



BAM Research Grant Schemes 2025

Frequently Asked Questions

If you have a question that is not answered here please contact the British Academy of Management (BAM/BAM) Grants Administrator at grants@bam.ac.uk

Applicant eligibility FAQs

⌚ Do I need to be a Member of BAM to apply?

Yes. It is a requirement that the Principal Investigator and all Co-Investigators in management and business schools, must be BAM Members and maintain an active BAM membership, routinely checked by the BAM Grants Administrator, for the duration of the project (Transitions 1, 2 and MKE).

⌚ Who cannot apply to the Schemes?

Current and incoming members of BAM Executive as well as members of the grant awarding committee are not allowed to apply for the schemes.

⌚ Does the Principal Investigator have to be an academic?

It is not a requirement for the Principal Investigator to be an academic, but an academic lead is recommended as they are more likely to have the necessary experience to manage a research project.

⌚ Can I apply as an independent applicant?

Principal Investigators and Co-Investigators cannot submit applications as independent applicants. They must be based at a higher education institution or research organisation.

⌚ **Can individuals from institutions outside the UK apply?** Applicants from outside the UK are eligible to apply to the BAM Schemes, provided that they are BAM Members.

⌚ Can non-academic organisations apply?

Yes, however, we recommend an academic as the Principal Investigator.

⌚ What is the definition used for determining when a doctorate is awarded?

BAM considers this to be the date that the doctorate is formally awarded. Applicants who have not yet received their certificate may apply as long as their doctorate is officially confirmed by the awarding institution as passed with no outstanding revisions. In this instance, a certificate will need to be provided before the successful applicant is able to accept a grant.

⌚ How is the 5-year threshold for Transitions 1 grant eligibility established?

The 5-year threshold for Transitions 1 applicants is taken to be from the date of the certificate of the doctorate, and excludes any time taken such as for parental or medical leave.

Application process FAQs

⌚ Can a Principal or Co-Investigator submit more than one application or be involved in more than one project?

Individuals can submit to only one of the Schemes offered by or in collaboration with BAM in any one year, whether as Principal Investigator or Co-Investigator unless they are named as a mentor. This applies to all three BAM grant schemes (Transitions 1, Transitions 2, MKE); the three Collaborative Research Grants with ANZAM, IAM and SIMA respectively; and the SAMS/BAM Research and Capacity Building Grant Scheme.

Previous holders of a small BAM Research Grant or Collaborative Research Grant wishing to apply to one of the schemes must have completed their previous project at least 2 years (24 months) before the deadline for the current round of schemes. They must also have satisfactorily submitted any end of grant reports and supporting financial evidence, which was accepted by BAM.

⌚ Can I re-submit an application if I was previously unsuccessful?

If you have submitted an application previously which has been unsuccessful, your application should be substantially different to the previous application. We will not accept applications that are materially the same as in previous submission rounds in terms of research concepts, proposed methodology or research questions. An exception is made if an application was rejected at the administrative review stage and before its content was assessed.

⌚ Is it possible to get an extension on the deadline for submission of applications to the Schemes?

No. Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered. We advise applicants to register on the BAM grant portal at their earliest convenience to familiarise themselves with the system and submit their application well before the deadline to mitigate against any technical issues.

⌚ Is there a limit on the number of applications that can be submitted to the Schemes from the same institution?

No, but an individual can only be named as a Principal Investigator or as a Co-Investigator on one application per submission round (including BAM and Partner Collaborative Research Grants).

⌚ Can the application be submitted with one or more of the required authorisations omitted?

No. Applications that are submitted without authorisation by a nominated institutional approver will be deemed incomplete and rejected at the administrative desk reject stage.

⌚ Will I receive acknowledgement that my application has been received?

Yes. The BAM grant portal, through which the application will be submitted, will send an acknowledgement email upon receipt of your application. You may need to check the spam folder of your email programme.

⌚ I am a previous BAM Grant Scheme holder; can I apply for another grant under the Scheme?

You can, but not within two years of the completion of the previous project and only if a satisfactory End of Project Report and supporting financial information has been submitted to and accepted by BAM.

⌚ Can I submit a Word or PDF version of my application?

No, all details must be included in the online form on the BAM grant portal. The Word version of the application form available online is intended to provide an overview of the questions that you will need to answer. We recommend that you use this template to write your application, before copying and pasting the text into the online form.

⌚ Will I be notified by BAM about whether or not my application is successful?

Yes. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application, whether or not they have been successful. Summary feedback will be given to all applicants whose applications are academic desk rejected or peer reviewed.

⌚ What is the deadline for submitting an application to the Scheme?

The deadline for submission of applications is **17:00 UK time on Wednesday 5th March 2025** via the BAM Grant portal at <https://bam.grantplatform.com/>. Applications not received by the deadline will not be considered. You are advised to submit your application well in advance of the deadline to avoid risk of non-submission due to technical problems. The deadline for Heads of Department/School or nominated institutional approver is 17:00 UK time on Thursday 13th March 2025

Finance and project FAQs

⌚ How many grants are available and what is the maximum amount I can apply for?

BAM is committed to funding a number of grants under these Schemes, dependent on the quality of submissions received. The maximum amount that will be funded under the Transitions 1, 2 and MKE Schemes is £6,000 per project for a maximum of two projects per scheme. The costings provided in the application form must not exceed these amounts and may be lower. Please note that the grant will not support full economic costing of projects including both salaries and overheads.

⌚ How long are projects expected to last?

We envisage all projects submitted to the scheme to last for between 12 and 18 months (18 months maximum). BAM is aware that the work enabled by the project may continue beyond the time of the award, but the project objectives must be achieved and the funding must be spent within the time period specified in the application. Any money awarded that is not used for the proper purposes of the project, must be returned to BAM at the end of the project.

⌚ How many Co-investigators can be involved in the project?

The BAM Research Grant schemes do not require a Co-Investigator and there is no limit on the number of Co-Investigators involved in a project. However, we would expect the number of Co-Investigators to be proportionate to the funding sought and the nature of the project.

⌚ Can the grant be used to fund my doctoral research?

No. The grant cannot be used to fund doctoral research. Award of a doctorate is required at the time of application (with the exception of the MKE research grant scheme as long as the applicant has comparable research experience).

⌚ What costs will be covered and not covered by the grant?

Please see the Financial Guidelines for details of what costs the grant will cover.