



Research Workshop Grants 2025-2026

Call Opens: 8 September 2025

Call Closes: 31 October 2025, 4pm

[Online submission via Workshop Grant Application Form](#)

The grant scheme is designed to encourage collaborative investigation into a research proposition at an early stage of its development. In this round, we can fund up to 18 projects for institutions in Wales.

There will be four streams in 2025-2026:

- Wales Studies
- Early Career Researcher (any discipline)
- Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences
- Pathways to Peace (sponsored by [Academi Heddwch Cymru](#))

What is a research workshop?

A Workshop is regarded by the Learned Society of Wales as the coming together of scholars at the early stage of planning and developing a collaborative research initiative. Please note that these grants are intended to encourage and support one or more meetings and events (workshops) that advance the exploration of the topic. A single event sharing completed or advanced research is not eligible under this scheme. The grant does not cover activities that would have taken place regardless (for instance, activities connected to an existing conference).

It is envisaged that Workshops will lead to the development of a network, or an outline of a concept for a grant project proposal in the area explored to provide longer-term outcomes that will benefit academic communities and/or the wider public.

Successful applications should have a start date after 1 January 2026 and finish by 31 July 2026.

Who can apply?

Proposals must involve two or more organisations.

Lead Applicants must be working for an employer based in Wales and will be either:

- a full or part-time academic employed by a Higher Education Institution;
- a full or part-time practitioner or research-active member of staff in the public or third sector with a demonstrable commitment to teaching and research within the said institution.

Lead Applicants can be on a temporary or a permanent contract at their employing institution but must have a contract in place that covers the full duration of the grant.

The project team may also include:

- other academic researchers from any discipline,
- researchers outside academia,
- members of the public or public-facing groups.

Proposals will be assessed by a panel appointed by the Learned Society of Wales, who will come to a consensus in deciding which proposals are successful. Applicants may be asked for more information before a grant is confirmed as successful.

Applications will be assessed according to the criteria listed in the 'What we are looking for' section.

Please note that only one Learned Society of Wales Workshop Grant may be held, or applied for, at any one time.

What we are looking for

The key objectives of the funding scheme are:

- Working with external partners to co-produce research outcomes and generate knowledge exchange across sectors
- Ensuring that principles and best practices of interdisciplinary working are adopted from the outset, allowing for the development of truly collaborative partnerships which will provide solutions to complex challenges
- Consideration of and contribution to the seven wellbeing goals of the [Wellbeing of Future Generations Act \(Wales\) 2015](#).

We advise you to address each of these objectives in your description of your project.

In addition to these principles, each funding stream has specific criteria that must be addressed in the application:

- **Wales Studies**

- Wales studies is research about Wales and its relations with the wider world. Applicants for this stream should outline how their workshop is relevant to the Welsh context and how it could enhance understanding of key issues in contemporary Wales and its history.
- **Early Career Researcher**
 - Lead applicants must be an 'Early Career Researcher'.
 - An 'Early Career Researcher' is defined as a researcher who meets the criteria outlined in the 'who can apply section' of this document and has not yet established a significant level of research independence. Applicants must explain in their application why they consider themselves to be an Early Career Researcher.
 - This is an open stream, which means that Workshops can be in any discipline or area of research interest. The value of the Workshop(s) to your field of research and for your professional development should be outlined in your application.
- **Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences**
 - This stream is open to researchers in the fields of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences.
 - Applicants should outline the expected benefits of developing new collaborations and the anticipated outcomes of the collaboration, such as whether it could lead to the development of a research paper or a future funding application.
- **Pathways to Peace (Sponsored by Academi Heddwch Cymru¹)**
 - Applicants should outline how the project will develop a better understanding of peace or address specific issues relating to peace. Academi Heddwch Cymru is also interested in applications which address new forms of militarism, both in Wales and more broadly.² We are therefore interested in proposals which not only assess the military presence in Wales and elsewhere, but the manner in which it has been incorporated into the economy, society and culture of a nation, its impact on the natural environment, and its impact on the lives and values of a society (local or national). We kindly ask applicants to indicate whether their submission is intended for the topic of Contemporary Militarism or Peace in general.
 - Special consideration will be given to projects which address how Wales might promote peace within Wales or internationally, and/or to projects which work

¹ Academi Heddwch are funded by the Welsh Government's International Relations department.

² For the purposes of this call, we understand militarism not only the presence of and expenditure on the military by a nation or state, but also the manner in which military values permeate society.

with international partners. An additional £1,000 may be applied for by those projects which have an international partner. Applicants applying for this additional funding should clearly outline how the participation of their international partner will benefit the partner and the project.

- The Pathways to Peace awards are sponsored by Academi Heddwch Cymru, Wales' Peace Institute. Academi Heddwch aims to extend the long-standing tradition of peace-making and peace-promotion in Wales, by developing and coordinating an independent community of researchers in related fields. Funded through Welsh Government, Academi Heddwch works to place peace firmly on Wales' national agenda and on the international stage through working with an existing global network of peace institutes.
- Academi Heddwch understands peace as more than the absence of war. It is about societies living without fear, about social resilience alongside individual rights, and about promoting social justice, fairness, respect and equality to build a better world. For more information see [Academi Heddwch Cymru's website](#).

You may only apply to one funding stream.

Research Integrity and Equitable Partnerships

Applicants should demonstrate responsible work practices and comply with ethical guidelines while upholding principles of research integrity (as outlined in [UKCOPR](#)) and effective research management. Successful applicants are advised to seek ethical approval for their projects if required.

Research partnerships should be agreed in advance of any work undertaken (with consideration to responsibilities, resources, data sharing, and benefits). We expect these relationships to be transparent and based on mutual respect.

[Further guidance on undertaking good research can be found here.](#)

As well as the key legal requirements, applicants should describe how they will address specific needs related to EDI, [in line with the Society's commitment to EDI](#).

Funding Details

You can apply for up to £1,000 to support your project, or £2,000 if you are applying for the Pathways to Peace stream and are working with an international partner. Proposals should include fully justified direct costs incurred in delivering the project.

This may include, for example:

- staff resources (including administration and coordination, contributions to salaries (where a named individual will undertake work that would not be considered part of their normal duties), sub-contracting of services, or enabling public or community partners to take part).
- non-staff resources (including cost of materials, travel and subsistence, meetings and events, catering, consumables, materials and equipment, and evaluation costs).
- the funding of expenses such as an honorarium for time, childcare and other costs to allow for the participation of those outside of academia such, as public communities, and training to build the capacity of these groups to take a confident and active role in the workshop(s) and related research activities.

This call is funded outside of full economic costing rules.

Grants may be topped up by the awardee's institution and the partner organisations. If you are applying elsewhere for additional funding, this should be noted in your application.

Costs not covered

The budget and costings must be based on valid estimates. Funding will not be provided for:

- estates and indirect costs
- office equipment and laptops, or any equipment not directly related to the holding of the workshop
- fees or honoraria to people already in paid employment to deliver activities
- where such activities would reasonably be undertaken as part of their normal duties
- retrospective funding, including those projects with a start date after the closing date but before the funding decisions are announced
- infrastructure or building costs
- attendance at scheduled conferences
- expenses incurred in submitting the proposal
- academic courses such as Master's degrees or PhDs, and other tuition fees.

The Learned Society of Wales reserves the right not to fund up to the limit allocated to the call and to make changes to the budgetary limits of the successful grants.

Providing the grants

The process to provide these grants will be as follows:

- A purchase order will be raised, and a purchase order number will be shared.
- The grant will be paid to the lead institution by invoice (which must include the purchase order number, site address, Learned Society of Wales's address and a unique invoice number).

Impact and reporting

Awardees will be asked to provide an update on progress (via a short form) by 20 March 2026, and a final report outlining the activities, outcomes and impact of the project by 31 August 2026.

How to apply

Proposals must be submitted via the online form by 31 October 2025, 4pm. No other documents will be considered. Applications may be submitted in Welsh or English.

The key dates of the scheme are:

- Call Opens: 8 September 2025
- Call Closes: 31 October 2025, 4pm
- Outcome of selection: by 10 December 2025
- Start dates for projects: after 1 January 2026
- Projects must be completed by 31 July 2026
- Interim report: 20 March 2026
- Final report due: 31 August 2026

Guidance for Completing the Online Application Form

The online application form is available here. Applicants can also access a downloadable copy of the questions included in the form on our website.

Applicants are advised to write their answers using a separate computer program (e.g., Microsoft Word) and then copy and paste them into the online form for submission. This will prevent any loss of work if you are unable to complete the application in one sitting. We also recommend saving a copy of your answers for your records.

We have provided some suggested word count suggestions for questions that require longer answers. We recommend including all the necessary information for the review panel to assess the application.

If you encounter any difficulties while completing the form or require additional assistance, please contact a member of the LSW Researcher Development Team at:
researcherdevelopment@lsw.wales.ac.uk

Data Protection

The Learned Society of Wales stores your data in line with its Privacy Policy, available here.

Further Information

Please contact our Researcher Development Team
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