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## Britain In 2016

Our annual flagship magazine is now available from high street newsagents. Britain in 2016 showcases the breadth of economic and social research that we fund through 132 pages of news, opinions and features from well-known commentators, influential academics, journalists and opinion-formers.

This issue has celebrity scene-setting comments from Sir Chris Hoy, Bill Bryson, Mary Berry and Simon Calder (among others) and an eight-page international feature. In other sections, main features cover Big Data, the treatment of mental health, renewable energy, business funding, and the Europe referendum.



[Further information and back issues](#)



Season's greetings and best wishes  
for the New Year from all at the ESRC



## Impact Prize 2016

The Celebrating Impact Prize recognises and rewards ESRC-funded researchers who have achieved, or are achieving, outstanding economic and societal impacts. It celebrates outstanding ESRC research and collaborative working, partnerships and engagement that lead to significant impact.

Follow us on Twitter: @esrc #impactprize for up to the minute information.

[Further information and application form](#)

Applications close 29 January.

## AHRC-ESRC International Placement Scheme

We invite our funded PhD students to apply to undertake short-term placements at the Library of Congress in Washington as part of the AHRC-ESRC International Placement Scheme (IPS). The closing date for applications is 21 January.

[Further details](#)

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## Unlocking UK Productivity: Internationalisation and Innovation of SMEs

Unlocking UK Productivity is a new report which has been co-authored by Goldman Sachs, the ESRC funded Enterprise Research Centre (ERC) and the British Business Bank (BBB). Its findings draw heavily on ERC's core research themes.

[Full press release](#)

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## RCUK unconscious bias training programme

The Research Councils have launched a new programme for all peer reviewers and decision-makers, to raise awareness and reduce the impact of unconscious bias.

[Full press release](#)

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## CLOSER - vacancy

CLOSER is seeking to appoint a Public Affairs Manager to promote the UK's longitudinal studies to parliamentarians, government ministers and the civil service (both within the UK government and the devolved administrations). Closes 3 January.

[Further information](#)

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## New NCRM Explore site

A new National Centre for Research Methods (NCRM) website allows you to login and receive customised research methods content.

You can register using your existing UK University ID, or by creating a new NCRM login. Once logged in, you will be asked to provide information about yourself and your research methods interests so that the content can be tailored to your needs.

[NCRM Explore website](#)

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## Latest impact case studies

- [Countering poverty with clean energy](#)
- [Making ports sustainable](#)

- [Cutting costs with white street lighting](#)

#### [All case studies](#)

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## On the blog

Kick-starting the housing revolution – but who will benefit?

Raj Patel, Acting Director of the Policy Unit at Understanding Society, discusses the future of UK housing.

Storm Desmond – Who wants to talk about climate change at a time like this?

Dr Adam Corner, Climate Outreach's Director of Research, discusses climate change.

#### [ESRC Blog](#)

## Funding opportunities

[UK-China Antimicrobial Resistance Initiative \(Pre-call announcement\)](#)  
intention to submit closes mid-January

[RCUK-Innovate UK Urban Living Partnership - call for pilot phase](#)  
closes 21 January

[Health Systems Research Initiative - call 3](#)  
closes 28 January

[Call for Centres for Doctoral Training \(CDTs\) in Biosocial research and New forms of data](#)  
closes 4 February

[CREST call: Research for understanding, mitigating and countering security threats](#)  
closes 5 February

[Call for Doctoral Training Partnerships \(DTPs\)](#)  
proposal deadline 18 February

[Call for collaborative research projects on society, integrity and cyber-security](#)  
closes 15 March

#### [All funding opportunities](#)

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## Events

5 January

[Re-imagining professionalism in mental health: towards co-production,](#)

[Seminar 1](#)

14 January

## Ethics in Consumption: Interdisciplinary Perspectives Doctorial Colloquium

### Seminar 4

22 January

Entrepreneurship in homes and neighbourhoods

### Seminar 5

22 January

The Care Act 2014: a new legal framework for safeguarding Adults in Civil Society

### Seminar 1

30 January

Scotland's diaspora in comparative international perspective

### Seminar 6

5 February

New drugs seminar series

### Seminar 5

29 February

Global Health Security

### Seminar 7

[All events and research seminars](#)

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## Evidence briefings

Our evidence briefings highlight research findings and their relevance in key policy areas.

Latest briefings:

- [Migration policy and high-skilled migrants](#)
- [Unauthorised migration to the EU](#)

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