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## Circular letter

### Additional QR and Additional RCIF to address ongoing uncertainty over access to EU Programmes: grant allocations 2022-23

To	Heads of Research England-funded higher education providers
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Dear Vice-Chancellor or Principal

#### Notice of funding

1. Following the announcement by the Minister for Science, Research and Innovation on 21 November 2022<sup>1</sup>, Research England is allocating £100 million of Additional quality-related research (QR) funding and £70.65 million of Additional Research Capital Investment Fund (RCIF) grants to higher education providers (HEPs) for financial year 2022-23.
2. This funding is provided to HEPs to support retention of wider research capabilities and to provide stability ahead of a final decision on Horizon association. This includes anchoring teams leading on long-term, risky, curiosity-driven research; or developing new research strategies, priorities and partnerships with business and others, to retain and develop the next generation of researchers at all levels.
3. The QR funding allocation is intended to provide additional funding for:
  - developing, supporting and amplifying international collaborations and partnerships

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[EU programmes: package of immediate investment for the UK's R&D sector - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/eu-programmes-package-of-immediate-investment-for-the-uk-s-r-d-sector)

- developing international networks and research experiences
  - recruiting and retaining talent – including internationally and at all career stages
  - capacity building and strategic investment in research priorities
  - securing and sustaining the talent pipeline and supporting research careers
  - supporting blue-skies research and pursuit of novel research ideas
  - mitigating shortfalls in research income due to uncertainty over EU research grants
4. The additional RCIF will support the needs of universities and UKRI institutes for small and mid-range equipment, which are the essential foundations of the R&D system. This funding also targets the fundamental equipment base that international and UK research talent relies on to conduct their research and therefore this funding will help to attract and retain research talent.

### **Additional QR funding**

5. All HEPs in receipt of an allocation of quality-related research (QR) funding for 2022-23 will receive an allocation of Additional QR.
6. The £100 million will be allocated in proportion to total QR grant allocations for 2022-23 with the following modifiers:
- a maximum allocation of £5 million: where a HEP's allocation at the initial calculation stage is higher than £5 million, the grant is capped and the funding exceeding the cap is redistributed among the remaining eligible HEPs
  - a minimum allocation of £10,000: HEPs who would receive less than £10,000 have their allocation increased to the £10,000 minimum
7. HEPs unable to spend this allocation in line with the intended purpose and by the end of financial year 2022-23 will be able to 'opt out' of receiving this funding or opt to receive a lower amount. The process for this is set out below.
8. Research England will conduct a random sample monitoring exercise to understand how the funding has been spent, in line with the stated objectives. We also reserve the right to conduct a full monitoring exercise of all institutions should the need arise. We also

expect to host a roundtable event to gather further information on how allocations have been spent.

## Additional RCIF

9. All HEPs in receipt of an allocation from RCIF for 2022-23 will receive an allocation of Additional RCIF.
10. The £70.65 million will be allocated in proportion to total RCIF grant allocations for 2022-23 with the following modifier:
  - a maximum allocation of £3 million: where a HEP's allocation at the initial calculation stage is higher than £3 million, the grant is capped and the funding exceeding the cap is redistributed among the remaining eligible HEPs
  - there is no minimum allocation
11. HEPs unable to spend this allocation in line with the intended purpose and by the end of financial year 2022-23 will be able to 'opt out' of receiving this funding or opt to receive a lower amount. The process for this is set out below.
12. Annual monitoring of Research England's RCIF funding was introduced in 2021-22 and asks providers for information on how the funding has been allocated and how this aligns to their capital strategy. Monitoring for Additional RCIF will be undertaken as an extra question in the annual RCIF monitoring returns.

## Further information

13. Additional QR allocations and Additional RCIF allocations to HEPs are shown in **Annex A**. These allocations must be spent by the end of March 2023.
14. We recognise that some HEPs may find it challenging to spend their allocation by the end of March 2023 as required. While we encourage HEPs to consider how they might make best use of the funding, we do offer the opportunity to opt out and choose not to receive an allocation, or to receive a lower amount, of Additional QR or Additional RCIF. We encourage you to discuss challenges, and especially considerations around opting-out, with your Institutional Engagement Manager. Please do so well in advance of the deadline stated below.
15. In order to opt out of receiving an allocation, or to request a lower amount, please complete the form at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DR6Q5W2>. Please complete the form by Wednesday 14 December 2022. We will be unable to process any changes in allocation after this date. If we do not receive a completed form by the deadline we will assume that your provider has accepted its allocation.
16. HEPs that choose to opt out of this funding allocation by the deadline will not receive an allocation. For all other HEPs, Additional QR and Additional RCIF grant allocations will be included in January 2023 funding payments from Research England.

17. Any proposed allocations to HEPs that subsequently opt out of receiving this funding will be re-allocated to the remaining eligible recipients. Allocations shown in Annex A are therefore provisional and may be increased to ensure the total budget is allocated. Further communication of the final allocations will be made in January and published on the RE website.
18. Questions about the funding described in this letter should be directed to [researchpolicy@re.ukri.org](mailto:researchpolicy@re.ukri.org).

Yours sincerely



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## Annex A: Additional QR grant allocations and Additional RCIF grant allocations for individual higher education providers – November 2022-23

Higher education provider	Additional QR grant November 2022-23 (£)	Additional RCIF grant November 2022-23 (£)
AECC University College	10,000	0
Anglia Ruskin University Higher Education Corporation	220,131	73,366
Arts University Bournemouth, the	23,811	0
University of the Arts, London	247,188	85,296
Aston University	482,199	331,456
The University of Bath	1,329,398	846,841
Bath Spa University	100,601	44,972
University of Bedfordshire	88,549	62,932
Birkbeck College	634,463	247,821
The University of Birmingham	3,133,611	2,844,383
Birmingham City University	232,281	72,207
Bishop Grosseteste University	12,718	0
The University of Bolton	29,067	10,582
Bournemouth University	363,806	102,039
The University of Bradford	221,344	128,863
University of Brighton	470,825	171,814
University of Bristol	3,328,418	3,000,000
Brunel University London	648,937	521,467
Buckinghamshire New University	12,904	7,011
University of Cambridge	5,000,000	3,000,000
Canterbury Christ Church University	192,460	43,430
University of Central Lancashire	375,065	139,800
University of Chester	178,809	41,869
The University of Chichester	56,229	19,382
City, University of London	685,123	265,747
Courtauld Institute of Art	66,897	47,494
Coventry University	413,810	248,366
Cranfield University	688,178	689,809

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University for the Creative Arts	48,453	5,484
The University of Cumbria	22,269	7,224
De Montfort University	331,172	92,920
University of Derby	148,073	38,157
University of Durham	1,610,038	1,175,927
The University of East Anglia	1,311,372	1,164,460
University of East London	158,238	54,800
Edge Hill University	154,551	32,656
The University of Essex	774,091	707,580
University of Exeter	2,057,376	1,808,447
Falmouth University	72,179	17,446
University of Gloucestershire	75,858	30,759
Goldsmiths' College	469,399	157,111
University of Greenwich	414,789	200,894
Guildhall School of Music & Drama	39,302	9,624
Harper Adams University	42,231	43,353
Hartpury University	10,000	0
University of Hertfordshire	407,613	179,948
The University of Huddersfield	528,528	273,365
The University of Hull	458,291	239,319
Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine	5,000,000	3,000,000
Institute of Cancer Research: Royal Cancer Hospital (The)	938,864	868,425
University of Keele	430,113	332,279
The University of Kent	1,013,096	465,305
King's College London	4,627,210	3,000,000
Kingston University	380,197	78,471
The University of Lancaster	1,515,803	1,023,769
The University of Leeds	3,053,213	2,927,303
Leeds Arts University	10,000	0
Leeds Beckett University	263,533	75,250
Leeds Trinity University	15,363	0
The University of Leicester	1,217,489	1,127,766
University of Lincoln	437,306	215,924

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The University of Liverpool	2,264,700	1,951,692
Liverpool Hope University	82,534	14,686
Liverpool John Moores University	497,575	233,628
Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine	530,785	919,812
University College London	5,000,000	3,000,000
University of London	0	31,549
London Business School	139,252	67,916
London Metropolitan University	78,929	17,668
The London School of Economics and Political Science	955,041	652,784
London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine	1,297,898	2,269,131
London South Bank University	174,445	91,903
Loughborough University	1,234,334	839,381
The University of Manchester	5,000,000	3,000,000
Manchester Metropolitan University	726,509	232,083
The Metanoia Institute	10,000	0
Middlesex University	298,191	99,313
National Film and Television School(The)	0	32,617
University of Newcastle upon Tyne	2,405,856	1,952,672
Newman University	14,979	0
University of Northampton, The	55,870	18,316
University of Northumbria at Newcastle	1,045,728	237,289
Norwich University of the Arts	16,205	0
Nottingham Trent University	479,639	170,123
University of Nottingham, The	3,140,824	2,428,830
The Open University	612,425	297,819
School of Oriental and African Studies	330,248	174,235
University College of Osteopathy (The)	10,000	0
University of Oxford	5,000,000	3,000,000
Oxford Brookes University	327,798	149,423
University of Plymouth	508,051	305,142
University of Portsmouth	581,894	211,663
Queen Mary University of London	2,404,208	2,004,078
Ravensbourne University London	10,000	0

<b>Higher education provider</b>	<b>Additional QR grant November 2022-23 (£)</b>	<b>Additional RCIF grant November 2022-23 (£)</b>
The University of Reading	1,062,072	853,997
Roehampton University	276,715	71,037
Rose Bruford College of Theatre and Performance	10,000	0
The Royal Academy of Music	12,986	0
The Royal Agricultural University	14,230	0
The Royal Central School of Speech and Drama	65,876	16,793
Royal College of Art(The)	126,275	77,249
Royal College of Music	28,819	15,327
Royal Holloway and Bedford New College	817,503	464,488
Royal Northern College of Music	19,978	14,158
The Royal Veterinary College	338,789	259,227
University of Salford, The	326,111	136,621
The University of Sheffield	2,933,542	3,000,000
Sheffield Hallam University	408,275	205,344
Solent University, Southampton	14,546	0
University of Southampton	2,798,839	2,434,632
University of St Mark & St John	10,000	0
St Mary's University, Twickenham	43,253	11,494
St. George's Hospital Medical School	217,330	178,808
Staffordshire University	100,217	17,548
University of Suffolk	10,000	0
University of Sunderland	100,490	42,000
The University of Surrey	1,123,562	872,965
University of Sussex	1,095,226	783,624
Teesside University	206,681	59,870
Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance	13,481	0
The University of Warwick	2,332,885	2,365,677
The University of West London	73,845	13,020
University of the West of England, Bristol	357,150	262,154
The University of Westminster	371,197	105,504
University of Winchester	84,907	12,223
University of Wolverhampton	171,535	84,659
University of Worcester	65,064	20,854



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University of York	1,770,378	1,457,847
York St John University	81,496	8,215
<b>Total</b>	<b>100,000,003</b>	<b>70,650,001</b>

