	Health (Systems Medicine)	Health (Molecular and Cellular med)	Health (Molecular and Cellular med)
Programme name	Population and systems medicine: new investigator	Molecular and cellular medicine: new investigator	Molecular and cellular medicine: research grant
Funder / Delivery partner	MRC	MRC	MRC
Expected outcomes / Brief Description	Support for new investigators to become independent researcher, with research to increase understanding within the field of population and systems medicine. (Thai as co-lead only).	Support for new investigators to become independent researcher, with research to increase understanding within the field of molecular and cellular medicine. (Thai as co-lead only).	Research into basic biological mechanisms or technologies relevant to human health and disease. (Thai as co-lead only).
Priority area / Scope	Full research areas are broad and included in the link below	Full research areas are broad and included in the link below	Full research areas are broad and included in the link below
Budget	Typically under £1m	Typically under £1m	-
Duration	Usually 3 years	Usually 3 years	Typically 3 – 5 years
Briefing	N/A	N/A	N/A
Link	https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/population-and-systems-medicine-new-investigator/	https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/molecular-and-cellular-medicine-new-investigator/	https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/molecular-and-cellular-medicine-research/
Deadline	4 September 2025	4 September 2025	4 September 2025
Contact	psmb@mrc.ukri.org	mcmb@mrc.ukri.org	mcmb@mrc.ukri.org

Theme	Health (Mental Health)	Health (Mental Health)	Health (AMR)
Programme name	Neurosciences and mental health: research grant	Neurosciences and mental health: new investigator	Transdisciplinary research to tackle antimicrobial resistance: full application
Funder / Delivery partner	MRC	MRC	UKRI, Defra, NIHR
Expected outcomes / Brief Description	Research in neurosciences, mental health, and disorders of the human nervous system. This includes physiology and behaviour of the human nervous system throughout the life course in health and in illness, as well as how to treat and prevent disorders of the brain. (Thai as co-lead only).	Support for new investigators to become independent researcher, with research to increase understanding within the field of neurosciences and mental health. (Thai as co-lead only).	Funding to undertake ambitious transdisciplinary research to tackle antimicrobial resistance (AMR). (Thai as co-lead only). You must have submitted a notification of intent at pre-application stage to be eligible to make a full application.
Priority area / Scope	Full research areas are broad and included in the link below	Full research areas are broad and included in the link below	AMR via One Health Approach
Budget	-	Typically under £1m	Up to £3m
Duration	Typically 3 – 5 years	Usually 3 years	Up to 5 years
Briefing	N/A	N/A	N/A
Link	https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/neurosciences-and-mental-health-research/	https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/neurosciences-and-mental-health-new-investigator/	https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/transdisciplinary-research-to-tackle-antimicrobial-resistance-full-application/
Deadline	4 September 2025	4 September 2025	23 September 2025
Contact	nmhb@mrc.ukri.org	nmhb@mrc.ukri.org	ukri-amr@ukri.org

Theme	Health (Experimental Medicine)	Health	Health
Programme name	Experimental medicine stage one	Developmental pathway funding scheme: stage one	Gap fund for early-stage development of new healthcare interventions
Funder / Delivery partner	MRC	MRC	MRC
Expected outcomes / Brief Description	Funding for experimental medicine projects conducted in humans, with clear pathway to clinical impact. Project will produce new mechanistic insights, including those that may identify opportunities to modify disease pathways, or enable the future development of novel therapeutic or diagnostic approaches. (Thai as co-lead only).	Funding to develop and test novel therapeutics, medical devices, diagnostics and other interventions (Thai as co-lead only).	Funding to generate critical data that builds confidence in developing a new or repurposed medicine, medical device, diagnostic test, or other medical intervention (Thai as co-lead only).
Priority area / Scope	Intervention or challenge in humans, with safety profiles established, which has been designed to validate a mechanistic hypothesis. The challenge may be, but is not limited to pharmacological, immunological, physiological, psychological, infectious	Any stage on the developmental pathway from prototype development, through pre-clinical refinement and testing to early-phase clinical studies and trials (up to phase 2a)	All human diseases and medical interventions are eligible for support, both in the context of UK healthcare and addressing global health issues
Budget	Typically £1m	-	50,000 – 300,000
Duration	-	-	6 – 18 months
Briefing	N/A	N/A	N/A
Link	https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/experimental-medicine/	https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/developmental-pathway-funding-scheme/	https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/funding-for-early-stage-development-of-new-healthcare-interventions/
Deadline	1 October 2025	19 November 2025	12 November 2025
Contact	experimental.medicine@mrc.ukri.org	dpfsanddcs@mrc.ukri.org	gapfund@mrc.ukri.org

Theme	Health (ALS)	Health (Vaccine)	Health (Vaccine)
Programme name	Longitude Prize on Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS)	Innovations to Prepare for Future Epidemics and Pandemics	Innovative analytical technologies to improve vaccine manufacturing speed and equitable access
Funder / Delivery partner	Multiple funders	CEPI	CEPI
Expected outcomes / Brief Description	To harness the power of AI to identify and validate high-potential therapeutic targets for the discovery of transformative ALS therapeutics	Funding to advance a broad range of vaccine innovations for pathogens with epidemic or pandemic potential, including novel pathogens capable of infecting and causing disease in humans (i.e., Disease X). It supports vaccine research, development and manufacturing innovations	Funding to develop innovative analytical technologies for vaccines, with the goal to reduce vaccine development, manufacturing, and release times, lower costs, improve equitable deployment, and enhance analytical insights for vaccines such as RNA, viral vectors, or protein-based vaccines.
Priority area / Scope	Team members across AI, computational biologists, neurodegenerative diseases, biotechnology, data scientists and clinical experts.	Focus Area 1: advancing innovative rapid-response vaccine platforms that can transform the response to a future Disease X Focus Area 2: developing new vaccine candidates against CEPI priority pathogens with epidemic or pandemic potential and viral families	Focus Area A: Minimizing time/cost to release/develop vaccine Focus Area B: Vaccine characterisation
Budget	4 stages competition (with winning team receiving £1m)	Varies from 1m-5m USD depending on scope	Stage 1: 200k USD Stage 2: 800k USD
Duration	Competition from 2026 to 2031	18 – 36 months depending on scope	Stage 1: 12 months Stage: 18 months
Briefing	-	N/A	N/A
Link	https://als.longitudeprize.org/	https://cepi.net/calls-for-proposals	https://cepi.net/calls-for-proposals
Deadline	3 December 2025	Rolling basis until 2026	Rolling basis until 1 May 2026
Contact	als@challengeworks.org	Innovations.cfp@cepi.net	Innovations.cfp@cepi.net

Theme	Climate	Climate
Programme name	Indigenous Peoples and Local Community (IP&LC)	1:1:1 (public sector, philanthropic donors, and corporate partners)
Funder / Delivery partner	Legacy Landscapes Fund (LLF)	Legacy Landscapes Fund (LLF)
Expected outcomes / Brief Description	Funding to support Indigenous Peoples and Local Community (IP&LC) organizations engaged in area-based conservation	Funding to supports national and international NGOs engaged in area-based conservation through a new co-financing model
Priority area / Scope	<p>Area-based conservation activities that support a sustainable balance between ecosystem health, social and cultural well-being, and economic development for IP&LCs and their territories.</p> <p>This must take place in a 'Legacy landscapes' – see full definition in guidance note. PI must be NGOs</p>	<p>Activities to support conversation through 2 scales of grant.</p> <p>This must take place in a 'Legacy landscapes' – see full definition in guidance note. PI must be NGOs.</p> <p>Require 1:1:1 funding ratio (LLF, philanthropic donors - favoured, and corporate partners - mandatory)</p>
Budget	1m USD per year	<p>Perpetual grant: 1m USD per year / 50 years</p> <p>Sustaining grant: 1m USD per year / 15 years</p>
Duration	Up to 15 years	
Briefing	Q&A registration in website	Q&A registration in website
Link	https://legacylandscapes.org/for-applicants/	https://legacylandscapes.org/for-applicants/
Deadline	1 September 2025	1 September 2025
Contact	proposals@legacylandscapes.org	proposals@legacylandscapes.org

Theme	Social Sciences	Social Sciences
Programme name	International Writing Workshops 2025	International Interdisciplinary Research Projects 2025
Funder / Delivery partner	ISPF / British Academy	ISPF / British Academy
Expected outcomes / Brief Description	Funding for workshop for early-career researchers to support networking, career and skills development, and support publication in high impact journals.	Funding to develop international interdisciplinary research in humanities and social sciences.
Priority area / Scope	-	<p>Earth system governance, including problems related to climate change, biodiversity loss, oceanic degradation, and other forms of environmental pollution</p> <p>Digital and other transformative technologies, including the challenges presented by artificial intelligence (AI), cyber, synthetic biology, nanotech, and other breakthroughs</p> <p>Global health, particularly the rising threat posed by pandemic disease and the linkages among human, animal, and environmental health ("One Health")</p> <p>Outer space governance, encompassing the dilemmas posed by accumulating orbital debris, space traffic congestion, property and sovereignty claims, and arms racing.</p>
Budget	£30,000	Up to £300,000
Duration	2 years	2 years
Briefing	N/A	N/A
Link	https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/writing-workshops/	https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/knowledge-frontiers-international-interdisciplinary-research/
Deadline	17 Sep 2025	17 Sep 2025
Contact	international@thebritishacademy.ac.uk	international@thebritishacademy.ac.uk

Theme	Capacity Strengthening / Cross themes	Capacity Strengthening / Cross themes
Programme name	ISPF Early Career Fellowships: Strathclyde-led Network in Health and Engineering Biology	Faraday Discovery Fellowships Accelerated International Route
Funder / Delivery partner	ISPF / British Council through Strathclyde University	Royal Society
Expected outcomes / Brief Description	Fellowship for early-career research to work at the University.	Support for mid-career researchers to relocate to the UK
Priority area / Scope	<p>Project 1: Re-evaluating the usability of bone turnover biochemical markers for monitoring changes in intrinsic bone parameters</p> <p>Project 2: Development of catalysts for photoelectrochemical and photocatalytic biomass conversion</p> <p>Project 3: Uncovering the mechanism of action of novel DNA-binding agents against Gram-negative bacteria</p>	<p>Being a mid-career research, with research within Royal Society's remit of natural sciences</p> <p>*Candidate needs to be nominated, before submitting full application.</p>
Budget	3 early-career scholarships for Thailand, including bursary, research expense and other costs	Up to 4m
Duration	12 months	5 years
Briefing	N/A	N/A
Link	https://www.strath.ac.uk/workwithus/strathclyde-lednetworkinhealthengineeringbiologywiththailand/	https://royalsociety.org/grants/faraday-discovery-fellowships/accelerated-international-route/
Deadline	15 August 2025	15 August 2025
Contact	strathclyde-thailand@strath.ac.uk	faraday@royalsociety.org

Theme	Capacity Strengthening / Cross themes	Capacity Strengthening / Cross themes	Capacity Strengthening / Cross themes
Programme name	Wolfson Fellowship (open 3 rounds per year)	Wolfson Visiting Fellowship (open 3 rounds per year)	TNE Exploratory Grants 2025
Funder / Delivery partner	Wolfson Foundation and Royal Society	Wolfson Foundation and Royal Society	British Council
Expected outcomes / Brief Description	Fellowship for mid- or senior career researchers to undertake research fellowship in the UK	Fellowship for established researchers to undertake research in the UK	Funding to support inclusive access to education via TNE / regulatory environment for TNE partnerships.
Priority area / Scope	All areas of STEM covered by Royal Society Remit Currently based overseas and have firm offer of employment from a UK host	All areas of STEM covered by Royal Society Remit Currently based overseas and have firm offer of employment from a UK host	Proposed project can be any discipline, or cross-discipline, but must support TNE partnerships.
Budget	Up to £300,000	Up to £125,000	Up to £25,000
Duration	5 years	3 – 12 months, or flexibly over 2 years	17 months, from Jan 2026
Briefing	N/A	N/A	N/A
Link	https://royalsociety.org/grants/royal-society-wolfson-fellowship/	https://royalsociety.org/grants/royal-society-wolfson-visiting-fellowship/	https://opportunities-insight.britishcouncil.org/short-articles/opportunities/tne-exploratory-grants-2025
Deadline	4 Sep 2025	4 Sep 2025	8 Sep 2025
Contact	seniorfellowships@royalsociety.org	seniorfellowships@royalsociety.org	goingglobalpartnerships-TNE@britishcouncil.org

Theme	Capacity Strengthening / Cross themes	Capacity Strengthening / Cross themes	Capacity Strengthening / Cross themes
Programme name	University Research Fellowship	Faraday Discovery Fellowships (Open later in Aug 2025)	International Exchanges (Applying with Thailand to go for Global Rounds)
Funder / Delivery partner	Royal Society	DSIT / Royal Society	Royal Society
Expected outcomes / Brief Description	Fellowship for early-career researcher between 3-8 years of experience to develop research career in the UK	Support emerging research leaders to be based in the UK, and fund high-quality original, long-term research	Funding for UK-based researchers to collaborate with international partners overseas, including funding for one-off visit, or bilateral visits.
Priority area / Scope	All areas of STEM covered by Royal Society Remit Currently based overseas and have firm offer of employment from a UK host	All areas of STEM covered by Royal Society Remit	All areas of STEM covered by Royal Society Remit . The aim is to stimulate new collaborations.
Budget	Up to £1.87m	Max £8m	Up to £12,000
Duration	6-8 years	10 years	3 months / 1 year / 2 years
Briefing	N/A	N/A	N/A
Link	https://royalsociety.org/grants/university-research/	https://royalsociety.org/grants/faraday-discovery-fellowships/	https://royalsociety.org/grants/international-exchanges/
Deadline	10 Sep 25	Open 5 Aug 2025, and closes on 23 Sep 2025	25 Sep 2025.
Contact	urf@royalsociety.org	faraday@royalsociety.org	international.exchanges@royalsociety.org

Theme	Capacity Strengthening / Cross themes	Capacity Strengthening / Cross themes	Capacity Strengthening / Cross themes
Programme name	Discovery Awards	Career Development Awards	Early-career Awards
Funder / Delivery partner	Wellcome	Wellcome	Wellcome
Expected outcomes / Brief Description	Funding for established researchers to pursue ideas to deliver shifts in understanding related human, health, and wellbeing	Funding for midcareer researchers to develop research and innovation to deliver shifts in understanding related to human life, health, and wellbeing.	Funding for early-career researchers to develop research identity, innovative projects to deliver shifts in understanding related to human life, health, and wellbeing.
Priority area / Scope	Any disciplines, aligning with Wellcome Discovery Research theme , with potential to improve human life, health and wellbeing	Any disciplines, aligning with Wellcome Discovery Research theme , with potential to improve human life, health and wellbeing	Any disciplines, aligning with Wellcome Discovery Research theme , with potential to improve human life, health and wellbeing
Budget	On average £3.5m	£250,000	£400,000
Duration	Usually 8 years	Usually 8 years	Usually 5 years
Briefing	Webinar link below	Webinar link below	Webinar link below
Link	https://wellcome.org/research-funding/schemes/wellcome-early-career-awards	https://wellcome.org/research-funding/schemes/wellcome-career-development-awards	https://wellcome.org/research-funding/schemes/wellcome-early-career-awards
Deadline	30 September 2025	20 November 2025	30 September 2025 (Open 3 times annually)
Contact	https://wellcome.org/who-we-are/contact-us/funding-enquiry	https://wellcome.org/who-we-are/contact-us/funding-enquiry	https://wellcome.org/who-we-are/contact-us/funding-enquiry

Table 2 – Communication Channels

Funding Opportunity Finder	UUKi	https://shorturl.at/bSEx0
	UKCDR	https://ukcdr.org.uk/funding-calls/
	Gov.uk	https://www.gov.uk/international-development-funding
E-newsletter	ISPF	Email 'Newsletter' to ISPFenquiries@odamanagement.org
	NIHR	NIHR (list-manage.com)
	British Council Thailand	https://www.britishcouncil.or.th/en/thai-uk-education-connect
Social media	DSIT Twitter	https://twitter.com/SciTechgovuk
Linkedin	FCDO RED	https://uk.linkedin.com/company/fcdo-research-science-and-innovation