

Research England grant letter template 2025 to 2026

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Dear <Salutation>

Research England funding for 2025 to 2026

I am writing to provide information about your higher education provider's (HEP's) research and knowledge exchange grants from Research England for 2025 to 2026.

This letter explains in broad terms the main changes to Research England's funding for research and knowledge exchange for 2025 to 2026 compared to the previous year. It is part of a suite of documents which set out information relating to your HEP and to the sector more widely. A list of these documents and tables is described in Annex A. We do not require a reply to this letter.

Funding budgets

The [guidance letter to UK Research and Innovation \(UKRI\) from the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology \(DSIT\)](#) confirmed the funding available for the 2025 to 2026 financial year (April to March). The letter also identified the policies and priorities that should underpin our approach to funding.

In the light of that allocations letter and following discussion with and endorsement by the Research England Council, we set [budgets for Research England's funding streams for HEPs](#) for the academic and financial years 2025 to 2026. Capital funding is allocated by financial year (April to March) and all other formula-based funding is allocated by academic year (August to July).

As usual, any significant future changes to our funding by government could affect the funding we are able to distribute to HEPs in the 2025 to 2026 academic year, and this may include revising allocations after they have been announced.

2025 to 2026 Grant changes for HEPs

HEPs may see grant changes for a number of reasons including:

- changes, relative to the sector as a whole, to HEPs' postgraduate student numbers, research staff numbers or OfS Annual Financial Return data, which affect HEPs' share of research funding
- changes, relative to the sector as a whole, to HEPs' HE-BCI data, OfS Annual Financial Return data, and Knowledge Transfer Partnerships (KTP) data, which affects their share of knowledge exchange funding
- changes to the number of HEPs being allocated grants from a funding stream

The calculation methods for quality-related research (QR) research degree programme (RDP) supervision fund and Enhancing Research Culture funding have returned to the usual arrangements. This follows the temporary change that was applied in 2024 to 2025.

We wish to provide as much support as we can for HEPs in understanding their funding outcomes and on the main factors that have led to funding changes. HEPs should address any questions on this to data_queries@re.ukri.org.

Terms and conditions of funding

The [Research England terms and conditions of funding](#) set out the formal relationship between UKRI and the HEPs that it funds in relation to funds administered through Research England. The terms and conditions applicable to funding administered by Research England for the 2025 to 2026 academic year will be published on 1 August 2025. The terms and conditions include those related to provision of data and compliance with governance and data assurance requirements.

Additional conditions for knowledge exchange funding

All HEPs in receipt of HEIF must pay regard to the 2020 [HEIF policy & priorities publication](#) and comply with guidance related to eligible uses of HEIF, accountability and monitoring arrangements. This includes the addendums on [KE data collection](#) and [adoption of spinout best practice](#).

This document also applies to use of the HEIF business and commercialisation supplement, with the additional requirement that these funds are used entirely for, and additionally to use of HEIF for, business and commercialisation activity.

Further information and requests for changes

There may occasionally be circumstances in which HEPs wish to request changes to the data from which we calculate allocations. We only expect to accept data amendments to correct errors that are widespread, substantial and have a material impact on Research England's use of the data. HEPs that wish to request changes should consult the [technical guidance document](#) (to be published in early August 2025).

If you would like informal advice about the effects of any data changes or have any questions about your allocations, please contact annualfunding@re.ukri.org.

Yours sincerely

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Annex A: Key information relating to the 2025 to 2026 grant allocations

The following key documents are, or will soon be available on the [Research England formula funding allocation pages for 2025 to 2026](#).

Available now

[Research England funding budgets for 2025 to 2026](#) sets out our decisions on funding budgets for academic and financial year 2025 to 2026.

[Research England grant allocations basis for 2025 to 2026](#) sets out the basis for our allocations to HEPs and provides information about funding methods.

[Research England grant allocations data 2025 to 2026](#) lists our allocations to HEPs in 2025 to 2026 for all formula-based funds.

[Payment information 2025 to 2026](#) provides information including payment dates and payment profiles for grants to HEPs from August 2025 to July 2026.

To be published in early August 2025

[Individual HEP grant data tables 2025 to 2026](#) shows the recurrent QR, HEIF and Museums, Galleries and Collections funding allocated for 2025 to 2026, and a breakdown of the data used in the funding calculations.

[Technical guidance 2025 to 2026](#) explains in detail how the figures in the grant tables have been derived. The guidance is aimed primarily at finance and planning officers.