British Academy: International Fellowships 2027: Exeter's Internal selection process

The International Fellowships programme provides support for outstanding early career researchers to make a first step towards developing an independent research career through gaining experience across international borders.

For 2027, BA have introduced a cap on the number of submissions that can be made, therefore the University of Exeter is conducting an internal selection process to select a maximum of eight applicants.

Full changes to eligibility and a full understanding of the opportunity, please see the BA guidance here: **International Fellowships 2026 | The British Academy**

Timeline and process:	**Deadline**
1. Complete the **'Intent to Apply'.** This is a very short MS Form to gather basis information. **Complete here.** You will not receive confirmation of your intent to apply – please just continue to Step 2. IF YOU LATER DECIDE TO WITHDRAW, PLEASE INFORM: internalsifts@exeter.ac.uk AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.	12 noon Monday 7th December 2027.
2. Complete and **submit the internal application.** The requirements and submission details are stated below in this document. Please ensure you gain feedback from your mentor & colleagues on your application before submitting.	**12 noon Monday 4th January 2027**
3. The DoRI plus one other departmental colleague will review applications and decide which will proceed to the Panel meeting.	1pm Monday 4th January – Friday 8th January 2027.
4. Panel meeting takes place to decide which applications can submit.	By Friday 15th January 2027.
5. All candidates informed of internal selection process outcome.	Monday 18th January 2027.
BA application submission deadline	**TBC mid-March 2027**

If at any time you decide to withdraw, **after completing the Intent to Apply**, please inform: internalsifts@exeter.ac.uk, so reviewers can be released, or time isn't spent finding reviewers that are not needed.

Internal application for the BA International Fellowship 2027

(you should have completed the Intent to Apply)

Part 1: The applicant

1.1 Personal Statement:

Please provide a personal statement about your research career to date including research-related contributions, prizes and achievements and your career and research aspirations in the long term. You should state why the aims of this fellowship will be beneficial to you at this stage in your career and how the fellowship will help you to reach your goals. Please note that you may use the personal statement to provide details of additional activities you have undertaken to demonstrate your contribution to the wider research endeavour (e.g., conferences, workshops, public engagement activities, etc.) **(Maximum 500 words)**

1.2. ORCHID:

If you have an ORDID account, please provide the link:

Part 2: The research proposal

Please provide details of your research proposal. Explain why you have chosen to work in this subject area and what it is about your proposed research that you find particularly important. If applicable, please also explain the potential impact or wider benefits to society of your research. Please also provide details of any proposed fieldwork to be conducted outside the UK within your proposal. Provide details of location, duration, and justification for the fieldwork. Fieldwork is defined as "(practical) gathering of material or data specifically for the International Fellowship project" **(Maximum 1500 words)**

Part 3: Training Programme

Training and mentorship are an important part of the International Fellowships and must be included as part of the application. Please outline how the host organisation will support the career development of the applicant through training and mentoring activities. Please outline how this Fellowship will contribute to the training and development of the Lead applicant, including any training elements that are expected to be undertaken during the Fellowship. **(Maximum 500 words).**

Part 4: Benefits to Individuals/Institutions

Please clearly describe the planned outcomes and any potential benefits that will result from the proposed collaboration for:

- You
- The UK Sponsor
- The overseas country/territory and the respective organisations.

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Submission: Please save all four sections into **ONE document**, then name the PDF file:

first-name_surname_Department_BA Fellowship.

Submit one PDF to: internalsifts@exeter.ac.uk

Deadline: 12 noon on Monday 4th January 2027.