

# GV994 Professional Development Seminar

## Week 5 Funding sources

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# Why the effort?

- ▶ Want to do research and/or pay for rent?
- ▶ Capability to attract funds requirement for most jobs nowadays
- ▶ Successful applications are a signal to future funders!
- ▶ Funding organisations are often attractive employer
- ▶ Assuming here that you wanna pursue an academic career . . . but even if you do not, finding somebody to invest into you is key everywhere

# What to fund?

- ▶ Yourself
- ▶ Your research
  - ▶ small grants, career grants
  - ▶ travel, staff, subject payments
- ▶ Your teaching
- ▶ Infrastructure

# Where to find funding for your studies

- ▶ ESRC
- ▶ Commercial and charitable organizations
- ▶ Governments and government-like organizations (e.g., political parties)
- ▶ Academic institutions
- ▶ Businesses
- ▶ Crowd-sourcing

# Where to find research funding I

- ▶ ESRC
- ▶ Commercial and charitable organizations
- ▶ Governments and government-like organizations (e.g., political parties)
- ▶ Academic institutions – Essex Research & Enterprise Office
- ▶ Businesses
- ▶ Crowd-sourcing

# Where to find research funding II

- ▶ Governmental research organisations:
  - ▶ NSF, DAAD, ANR, SNSF
  - ▶ Any other rich country
  - ▶ Often you need some connection to the country of origin
- ▶ Professional organizations
  - ▶ PSA, APSA, etc. – sign up for newsletters
- ▶ Europe: ERC, EU framework programs

## Specific funding organizations

- ▶ ESRC: large grants; career grants; except studentships, probably interesting once you found a job
- ▶ British Academy: Small grants from post-docs to older; career grants
- ▶ Leverhulme trust: small grants from post-docs to older; career grants

# How to get it

- ▶ Search for them!
- ▶ Apply, apply, apply
- ▶ Be the minion on a grant, then be a co-PI
- ▶ Look for what is special about you! – Your nationality? Other social characteristics?
- ▶ Recycle work you have already done
- ▶ Identify colleagues who got funding – funding is offered by a small set of people
- ▶ Do it again, immediately after you got rejected