The British Academy ECR Network

a Network by ECRs, for ECRs

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EARLY CAREER
RESEARCHER
NETWORK

In 2021, the British Academy in partnership with the Wolfson Foundation launched an Early Career Researcher (ECR) Network for the humanities and social sciences. The Network is researcher-led and inclusive, accessible to all researchers regardless of their funding source or background.

The Academy is working with the University of Birmingham, the GW4 Alliance, University of Stirling and the University of Glasgow to deliver the Network across the UK.

"As an ECR myself, I jumped at the chance to take part in the initiative and went along to the launch event in London in November 2021. Immediately, you could sense a camaraderie between those in attendance and an eagerness to see real change."
— *ECR Network member*

Key aims

- To support members to realise their potential by providing opportunities that they do not currently have access to
- To contribute to equality of opportunity for Network members through encouraging diversity and inclusivity
- To help nurture and facilitate greater engagement across researchers and the wider research community, regionally and nationally
- To draw on the Academy's unique ability to convene and nurture intersectoral collaboration to create unique opportunities for researchers.

What opportunities can you access?

Meet the Fellows of the British Academy, gain access to an exclusive community via our online platform and access a range of activities, including training, workshops, and panel sessions.

Examples include:

- Media training
- Engaging with policy makers
- How to write a compelling grant application
- Let's talk interdisciplinarity: Value and practicalities of working across disciplines
- Communicating social sciences to wider audiences
- Planning impact
- Careers outside academia: What to expect
- Value and impact: A look at international collaborations
- From thesis to monographs: Getting your PhD published

Who is the Network for?

To join the Network in the first two years, you should:

- Identify as an ECR with a background in a humanities or social sciences discipline
- Usually be within 10 years of your PhD or equivalent doctoral experience.

This initial two-year phase of the Network is also limited to ECRs who meet the above requirements and either:

- Have currently or previously received British Academy funding or funding from an approved partner
- Are affiliated with a research institution within the Midlands, Southwest or Scotland.

What makes us different?

The Network brings together almost 2,000 ECRs across the humanities and social sciences bridging important gaps between those ECRs who have security and funding and those who do not.

Network members:

- Inform, shape and feed into the activities of the Network
- Develop their own sessions with support from the Academy and/or Hub partners
- Access our community platform to expand their networks and links with researchers, Fellows and partners
- Access online and in person events, workshops and training
- Access networking opportunities that expand networks and encourage cross collaboration.

Find out more

For more about the ECR Network please visit **thebritishacademy.ac.uk.**

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