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Circular letter

Participatory Research funding allocations 2021-22

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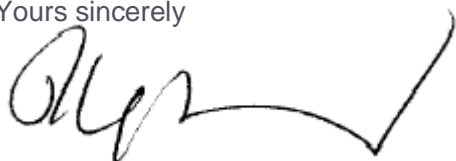
Dear Vice-Chancellor or Principal

Notice of funding

1. Research England is allocating a total of £6 million to higher education providers (HEPs) for 2021-22 to be used for Participatory Research. Participatory or co-produced research strengthens research outcomes by involving the communities and users of research, better recognising their experience, needs and preferences, and giving greater agency to communities to implement findings.
2. Research England's vision is for HEPs to deliver world-class research with transformational real-world application, developing the skills and talents of the workforce, and Participatory Research is a key element in realising that vision. Participatory Research also connects closely with UKRI's vision for an outstanding research and innovation system that gives everyone the opportunity to contribute and to benefit, enriching lives locally, nationally and internationally by directly involving a wider pool of people, organisations and approaches in research, and by encouraging researchers in universities to engage with the users of research throughout the research lifecycle, from conception to outcomes.
3. Participatory Research funding can be used to cover the costs of co-produced research and to run capacity-building activities such as:
 - Pilot projects using innovative models and methodologies for participatory research
 - The development of materials to support researchers interested in developing their skills in participatory research, and public engagement activities that are related to participatory and co-produced research

- Case studies and evidence of the impact of co-produced research, and evaluations of the effectiveness of co-production from different institutions/disciplines.
4. The funding will be distributed to HEPs in proportion to their total recurrent quality-related research (QR) allocations for academic year 2021-2022¹. There is a maximum allocation of £150,000. There is a minimum allocation of £20,000 for providers with a total recurrent QR allocation over £25,000, and a minimum allocation of £5,000 for providers with total recurrent QR allocations under £25,000.
 5. We recognise that for providers less familiar with this level of Research England investment, or without experience of undertaking participatory research, spending their allocation may present challenges. While we encourage providers to consider how they might make best use of the funding, we do offer the opportunity for providers to opt out and choose not to receive a Participatory Research funding allocation. We encourage you to discuss challenges, and especially considerations around opting-out, with your [Institutional Engagement Manager](#).
 6. In order to opt out of receiving your Participatory Research funding allocation, please complete the form at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/participatoryresearch>. This offers a simple check-box opt-out. Please complete the form by **Monday 6 December**. Those providers who choose to opt out of this funding allocation by this date will not receive an allocation of Participatory Research funding in 2021-2022.
 7. For all other providers, your Participatory Research funding allocation will be included in your January 2022 funding payment from Research England.
 8. Allocations to providers are shown in **Annex A**.
 9. Research England is interested in understanding more about what activity is undertaken by HEPs to support participatory and co-produced research and to be able to identify and highlight successful interventions. There will be light touch monitoring of the programme through which recipients of funding may be asked to contribute case study material and/or participate in discussions to share good practice and learning from their work in this area. We do not expect monitoring activity to start until August 2022 and further details about our monitoring of this investment will follow in due course.
 10. Questions about Participatory Research funding, allocations and eligible spend should be raised with your [Institutional Engagement Manager](#).

Yours sincerely



David Sweeney, Executive Chair

¹ For recurrent QR allocations see [Research and knowledge exchange funding for 2021-22](#), Annex A, Table 1.

Annex A: Participatory Research funding allocations for individual providers 2021-22

Higher education provider	Participatory Research grant 2021-22 (£)
AECC University College	5,000
Anglia Ruskin University Higher Education Corporation	20,000
Arts University Bournemouth, the	20,000
University of the Arts, London	20,000
Aston University	31,412
The University of Bath	89,754
Bath Spa University	20,000
University of Bedfordshire	20,000
Birkbeck College	48,618
The University of Birmingham	150,000
Birmingham City University	20,000
Bishop Grosseteste University	20,000
The University of Bolton	20,000
Bournemouth University	20,000
The University of Bradford	20,000
University of Brighton	24,257
University of Bristol	150,000
Brunel University London	57,025
Buckinghamshire New University	20,000
University of Cambridge	150,000
Canterbury Christ Church University	20,000
University of Central Lancashire	20,000
University of Chester	20,000
The University of Chichester	20,000
City, University of London	51,696
Courtauld Institute of Art	20,000
Coventry University	20,000
Cranfield University	49,277
University for the Creative Arts	20,000
The University of Cumbria	20,000
De Montfort University	20,000

Higher education provider	Participatory Research grant 2021-22 (£)
University of Derby	20,000
University of Durham	123,169
The University of East Anglia	86,989
University of East London	20,000
Edge Hill University	20,000
The University of Essex	44,452
University of Exeter	125,807
Falmouth University	20,000
University of Gloucestershire	20,000
Goldsmiths' College	29,559
University of Greenwich	20,000
Guildhall School of Music & Drama	20,000
Harper Adams University	20,000
University of Hertfordshire	20,062
The University of Huddersfield	27,068
The University of Hull	37,035
Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine	150,000
Institute of Cancer Research: Royal Cancer Hospital (The)	74,773
University of Keele	34,337
The University of Kent	72,589
King's College London	150,000
Kingston University	20,000
The University of Lancaster	103,259
The University of Leeds	150,000
Leeds Beckett University	20,000
Leeds Trinity University	20,000
The University of Leicester	95,275
University of Lincoln	20,000
The University of Liverpool	147,103
Liverpool Hope University	20,000
Liverpool John Moores University	28,292
Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine	36,259
University College London	150,000
University of London	5,000
London Business School	20,000

Higher education provider	Participatory Research grant 2021-22 (£)
London Metropolitan University	20,000
The London School of Economics and Political Science	90,482
London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine	96,152
London South Bank University	20,000
Loughborough University	87,236
The University of Manchester	150,000
Manchester Metropolitan University	32,587
Middlesex University	21,913
University of Newcastle upon Tyne	150,000
Newman University	20,000
University of Northampton, The	20,000
University of Northumbria at Newcastle	34,242
Norwich University of the Arts	20,000
Nottingham Trent University	25,617
University of Nottingham, The	150,000
The Open University	43,291
School of Oriental and African Studies	26,900
University of Oxford	150,000
Oxford Brookes University	24,497
University of Plymouth	40,214
University of Portsmouth	29,585
Queen Mary University of London	150,000
The University of Reading	89,190
Roehampton University	20,000
Rose Bruford College of Theatre and Performance	20,000
The Royal Academy of Music	20,000
The Royal Agricultural University	20,000
The Royal Central School of Speech and Drama	20,000
Royal College of Art(The)	20,000
Royal College of Music	20,000
Royal Holloway and Bedford New College	63,495
Royal Northern College of Music	20,000
The Royal Veterinary College	22,518
University of Salford, The	20,000
The University of Sheffield	150,000

Higher education provider	Participatory Research grant 2021-22 (£)
Sheffield Hallam University	24,325
Solent University, Southampton	20,000
University of Southampton	150,000
University of St Mark & St John	5,000
St Mary's University, Twickenham	20,000
St. George's Hospital Medical School	20,000
Staffordshire University	20,000
University of Suffolk	5,000
University of Sunderland	20,000
The University of Surrey	76,996
University of Sussex	74,878
Teesside University	20,000
Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance	20,000
The University of Warwick	150,000
The University of West London	20,000
University of the West of England, Bristol	27,996
The University of Westminster	21,552
University of Winchester	20,000
University of Wolverhampton	20,000
University of Worcester	20,000
Writtle University College	20,000
University of York	118,269
York St John University	20,000
Total	6,000,002