[**British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowships 2022-2023**](https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/postdoctoral-fellowships/guidance-notes-2020-21/)

**Applicant’s Expression of Interest  
Deadline for submission to** [**research@sociology.ox.ac.uk**](mailto:research@sociology.ox.ac.uk) **5pm 25th July 2022**

To be completed once the mentor has been appointed; this will be the base for HoD statement at the full stage.

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| **Applicant’s Name:** |  |
| **Project title:** |  |
| **Check: eligibility criteria:** |  |
| 1. Applicant’s PhD degree awarded between 1st November 2019 to 1st April 2023 (viva date). |  |
| 1. Exemption periods for an early career experience calculation (maternity leave, illness, family commitments etc.) |  |
| 1. Applicant: (i) is a UK or EEA national or (ii) have completed PhD at UK University or (ii) has strong association with the UK academic community, e.g. more than 12-month employment at UK University. |  |
| **Project summary (ca. 150 words):** |  |
| **Estimated project start date (between 1st September 2023 and 1st January 2024):** |  |
| **External Referee’ name:** |  |
| **Has the Referee been notified about their required contribution to the application?** |  |
| **Mentor’s Name:** |  |
| **Supporting statement of the applicant’s mentor (ca. 150 words) addressing the following:**  1. Expression of support for content of the proposal (quality, feasibility, expected research outcome).  2. Brief comment on the match between the proposed research of the applicant and research interests of the Faculty.  3. Details of proposed mentoring. |  |
| **Check: eligible costs** (i)Applicant’s 1FTE salary; (ii) Mentor’s time up to 36hrs over the duration of project; (iii) Research expenses up to [£6,000]. |  |
| **Check: External referee requirement:** |  |
| **Check:** [Flexi-grant](https://britishacademy.flexigrant.com/) **registration:** |  |

[General Information about British Academy Research Funding](http://www.britac.ac.uk/node/4118/)

BA instructions on what the HoD’s support statements need to include:

1. \* Confirmation of Departmental support for this application.
2. \*\* Brief comment on the match between the proposed research of the applicant and the interests of the Faculty
3. \*\*\* Explanation on what the proposed mentoring arrangements will be, state the name of the proposed mentor, and confirm that appropriate policies are in place for the support and career development of recently postdoctoral researchers, including access to appropriate training.

The institution may already operate a formal scheme of mentoring for new members of staff and, if so, the PDF will be expected to be covered by the scheme. If no such scheme is already operational, the Academy has adopted a set of guidelines indicating what such a scheme is expected to involve.

The mentor should be an established and experienced member of staff, if possible in an academic field close to that of the PDF, whose role is intended primarily to provide moral and practical support and advice. It is not suggested that the mentor should act in a supervisory capacity (PDFs are expected to have reached a stage in their academic career when they are capable of pursuing fully independent research). Rather, mentors should be asked to take a particular interest in the PDF, showing concern for his or her welfare, and making themselves available for consultation on such matters as personal and career development, research and teaching opportunities, approaches to potential publishers and the presentation of work for publication. Mentors would only be expected to read material to be submitted for publication if specifically asked to do so. They should also be prepared to give advice about job applications, drawing the attention of the PDF to suitable opportunities which may present themselves.

The expectation should be that the mentor will have a formal meeting with the PDF at the beginning of the term of appointment, to provide a welcome to the institution and to make clear the PDF’s new role in it. Thereafter, the mentor should be ready to offer such encouragement as may be called for and should be available for consultation as necessary. At least one further formal meeting should take place at the end of each academic year in order to review arrangements, evaluate progress, and look ahead to the coming year. The Academy expects that the mentor should not need to devote more than the equivalent of one hour per month to these tasks, and that is the limit of the Academy’s contribution to the costs of mentoring.

The Academy also expects the Postdoctoral Fellow to be given access to appropriate training opportunities within the host institution’s normal provisions for early career stage researchers as part of the normal career development planning in order to develop their skills and experience.

1. \*\*\*\* Brief comment on arrangements to be made for access to research resources during an award, bearing in mind that the Academy Postdoctoral Fellowship only covers limited research expenses.