



Early Career Researcher
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Application Submission Guidance for LSE ECR Network Development Fund

A full list of question fields to be completed as part of the application can be found in the following table. Each box in the table represents a page of the application form: the left-hand column contains the questions within each of these pages as set out in the form; the right-hand column contains useful guidance on its completion. All fields are mandatory and therefore must be complete before the application can be submitted.

Please note that each field on the MS Form has a 4,000-character limit per box. If you are copying text from Word, it may exceed this limit.

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Section 1: Applicant

1. Name	Enter your full name.
2. Job Title	Please select your job title or input in the 'Other' option.
3. Academic Unit	Please select your host Department, Research Centre or Institute.
4. Start Date at LSE as a staff member.	Please input the date when you started working at LSE (this could be a previous staff role).

Section 2: Eligibility

Please tick all boxes to confirm your eligibility.	
5. I am an early-career investigator at LSE on Band 5, Band 6 or Band 7	Please tick the box to confirm
6. I have been continuously employed at LSE for a period of two years to date	Please tick the box to confirm
7. I do not have any remaining research allowance for my proposed activity	Please tick the box to confirm
8. The proposed activity will be completed by 31 July 2027	Please tick the box to confirm

Section 3: Proposed Activity

Eligible Costs include:



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- conference fees;
- travel and accommodation for conference or training attendance (including visa costs);
- Professional Association membership fees;
- specialist workshop or training fees.

In addition, specialist costs to make activities are also eligible including:

- costs to make reasonable adjustments within travel and accommodation bookings for staff who need them;
- costs to make activities more accessible such as transcription services, support staff;
- cost of child, parent or caring responsibilities if the carer is conducting activities away from home and is unable to make alternative arrangements.

9. How much funding are you requesting? (Up to £300)	Please input the total amount of funding you are requesting in GBP.
10. How much research allowance do you normally have available in your role for the academic year 2026-27? (i.e. via Staff Research Funds through your Department or external funding).	Please input the amount of research allowance you have per annum as part of your role. This could be through Staff Research Funds from your Department or through an externally funded project.
11. When is your proposed activity? <i>Activities must happen on or before 31 July 2027.</i>	Please input the date of your proposed activity.
12. What are you requesting funds for? (Max 100 words) See eligible costs above.	Please provide a short outline of what the proposed activity is. Please add a link or any further information available.
13. Why is your host academic unit / research allowance unable to contribute to your proposed activity? (Max 100 words) <i>Please note that we will prioritise applicants where existing research allowance have been exhausted, in instances where there are limited uses towards career and professional development activities, or where applicants do not have access to such funding elsewhere.</i>	Please provide a short explanation outlining why your host academic unit or your research allowance is unable to cover the cost of the proposed activity.



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14. How will your proposed activity support your career development? (Max 100 words)	Please provide a short explanation outlining how the proposed activity will support your career development.
15. What outputs and outcomes do you expect from your proposed activity? (Max 100 words)	Please provide a short list or explanation outlining what impact you expect from partaking in the proposed activity.
16. How do you propose to contribute back to the ECR Network? (Max 100 words)	Please indicate how you may contribute back to the ECR Network. For example, you may share your learnings in a skills-share session for the Network, or your insights from conference attendance at a Network event.

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Frequently Asked Questions

1. I have a small research allowance through my externally funded grant / fellowship, am I eligible?

*Response: We would expect applicants who have research allowance through externally funded grants or fellowships to apply **only** when this allowance has been fully spent or allocated to other activities and a strong case exists for additional funding to support their career development.*

Please note, we will prioritise applicants who do not have any or very limited research allowance available.

2. I am an LSE Fellow and have access to Staff Research Funds via my Department, am I eligible?

*Response: We would expect LSE Fellows to apply to the ECR Network Development Fund **only** when their research allowance (Staff Research Funds) has been fully spent or allocated to other activities and a strong case exists for additional funding to support their career development.*

Please note, we will prioritise applicants who do not have any or very limited research allowance available.

3. Can I use the ECR Network Development Fund to cover activities that have already happened?

Response: No, both the spend and activity must happen from the start of term – Monday 28 September – until 31 July 2027.