

For researchers named on, or recruited to, a qualifying grant from an endorsed funder. No recommendation letters.

Before you start

- ☐ Your grant comes from an endorsed funder and your UK employer or host is approved.
- ☐ The grant is worth at least £30,000 and covers at least 2 years.
- ☐ The grant is a one-off award, or a renewable award with regular peer review.

Documents

- ☐ A link to your grant on a UKRI-approved award database, or a letter from your endorsed funder.
- ☐ A letter from the director of human resources, or equivalent, at your UK employer or host.
- ☐ Documents for every grant you rely on.
- ☐ Details of the fair recruitment process if you were not named on the grant application.

Final checks

- ☐ No recommendation letters are needed for this route.
- ☐ The Stage 1 fee is £561 (GOV.UK, checked 16 October 2026).
- ☐ Nothing can be added after you submit, and a review cannot take new evidence.

Official sources

GOV.UK: UK Research and Innovation endorsement:
<https://www.gov.uk/global-talent-researcher-academic/uk-research-innovation-endorsement>

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