

Cylchlythyr | Circular

Newton Fund 2016/17

Date: 6 December 2016
Reference: W16/43HE
To: Heads of higher education institutions in Wales
Response by: No response required
Contact: Name: Linda Tiller
Telephone: 029 2085 9715
Email: linda.tiller@hefcw.ac.uk

This circular announces funding from the Newton Fund which is being made available via HEFCW in 2016/17.

If you require this document in an alternative accessible format, please email info@hefcw.ac.uk.



Noddir gan
Lywodraeth Cymru
Sponsored by
Welsh Government

Introduction

1. This circular announces funding of £226,800 from the Newton Fund which is being made available via HEFCW in 2016/17.

The Newton Fund

2. The Newton Fund supports science and innovation partnerships to promote the economic development and social welfare of partner countries in the developing world. The programme was launched in 2014 and now has a total UK investment of £735 million to 2021. It is part of the UK's official development assistance (ODA).
3. The Newton Fund covers three broad activities:
 - **People:** increasing capacity in science and innovation, individually and institutionally in partner countries.
 - **Research:** research collaborations on development topics.
 - **Translation:** creating collaborative solutions to development challenges and strengthening innovation systems.
4. It is a requirement of the Fund that activities are developed in partnership with at least one of the fifteen recognised partner countries, all of which are on the OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC) list.
5. The Newton Fund is delivered by fifteen UK delivery partners, including the Research Councils, Innovate UK, British Council and the Met Office. The Fund is managed by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS). Further information is available on the [Newton Fund website](#).

Funding Provided via the HE Funding Bodies

6. In addition to the funding provided to the Research Councils and others, BEIS is also providing an element of Newton Funding to the Higher Education Funding Council for England. Although this does not trigger automatic "Barnett consequentials", it has been agreed that it would be appropriate for BEIS to provide equivalent allocations to the higher education funding bodies of the devolved countries of the UK.
7. For Wales, the Newton Fund allocation provided via HEFCW for 2016-17 will be £226,800.
8. This arrangement is likely to continue in subsequent years, but future funding levels are not yet known.

Terms of Funding

9. Grants provided by the Research Councils are expected to meet 80% of the Full Economic Cost (FEC) of the research undertaken. The QR funding provided by the HE Funding Bodies helps institutions meet the remaining 20% of the costs of research funded by the Research Councils. Accordingly, the Newton Funding which BEIS is providing to HEFCW and the other HE Funding Bodies is being made available in order to help universities meet the Full Economic Costs of research funded through Newton Fund awards from the Research Councils.
10. The GCRF funding provided via HEFCW can be used:
 - a) To meet the Full Economic Costs of Newton Fund awards from the Research Councils. **This is its primary purpose.**
 - b) To support research activities and infrastructure which are consistent with the terms and objectives of the Newton Fund
 - c) To support pump-priming activities to underpin Newton Fund bids to the Research Councils and other funders.
11. Vice-Chancellors of institutions in receipt of funding will be asked to sign a Declaration of Expenditure in July 2017 to confirm that the Newton Funding made available via HEFCW in 2016/17 has been used in accordance with the purposes for which it was provided. We will combine this reporting exercise with the one for the Global Challenges Research Fund allocations which were announced earlier this month (circular W16/42HE refers).

Allocations

12. Reflecting the purpose for which it has been provided, the Newton Funding has been allocated pro rata to universities' Research Council grant income for 2014/15, the latest year for which HESA data are currently available. A straight pro rata allocation would result in extremely small allocations in some cases. In order to avoid that, funding has been provided only to those institutions which are eligible for Global Challenges Research Funding from HEFCW (circular W16/42HE refers).
13. The 2016-17 allocations are set out at **Annex A**. They will be paid to universities in full in December 2016.
14. This funding will be regarded as a supplement to QR. In subsequent years, we hope to include it within the QR allocations announced in HEFCW's annual Funding Circular, provided that we receive notification of the amount in sufficient time.

Further information

15. For further information, contact Linda Tiller (tel 029 2085 9715; email linda.tiller@hefcw.ac.uk).

Newton Fund Allocations – 2016-17

| | Research Council research grant income 2014/15 | 2016/17 Newton Fund allocations |
|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| University of South Wales | 548,000 | 0 |
| Aberystwyth University | 9,579,000 | 41,497 |
| Bangor University | 4,464,000 | 19,339 |
| Cardiff University | 25,876,000 | 112,098 |
| University of Wales Trinity Saint David | 26,000 | 0 |
| Swansea University | 12,434,000 | 53,866 |
| Cardiff Metropolitan University | 132,000 | 0 |
| Wrexham Glyndŵr University | 352,000 | 0 |
| Centre for Advanced Welsh & Celtic Studies | 680,000 | 0 |
| Total | 54,091,000 | 226,800 |

Source for Research Council research grant income: HESA Finance Statistics Return 2014/15