Deadline	**Wed 8 Mar 2023 15:00 UK time** Wed 7 Jun 2023 15:00 UK time Wed 27 Sep 2023 15:00 UK time
Call name	**Royal Society International Exchanges 2023**
www	https://royalsociety.org/grants-schemes-awards/grants/international-exchanges/
Focused on	Forming **new** collaborations between scientists based in the UK and scientists overseas through either a one-off visit or bilateral travel.
Applicant	Lead applicant: a UK based scientist and/or project leader, must be PhD holder (senior GL, junior GL, postdoc) or have extensive experience at equivalent level, and his/her team Co-applicant: a scientist from any non-UK country, must be PhD holder or have extensive experience at equivalent level, and his/her team
Host institution	university or not-for-profit research institution (one in the UK and one outside the UK)
Expected outputs	Setting up of new collaborations between a UK and a non-UK institution; building up career experience of more junior scientists
Call opens	**Wed 11 Jan 2023** Wed 11 Apr 2023 Wed 2 Aug 2023
Final deadline	**Wed 8 Mar 2023 15:00 UK time** Wed 7 Jun 2023 15:00 UK time Wed 27 Sep 2023 15:00 UK time
Evaluation results	**June 2023** September 2023 February 2024
Signature of agreement	
Earliest date of implementation	**8 July 2023** 11 Oct 2023 27 Jan 2024 The start of the project is any activity undertaken to progress the project, which includes booking flights or planning a schedule of activities to be undertaken in the initial stages; it is not necessarily the date when exchange visits must have commenced. Award holders can apply for up to one-year no-cost extension. Activities must start no earlier than 4 months after the application closing date
Latest date of implementation	**Fri 8 Sep 2023** Tue 7 Dec 2023 Fri 1 Mar 2024 Activities must start no later than these dates.
Sustainability	None
Reporting	Final report / Report of expenditure (accounting)
Project duration (min-max)	3, 12 or 24 months
Allocation for the call	NA
Project budget (min-max)	£3,000 for one-off visits, £6,000 for multiple visits within 1 year (including £1,500 for eligible research expenses), £12,000 for multiple visits within 2 years (including £3,000 for eligible research expenses)
Success rate	NA
Eligible costs	Travel (incl. subsistence): up to £3,000 for 3 months, up to £6,000 for 1 year or up to £12,000 for 2 years' duration Consumables (incl. fieldwork) £0 for 3 months, up to £1,500 for 1 year or up to £3,000 for 2 years' project duration Eligible consumable costs: visa charges, police registration fees, postage and printing, books, reagents, computer software, stationery for overseas visitors whilst in the UK, fieldwork expenses, animal and plant licence fees. Ineligible consumable costs: include publication costs, computer hardware, bench fees, conference registration fees, travel to conferences, departmental costs/overheads, access charges, medical insurance, excess baggage, expenses relating to

	accompanying dependents, contributions towards salaries, costs involving travel to a third country/territory, costs incurred by project participants not associated with the applicant organisations.
Mode of funding	ex-ante
Language of application	English
Provider	The Royal Society, 6-9 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AG; international.exchanges@royalsociety.org; +44 (0) 207 451 2666
Call identifier	RS-International-Exchange 2023
Call info	The International Exchanges Scheme is for scientists based in the UK who want to stimulate collaborations with leading scientists overseas through either a one-off visit or bilateral travel.

Conditions / Restrictions	**Applicant Eligibility**
	• The UK based scientist and/or project leader (the lead applicant) and the overseas based scientist and/or project leader (the co-applicant) must have completed a PhD or have extensive experience at an equivalent level at the time of application.
	• The applicant and co-applicant must hold a permanent or fixed term contract for the duration of the award in an eligible organisation in their respective countries/territories.
	• The applicant and co-applicant must be based in their respective countries/territories and institutions at the time of application.
	• The applicant and co-applicant cannot be former colleagues or PhD student/supervisor. The scheme is intended to stimulate **new** collaborations between scientists in the UK and overseas
	• Applications must be started by the applicant on behalf of the co-applicant and the respective teams, i.e. the application must be initiated through the Flexi-Grant® application portal of the applicant, which can be accessed when logged onto the system.
	• Applicants are not permitted to submit more than one application per round (deadline).
	• Holders of a current International Exchanges award with the same overseas country/territory as the (proposed) application cannot apply until the project has ended, the final research report has been submitted to The Royal Society, the final statement of expenditure (financial report) has been submitted to The Royal Society and any unspent amount of money of the current International Exchanges award has been refunded to The Royal Society.
	• Visiting academics who have been invited by an eligible UK institution are ineligible.
	• Honorary academics of an eligible UK institution are ineligible.
	• Retired scientists who are still active in science must submit their application through an eligible UK institution.
	Host Organisation Eligibility
	Eligible host organisations are a university or not-for-profit research institution. Ineligible organisations include industrial, private and commercial organisations, university spin-out companies, and governmental bodies.
	Eligible Activity
	• Applications have to be **new** collaborations. This scheme is not intended to be used to extend an existing or recent project or collaboration.
	• Collaborations should be based on a single project.
	• Project participants can include the applicant and co-applicant and also members of their teams. Any project participants must be working in a UK/overseas university or research institute. The Royal Society would like to encourage the participation of junior scientists such as PhD students or post-doctoral researchers.
	• Applications can only support travel between the UK and the overseas collaborator's country/territory for the applicant, co-applicant and members of their respective team; costs for travel between a third country/territory are not eligible.
	• Activities fundable under this scheme are as follows:
	    i) One-off visit collaborations
	• One visit to be taken in either direction, i.e. either the applicant undertakes a visit to the overseas institution, or the co-applicant visits the UK institution.
	• Visits to last between 1 week and 3 months.
	• Up to £3,000 available.
	    ii) Multiple visits collaborations
	• Collaborative visits to be undertaken over a period of either up to:
	a. 1 year with up to £6,000 available, £1,500 of which can be spent on eligible consumables
	or

	b. 2 years with up to £12,000 available, £3,000 of which can be spent on eligible consumables. • Visits must be bilateral, meaning that the applicant and co-applicant and/or project participants must undertake at least one visit to the overseas collaborating institution during the award period. • Only participants based at the same institution and working within the applicant's or co-applicant's research team directly involved in the collaborative project are eligible to claim travel and subsistence against the award should the application be successful.

Proposal consists of	To complete the application process, the following three steps must occur:
	  1) The applicant's Head of Department and the co-applicant's Head of Department, invited as contributors by the lead applicant through the Participants tab of the Summary page, must submit their supporting statements.
	  2) The lead applicant must complete and submit the application.
	  3) The UK Host Organisation Approver (someone within the research office, Faculty administration, Vice-Chancellor, or other administrative or management role) must approve the application by the deadline. They must have the authority to confirm that the potential award can be hosted within their organisation, confirm that there is the capacity to deliver the proposed research and assure the proposed budget is appropriate and eligible for the scheme.
	Optionally, the Lead Applicant can also nominate a **Research Support Role** via the Participants tab. An individual from the UK Host Organisation research office can review and amend the application prior to submission, mainly to ensure that the requested finances have been recorded correctly.
	
	All applicants should register for their ORCID identifier via https://orcid.org/register. This is a mandatory requirement at the application submission stage only.
	Applications must be submitted online using the Royal Society's Grants management system (Flexi-Grant®) via https://grants.royalsociety.org.
	The application form contains:
	  1) **Summary Page:** here you will find instructions for submission of your application for approval from the **UK Host Organisation** (approval only once all other parts are complete) and you can invite participants (i.e. Heads of Department or Research Support Role).
	  2) **Eligibility criteria:** applicants must confirm that they meet the eligibility criteria.
	  3) **Applicant personal details:** title, names, address, organisation, country, e-mail address (this must be the one used to register a user account on FlexiGrant). Also amend which type of contact your application participants are (e.g. Head of Department).
	  4) Applicant [and co-applicant] career summary:
	    i) Full name, incl. title [co-applicant only]
	    ii) Title of current position
	    iii) Current employer (official name)
	    iv) Current department
	    v) Country/territory where your current employer is based [co-applicant only]
	    vi) Current position start date
	    vii) Current position end date (enter when expected to finish)
	    viii) Field of specialisation (max 20 words)
	    ix) Summary of your current research (include brief note on strength of your organisation) (max 200 words)
	    x) PhD award date (date when you received formal notification of your PhD thesis being accepted in its final form)
	    xi) PhD institution
	    xii) PhD country/territory [lead applicant only]
	    xiii) Applicant career history (full list of appointments since PhD in reverse chronological order, stating if part-time; depth of information you provide is up to you, but this will represent you under assessment and so it is worth including as much good evidence for your academic merit as possible)
	    xiv) Impact of covid19 (max 500 words)
	    xv) Applicant qualifications (listed in reverse chronological order)
	    xvi) List of key and/or relevant publications (details of authors, titles and references of best publications and those most relevant to proposed

application, marking with asterisk (*) up to 5 most significant; place in two lists – a) refereed and published in primary journals, b) contributions to symposia and compiled volumes; for large collaborative publications, specify role and contribution)

     xvii)   Applicant research funding (listed in reverse chronological order; all current and previous research funding)

5) Research proposal:
    i)   Project title
    ii)   Start date: no earlier than 4 months after the deadline and no later than **Fri 8 Sep 2023** (call 2: Thur 7 Dec 2023; call 3: Fri 1 Mar 2024)
    iii)   End date: 3 months, 1 year or 2 years after the start date
    iv)   UK Host organisation
    v)   Subject Group/Area: enables allocation of the application to the most appropriate assessment panel
    vi)   Abstract (max 400 words)
    vii)   Lay summary: your research understandable to a lay person, why you chose to work in this area and what is exciting, interesting or important about the project, possible impact to wider society (max 250 words)
    viii)   Research proposal: details of research proposal, including an outline of the nature and purpose of the research project, experimental methods and techniques to be used (max 500 words)
    ix)   Participants: other project participants from both teams (PhD students, post-doctoral researchers and any other research staff members), their current academic role/post and why you wish to include them on the project (max 200 words)
    x)   Benefits to individuals/institutions: planned outcomes and potential benefits of collaboration for applicant, co-applicant and organisations; plans for longer term continuation of collaboration (max 200 words)
    xi)   Benefits to UK (max 200 words)
    xii)   Benefits to overseas country (max 200 words)

6) Data management and data sharing:
    i)   Outline of data management and data sharing plan (max 200 words)
    ii)   Will you be conducting fieldwork as part of your research? Yes/No. Provide details of location, duration and justification if yes.
    iii)   Overseas field research upload (upload documents related to permissions and collections of specimens)

7) Use of animal research: Does your proposal involve the use of animals or animal tissues? If yes, you will need to answer further questions.

8) Use of human participants and tissue: Does your proposal involve the use of human participants, patients or tissue? If yes, you must provide a certificate or letter to show that ethical permission has been or will be obtained

9) Financial details:
    i)   Duration: specify the duration of your project:
    ii)   Budget table
    iii)   Justification for consumable (including fieldwork)
    iv)   Justification for travel (including subsistence): must complete a provisional visit plan for the duration of the award presenting the details

10) Applicant declaration: declaration that Terms and Conditions of the award have been read and will be adhered to, that you have access to the necessary facilities to carry out your research and that Heads of Department will provide you with sufficient time and resources to carry out the research

11) UK and overseas Head of Department Support: the applicant/co-applicant need to invite both Heads of Department from the overseas and UK organisation under the participants tab (Summary page) to provide their support. The HoDs supply their contact details and tick 'Yes' or 'No' to the following statement: "The applicant/co-applicant will be provided with adequate space and access to resources within my department."

12) Diversity monitoring: for internal purposes of the Royal Society, seen only by the applicant. Both applicant and co-applicant must fill this in separately.

The applicant must ensure that Heads of Department provide their support, the application is submitted, and approved by the UK Host Organisation Approver before the closing date.

Evaluation criteria	The primary considerations are listed below. Successful applications should be strong in all respects: • the research background of the UK and overseas scientists; • the strength of the scientists and institutions in the area of proposed research; • the mutual benefit of the collaboration; • the strength of the proposal; • the potential contribution to the UK science base; • the potential for long-term collaboration. All applications are reviewed and assessed by two members of the selection panel who have the most appropriate scientific expertise using the criteria detailed above. The subject tags you select play a vital role in matching your application with appropriate reviewers, so it is extremely important to select only the most relevant subject tags on your application.
Research areas	Within the Royal Society's remit of natural sciences, which includes but is not limited to biological research, chemistry, engineering, mathematics and physics. For a full list, please see the Royal Society guidance page.
Call workshop	NA
IOCB contact	Please inform the IOCB Project Office (https://intraweb.uochb.cas.cz/130.html) about your intention to apply. Do not hesitate to contact us anytime for consulting, discussion or help on projectoffice@uochb.cas.cz. Blanka Collis +420 220 183 527
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