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Navigating the UK Immigration Landscape

**Recruiting Researchers as part of a MSCA
ITN, DN or Cofund project**

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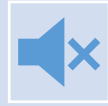
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Horizon Europe participation

On 24 December 2020, the negotiations on the UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement concluded

The [announcement](#) confirmed that the intention of the UK is to associate **to Horizon Europe**

This includes **full participation in the programme** (with the exception of the EIC Accelerator Investment Fund)

UK entities can participate in/coordinate projects and receive funding from Horizon Europe

UKRO [website](#) provides latest information on UK participation



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UK-EU TRADE AND COOPERATION AGREEMENT

Summary

December 2020

Commission Q&A

[European Commission's Q&A](#) confirms UK eligibility to apply:

“UK entities including universities, research centres, scientists, innovative businesses, industry, etc. can participate in the first calls for proposals of Horizon Europe as soon as they are published on the European Commission’s website.”

“...UK applicants are treated as if the UK is an associated country throughout the process, from admissibility and eligibility to evaluation, up until the preparation of grant agreements.”



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Delay to UK Association

- In November 2021, the UK government announced the [Horizon Europe Guarantee](#)
 - Covers all eligible current applications to calls with a **call deadline before 31 Dec 2022**
 - UK government will continue to monitor the situation and may update the guarantee if necessary
- On 20 July 2022, the UK Government [announced](#) a further package of measures to support applicants affected by the delays
 - Will only come into force if the UK does not associate
 - Will cover third country participation
 - They will ensure that there is no funding gap

The intention of the UK is still to associate to Horizon Europe



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Guaranteed
funding for
successful
Horizon Europe
UK applicants

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Disclaimer

These slides do not provide Immigration advice.

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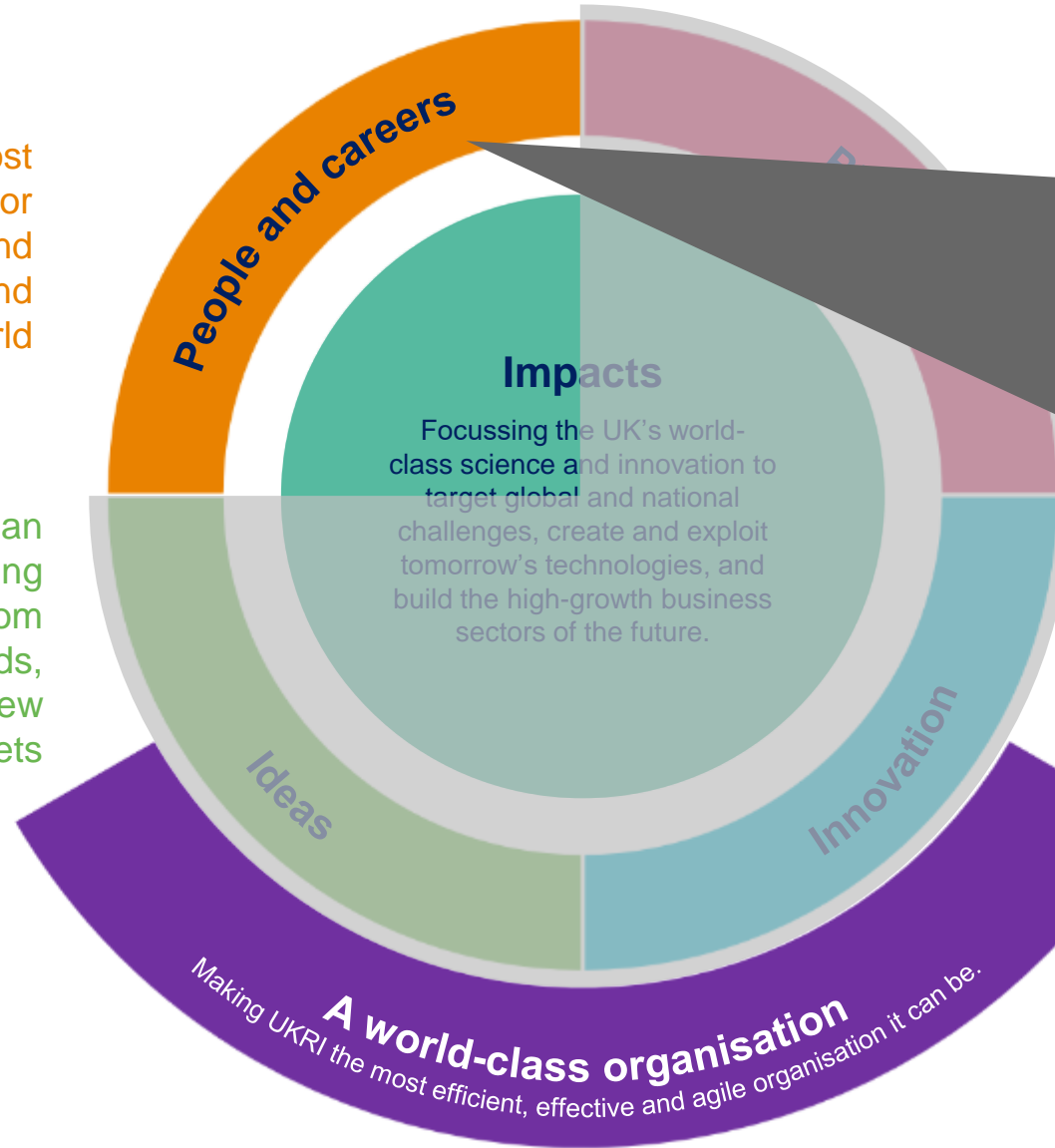
Introduction to UK Immigration Routes



People & Culture themes core to our UKRI Strategy

Make the UK the most attractive destination for talented people and teams from the UK and around the world

Advancing the frontiers of human knowledge and innovation by enabling the UK to seize opportunities from emerging research trends, multidisciplinary approaches and new concepts and markets



There is broad consensus on people, culture & talent (PC&T) related **CHALLENGES** in the R&I system

- **Skills** shortages (and a failure to develop and support a diversity of people with potential across varied roles)
- Narrow / stunted **career paths**
- Variable quality of **leadership**
- Research **culture** that's not deemed to be open & inclusive
- **Incentives** that reward only a narrow range of contributions / people
- A risk of losing out to **global competition** for talent

UK Visa System for R&D

Visa route	What does it enable?
Global Talent	<p>Working in the UK if the applicant is a leader or potential leader in one of the following fields:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Academia or research• Arts & culture• Digital technology <p>Subject to Endorsing Body criteria</p>
Skilled Worker	<p>Skilled workers who have a job offer from an approved employer sponsor</p>
Temporary Worker - HEI & GAE routes	<p>Facilitates the sharing of knowledge, experience and best practice through work placements, training, and project collaboration (up to 24 months).</p> <p>Cannot be used to fill job vacancies or to bring unskilled labour to the UK. Sponsorship is available through HEIs or UKRI approved institutes.</p>



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Why the Global Talent Visa?



The Global Talent visa

For talented or promising individuals working in **academia or research**; arts and culture or digital technology.

Apply for up to 5 years



Family members can come too

Fast-tracked process



Path to ILR after 3 years

No sponsor required



No need to do English Language Test

Not tied to a single job or organisation



Come and go from the UK at will



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Why is it important to use the GTV?

You need to apply for best visa for your situation. If you, you could face:

- lengthy application processes
- unnecessary additional steps
- delays to projects
- unnecessary costs to the project

If you are having trouble navigating immigration related websites contact: globaltalentvisa@ukri.org or mariecurie-uk@ukro.ac.uk



Using the Global Talent visa



One visa, four routes to endorsement

GTV decision tree, courtesy of the Royal Society

Have you accepted the offer of an **academic or research appointment** at an institution approved by the British Academy, Royal Academy of Engineering and Royal Society?

NO

YES

If you have been offered a role with responsibility for academic, research or innovation leadership and development **OR** for directing or leading an individual or team research or innovation project or programme of work, you need a statement of guarantee from the HR Director or equivalent at the employing institution confirming that certain recruitment requirements were met to support your application for a fast-track visa.

Have you been awarded an **individual fellowship** on the list approved by the British Academy, Royal Academy of Engineering and Royal Society?

NO

YES

If your fellowship is listed and you hold it currently or have done so within the last 12 months, you must submit a copy of the award letter as part of your fast-track visa application.

Update: Fellowship must be current or held within the last **5 years** before the date of application.

Are you working on a research grant¹ issued by an **endorsed funder** on the list approved by UK Research and Innovation (UKRI)?

NO

YES

If you as an individual or your role is named in a successful grant application from an endorsed funder, you need to submit both the award letter and a statement of guarantee from the employing or hosting institution as part of your application for a fast-track visa. The funder and the institution must both be on the approved UKRI list.

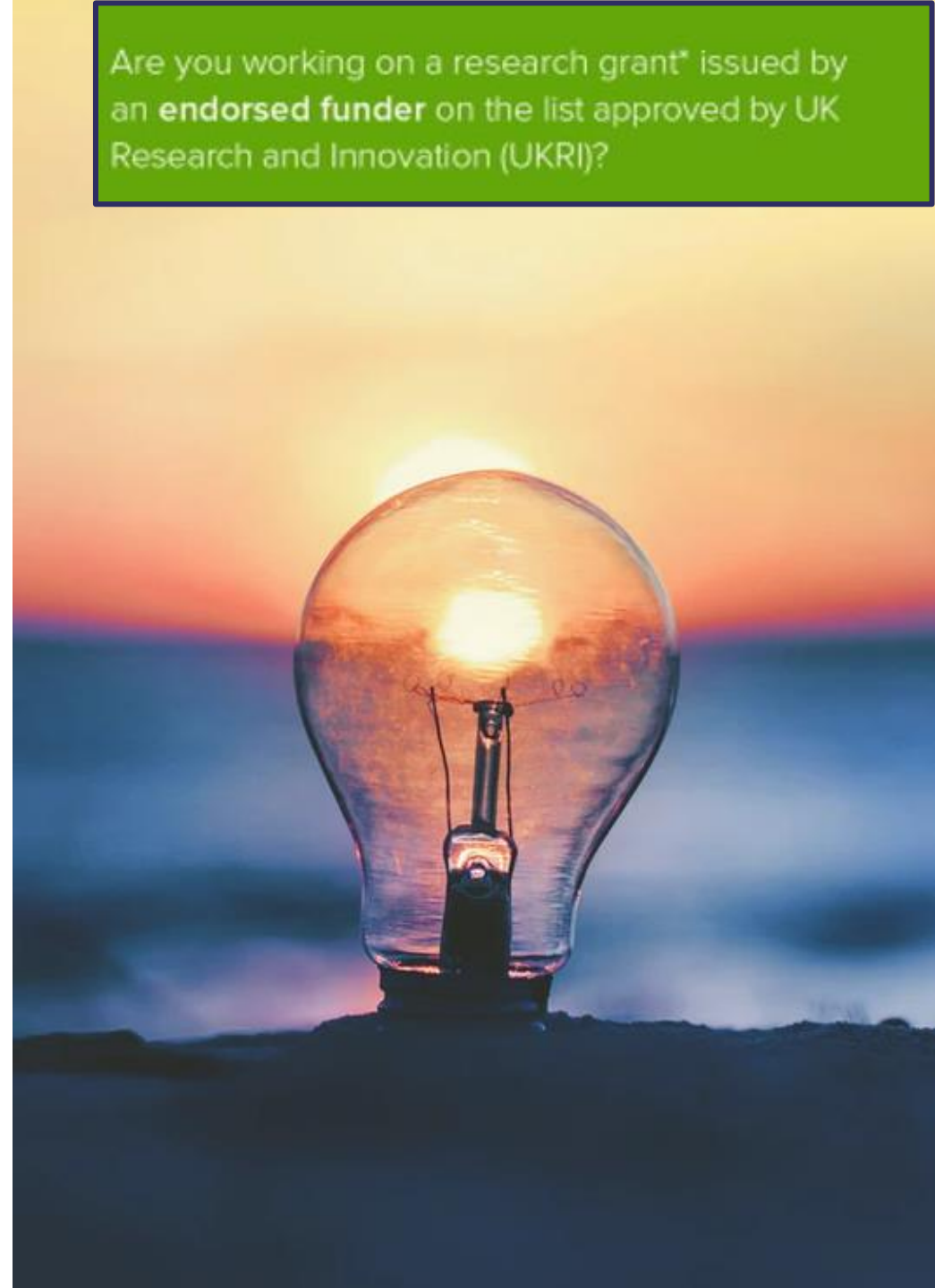
Check the eligibility and assessment criteria for standard endorsement and submit an application for **peer review** by the British Academy, Royal Academy of Engineering or Royal Society².



Endorsed Funder route

- Researcher & teams working on grants from UKRI recognised Endorsed Funders
- Applicants are required to be employed or hosted at a UKRI approved host organisation
- **Use for MSCA COFUND & MSCA Doctoral Networks**
- The list of Endorsed Funders is large (>90 funders) and continuously expanding

Are you working on a research grant* issued by an **endorsed funder** on the list approved by UK Research and Innovation (UKRI)?



Eligibility

Are you working on a research grant* issued by an **endorsed funder** on the list approved by UK Research and Innovation (UKRI)?

1

Grant must be worth at least £30,000

2

Grant must be for at least 2 years

3

Applicant will spend >50% of their working time on the grant

4

At least 1 year remaining at UKRI approved host organisation

5

Will typically be named, or post listed on grant award

Applicant must independently direct, or direct under supervision, a unique research or innovation project

OR

they must make critical contributions to research through the provision of core technical or domain excellence, or in developing new technologies and methodologies



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Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS)

Applies to **international students and researchers** who are subject to UK immigration control and are **intending to study or research** at **postgraduate level** in certain **sensitive subjects**

Researchers and students in these sensitive subjects must apply for an ATAS certificate **before they can study or start research in the UK**

To determine if you need an ATAS certificate and to find out more information on the scheme please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/academic-technology-approval-scheme>

Students and researchers who are nationals of EU countries, the European Economic Area (EEA), Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea, Switzerland or the United States of America **do not need an ATAS certificate.*



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Thank you Questions?



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