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Dear <Salutation>

Research England funding for 2026 to 2027

I am writing to provide information about your higher education provider's (HEP's) research and knowledge exchange grant(s) from Research England for 2026 to 2027.

This letter explains in broad terms the main changes to Research England's funding for research and knowledge exchange for 2026 to 2027 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](#) confirmed the funding available for the 2026 to 2027 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 2026 to 2027. 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 2026 to 2027 academic year. This may include revising allocations after they have been announced.

2026 to 2027 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 Office for Students (OfS) Annual Financial Return data, which affect HEPs' share of research funding

- changes, relative to the sector as a whole, to HEPs' Higher Education Business and Community Interaction (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

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 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:

- describe the broad accountability framework that exists between Research England and the higher education providers it funds
- explain expectations related to provision of data, and compliance with governance and data assurance requirements

HEPs should read the [Research England terms and conditions of funding](#) in conjunction with this letter and publication [Research England grant allocations basis 2026 to 2027](#).

Additional conditions for knowledge exchange funding

HEPs in receipt of HEIF must comply with the [HEIF policies, priorities and accountability arrangements](#).

This document also applies to use of the HEIF business and commercialisation supplement, with the additional requirement that these funds are used entirely, 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 and have a material impact on Research England's use of the data. HEPs that wish to request changes should refer to our [guidance regarding amendments to data](#).



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 2026 to 2027 grant allocations

The following key documents are (or will soon be) available on the [Research England formula funding allocation pages for 2026 to 2027](#).

- [Research England funding budgets for 2026 to 2027](#) sets out our decisions on funding budgets for academic and financial year 2026 to 2027.
- [Research England grant allocations basis for 2026 to 2027](#) sets out the basis for our allocations to HEPs and provides information about funding methods.
- [Research England grant allocations data 2026 to 2027](#) lists our allocations to HEPs in 2026 to 2027 for all formula-based funds.
- [Payment information 2026 to 2027](#) provides information including payment dates and payment profiles for grants to HEPs from August 2026 to July 2027.
- [Research England technical guides for formula-based funding](#): a detailed explanation of the funding method for each of our formula-based funds.
- [Individual HEP grant data tables 2026 to 2027](#) show the recurrent QR, HEIF and Higher Education Museums, Galleries and Collections funding allocated for 2026 to 2027, and a breakdown of the data used in the funding calculations.