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GRANTS

Care awards

Multidisciplinary care awards - This supports healthcare professionals who have identified areas of intensive care treatment where research is required and who have perhaps never before considered entering the field of research.

Global intensive care unit award - The European Society of Intensive Care Medicine invites applications for its global intensive care unit award. This supports projects conducted in a low and middle income countries that have an educational element focusing on improving patient care.

Basic science award - The European Society of Intensive Care Medicine invites applications for its basic science award. This supports basic research across the field of intensive care medicine. Topics may range from basic cellular and molecular physiology, cell biology, molecular biology and genetics to animal physiology. Awards are intended for research conducted in Europe.

Translational research award - The interdisciplinary field of translational science identifies and supports the adoption of best medical and health practices. By creating the translational research award ESICM puts a spotlight on this area.

Family partnership award - The European Society of Intensive Care Medicine invites applications for its family partnership award. This supports projects that centre on the needs, priorities and expectations of patients and their carers. Other elements such as patient-carer interactions and long-term outcomes in ICU survivors are relevant.

Young investigator award - ESICM wishes to invest in young, talented scientists who have the potential to become outstanding independent investigators. Research proposals may focus on any aspect of intensive care medicine.

Closing date 16 March 2024 (Forecast)

Award amount max €20,000

Country of applicant institution Unrestricted

Website: <https://www.esicm.org/research/awards-2/>

Multidisciplinary Studies of HIV/AIDS and Aging (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)

This NOFO invites applications at the intersection of HIV and aging by proposing research that aims to meet the following objectives:

- 1) Improve the understanding of biological, clinical, and socio-behavioral aspects of aging through the lens of HIV infection and its treatment; and
- 2) Improve approaches for testing, preventing, and treating HIV infection, and managing HIV-related comorbidities, co-infections, and complications in different populations and cultural settings by applying current aging science approaches.

Proposed research must be consistent with the HIV/AIDS Research Priorities outlined by NIH s Office of AIDS Research (OAR) as described in NOT-OD-20-018.

Closing date 16 March 2024

Award amount max USD 275,000

Country of applicant institution Unrestricted

Website <https://www.researchprofessional.com/funding-opportunities/fop/a1a2896e-77c4-4fe4-b269-d1d75de8f0f3/awards>

NEXT start-up grant

The NEXT Start-Up Grant supports the professional development of young and talented researchers with a solid background in research.

Closing date 16 March 2024 (Forecast)

Award amount max €50,000

Country of applicant institution Unrestricted

Website: <https://www.esicm.org/research/awards-2/>

Incubator grants

These grants facilitate the undertaking of preliminary experiments and enable the investigators to reach the point where they are eligible to apply for external/independent funding to continue their research. These are charitable grants offered to assist a researcher with their work on mitochondrial disorders.

Closing date 17 March 2024 (Forecast)

Award amount max AUD 25,000

Country of applicant institution Unrestricted

Website: <https://www.mito.org.au/incubator-grants/>

New Academic Investigators Program

Target ALS is focused on identifying and supporting ideas of the next generation of ALS research leaders through the New Academic Investigators program.

Target ALS is especially interested in proposals that apply novel methods to tackle fundamental questions of biology, drug development, and biomarker identification for ALS or ALS/FTD. Target ALS is looking to support projects that propose:

- Identification, validation, and development of new targets for therapeutics; or
- Development of biomarkers, tools, and technologies to facilitate human proof-of-biology studies.

Closing date 17 March 2024 (Forecast)

Award amount USD 260,000 - 390,000

Country of applicant institution Unrestricted

Website: <https://www.targetals.org/new-academic-investigators/>

STRIVE Awards Program

The PTC Therapeutics grant awards program Strategies to Realize Innovation, Vision, and Empowerment (STRIVE) recognizes and supports nonprofit organizations committed to serving rare disease communities. By recognizing the vital role patient advocacy groups play, we can give voice to those affected by these rare diseases.

It was designed to support programs that address unmet needs for the Duchenne community, to:

- Improve diagnosis and treatment of patients
- Improve quality of life for those living with Duchenne and their families
- Educate the public and healthcare professionals and raise Duchenne awareness
- Identify and foster the next generation of Duchenne patient advocates

There are three award categories for which groups can submit proposals:

- Innovative: programs that help address the unmet needs of the rare disease community
- Transition to Adulthood: programs that support young people with Duchenne in their 'transition to adulthood'

Closing date 17 March 2024 (Forecast)

Award amount max USD 30,000

Country of applicant institution Unrestricted

Website: <https://www.ptcbio.com/grants-and-donations/strive-awards-program/>

Applied research competition grants

OAR seeks to fund studies that expand the body of knowledge related to autism intervention and treatment; produce practical and clearly objective results; have the potential to positively affect public policy, and provide outcomes that offer to enhance quality of life for persons with autism and their families. While applicants are always free to submit on any relevant area of research or intervention, this year, OAR has placed special emphasis on research addressing the following areas:

- Community-Based Assessment and Intervention
- Community Living and Supports
- Community-Engaged Research
- Improving Access to and Effectiveness of Existing Systems and Services
- Gender, Reproductive, and Sexual Health
- Intersectionality, Equity and Diversity
- Mid-life and Older Adults
- Physical Health and Mental Health

Closing date 18 March 2024

Award amount max USD 50,000

Country of applicant institution Unrestricted

Website: <https://researchautism.org/research-grants/apply-for-a-grant/applied-research/>

Smart photonics for joint communication & sensing and access everywhere (RIA)

Under this programme the European Commission will sponsor projects that are expected to contribute to the following outcomes:

- Sensors/probes to monitor the quality of the communication network and of photonic signals transported in the communication network
- Methods to use the network as large-scale distributed sensor
- Development of foundational optical technologies, systems and networks that provide the future access infrastructure

Proposals should address at least one of the following activity areas:

- Light-based solutions to let the communication network sense, while transporting data, for example
 - To enhance the security and resilience of the network
 - To make network resources more energy efficient
 - To warn and protect against natural disasters, earthquakes etc.
 - To monitor the infrastructure where the fibre is deployed (traffic, stress in bridges...)
- Light-based solutions to bring internet everywhere, with the most relevant access technologies
 - Fiber to the home, fiber to the antenna or fiber to the sky (satellite), for example with coherent passive optical networks, free space optics, Lifi or optical beamforming and steering
 - while enabling the integration of all access technologies in one system

Activities are expected to start at TRL 2 and achieve TRL 5 by the end of the project.

Closing date 19 March 2024

Award amount €3,000,000 - €5,000,000

Country of applicant institution: Sri Lanka included

Website: <https://www.photonics21.org/ppp-services/european-calls.php>

AHRC responsive mode: follow-on funding for impact and engagement

Follow-on funding supports unforeseen knowledge exchange, public engagement, active dissemination and commercialisation activities that arise during the lifespan of, or following, an AHRC-funded project. The proposed activities should enhance the value and wider benefit of your original research project, and have a significant economic, social, cultural or policy impact.

The follow-on funding for impact and engagement aims to:

- explore unforeseen pathways to impact either within the lifespan of an AHRC research project or resulting from a completed research project
- enhance the value and benefits of AHRC-funded research beyond academia
- encourage and enable a range of interactions and creative engagements between arts and humanities research and a variety of user communities, including business, third sector and heritage sector, public policy, voluntary and community groups, or the general public

Closing date 26 March 2024

Award amount max £100,000

Country of applicant institution Unrestricted

Website: <https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/ahrc-responsive-mode-follow-on-funding-for-impact-and-engagement-round-three/>

AHRC responsive mode: standard research grant

AHRC standard research grants support collaborative research projects that require leadership from more than one scholar. We're looking for individual researchers with proposals for well-defined collaborative research projects. However, you may include elements of individual research if you can show how this will add value.

Collaborations can involve:

- a single institution or a combination of institutions
- researchers working in different research areas
- disciplines within the arts and humanities, or between an arts and humanities discipline and another subject area. In such collaborations the arts and humanities element of the project should lead in shaping the research questions, methods etc.
- researchers working in other sectors
- researchers based abroad
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The proposed collaboration should be appropriate for the specific needs of the research project.

Closing date 26 March 2024

Award amount £300,000 - £1,500,000

Country of applicant institution Unrestricted

Website: <https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/ahrc-responsive-mode-standard-research-grant/>

Research Grants on Education

The UniCredit Foundation invites applications for its research grant on education. This supports education research projects that will contribute to the improvement of education, in any country of the UniCredit Group perimeter. The main goal of this program is to support rigorous, intellectually ambitious and technically sound research that is relevant to the most pressing questions and compelling opportunities in education. Preference will be given to research targeted to young people in the 11-19 age group (lower and upper secondary school) and focused on:

- tackling school dropouts;
- assessing the effects of early tracking;
- defining the scope for remedial education and evaluating tutoring programs for disadvantaged children;
- identifying appropriate orientation programs for the school careers and the job market.

Closing date 01 April 2024

Award amount max €200,000

Country of applicant institution Unrestricted

Website: <https://www.unicreditgroup.eu/en/microsites/unicreditfoundation/proposals/2023/2nd-research-grant-on-education.html>

Zero Emission Waterborne Transport partnership

Programme

Horizon Europe Framework Programme (HORIZON)

Call

Clean and competitive solutions for all transport modes (HORIZON-CL5-2024-D5-01)

Project outputs and results are expected to contribute to the following expected outcomes:

- Increase the impacts arising from the Zero Emission Waterborne Transport (ZEWT) European partnership towards the achievement of zero emission waterborne transport in Europe.
- Leverage the efficiency of national and EU R&I investment to accelerate the development and deployment of zero emission waterborne transport for both European and national benefit.
- Further align national programs with the activities and outcomes of the ZEWT co-programmed European Partnership;
- Establish a cooperation mechanism between EU Member States and Associated countries to jointly fund research related to the objectives of the ZEWT co-programmed European Partnership;
- Creating a critical mass and excellence in precompetitive breakthroughs related to the objectives of the ZEWT co-programmed European Partnership.

Reinforced synergies between ZEWT actions within Horizon Europe and those of EU Member States and Associated countries within other EU programs such as the Blue Economy Partnership, European Regional Development Fund, Connecting Europe Facility, Innovation Fund and other national programmes.

Deadline date

18 April 2024 17:00:00 Brussels time

EV mass deployment

Programme

Horizon Europe Framework Programme (HORIZON)

Call

Clean and competitive solutions for all transport modes (HORIZON-CL5-2024-D5-01)

Project results are expected to contribute to all the following outcomes:

- Development and demonstration of innovative, interoperable, efficient, low-power smart and bi-directional on-street charging, removing barriers to EV user acceptability in densely populated areas. User acceptability should be quantifiably improved from technological, investment costs and costs of charging point of view.

- The proposed innovative solutions should be conducive to optimise efficiency and reduce costs, but ideally should not be visually and physically intrusive, or these aspects should be kept to a minimum level, given the high level of expected deployment that would create problems for pedestrians and other road users.
- Development of an analytical methodology including representative models (replicable at an EU-wide scale) to ensure an efficient planning for the mass deployment and integration of public (and where applicable private) EV charging infrastructure[1], satisfying concrete user needs (in particular for night charging of L, M1 and N1 vehicles and their opportunistic day charging) and making it compatible as much as possible with existing low voltage grid and power system capabilities.
- Quantifiable improvement of related business models and gaps for users compared to current State of the Art, additionally also including considerations for less densely populated areas.
- Development of socio-cultural databases at city, regional and national level comprising daily charging habits, practices, and ideas of different community clusters (including individuals with special needs) and their integration into charging and planning tools, to support the determination of the most efficient and most accepted charging solutions. These developments should interact with the work of Sustainable Transport Forum[2].
- The identification and analysis of potential regulatory aspects and barriers for relevant standardisation activities via common, interoperable and open standards, protocols and digital services.
- Deployment of multilevel systemic architecture and solutions for smart and bi-directional charging power management that will increase RES penetration as well as enhance the grid capacities and power system resilience by alleviating grid congestions and levelling off the load curve.

Deadline date

18 April 2024 17:00:00 Brussels time

FELLOWSHIPS

MQ Research Fellowships

The purpose of the Macquarie University Research Fellowships (MQRF) Scheme is to support researchers within three years of the award of their PhD who have an outstanding track record (relative to opportunity) and/or who show evidence of excellent research potential. The Scheme provides an incubation period for early career researchers to allow them to increase their competitive edge in securing research funding from non-University sources. In addition, the Scheme aims to enhance the research capabilities of existing and emerging areas of research strength at Macquarie University.

Closing date 29 March 2024 (Forecast)

Country of applicant institution Unrestricted

Website: <https://www.mq.edu.au/research/our-research/funding-and-grants/fellowship-and-grant-opportunities/internal-funding/mq-research-fellowships>

Summer fellows

This enables students to receive training on and engage with photonics science while resident at the institute in Castelldefels, Spain for three months between June and September.

Closing date 16 March 2024 (Forecast)

Award amount max €2,000

Country of applicant institution Unrestricted

Website: <https://jobs.icfo.eu/?detail=729>

Meertens-NIAS fellowship

The Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences invites applications for its Meertens-NIAS fellowship. This supports scholarly work in the field of language and culture in the Netherlands and Dutch language and culture in the world.

Closing date 18 March 2024

Award amount max USD 25,000

Country of applicant institution Unrestricted

Website: <https://nias.knaw.nl/fellowships/meertens-nias-fellowship/>

Urban citizen fellowship

Together with the Municipality of Amsterdam the Urban Citizen Fellowship is set up to stimulate the use of advanced research in political deliberation and public policy making for the city of Amsterdam. Since 2022, the program focusses on the topic of digital urban citizenship. The theme of 2024 is digital divide.

Closing date 18 March 2024

Award amount max €25,000

Country of applicant institution Unrestricted

Website: <https://nias.knaw.nl/fellowships/urban-citizen-fellowship/>

Religion, Spirituality, and Democratic Renewal Program

The Religion, Spirituality, and Democratic Renewal (RSDR) Fellowship of the Social Science Research Council (SSRC) aims to bring knowledge of the place of religion and spirituality into scholarly and public conversations about renewing democracy in the United States and around the world. These fellowships are offered by the SSRC Program on Religion and the Public Sphere with the support and partnership of the Fetzer Institute.

For this year's RFP, we especially seek projects that shed light on 1) the religious and spiritual dimensions of political polarization, 2) the ways religious ideas, actors, and institutions may (or may not) be contributing to more inclusive and civil democratic politics, and/or 3) the roles of religious and spiritual movements in democratic societies. While projects that critically analyze problematic or negative cases are eligible, this year's competition especially seeks projects that shed light on positive examples of democratic renewal or the measurable increase of democratic social action.

Possible topics include, but are not limited to:

- Religious, spiritual, and theological dimensions of contemporary movements that seek to heal, challenge, or legitimate racial inequalities and exclusions
- Gendered dimensions of groups and movements that situate themselves at the nexus of religion and politics
- Political participation and the social mobilization of new or changing religious identities
- Debates within and between religious and spiritual groups that connect with broader political issues and public debates (e.g. the proper role of government in a democracy, climate change or environmental crises, etc.)
- The intersections of religion, media, and democracy

Closing date 20 March 2024 (Forecast)

Award amount USD 8,000 - USD 18,000

Country of applicant institution Unrestricted

Website:<https://www.ssrc.org/programs/religion-and-the-public-sphere/religion-spirituality-and-democratic-renewal-fellowship/>

IAS fellowships

The IAS Distinguished Fellowship welcomes world-leading researchers to Durham, providing the time and space to work on projects and build future collaborations. IAS Fellows will come to Durham each year to work with its scholars to spark new investigations and participate in a varied programme of activities.

Each year, the Institute sponsors several major interdisciplinary projects and a range of other research developments. Fellows are expected to collaborate with Durham colleagues carrying out such activities. Nominators should therefore consider whether the interests of their Nominated Fellow(s) complement their project proposal.

Closing date 21 March 2024

Award amount min £3,000

Country of applicant institution Unrestricted

Website:<https://www.durham.ac.uk/research/institutes-and-centres/advanced-study/fellowships-funding/ias-fellowships/>

Fryer Library fellowship

The annual Fryer Library Fellowship encourages scholars to visit The University of Queensland and use the collections in the Fryer Library for a research project in areas including:

- Australian literature
- Australian theatre
- Indigenous studies
- Queensland architecture
- Art and design
- Australian history and political culture
- Women's studies
- Refugee studies

Closing date 24 March 2024 (Forecast)

Award amount max AUD 20,000

Country of applicant institution Unrestricted

Website:<https://web.library.uq.edu.au/about-us/awards-and-fellowships/fryer-library-fellowship>

International Fellowships

The International Fellowships Programme provides support for outstanding early career researchers to make a first step towards developing an independent research career through gaining experience across international borders. Each award is expected to involve a specific and protected research focus with the award-holder undertaking high quality, original research.

The overarching aim of the International Fellowships Programme is to attract and retain emerging talent in the UK and build a globally connected, mobile research and innovation workforce. The objectives are to:

- Attract talented international early career researchers to establish and conduct their research in the UK.
- Support international early career researchers to pursue high-quality and innovative lines of research.
- Provide international early career researchers opportunities to acquire and transfer new skills and knowledge through training and career development.
- Foster long-term relationships through networking opportunities and the International Fellowships alumni programme.

To apply through the British Academy, applicants should be intending to work in any aspect of the humanities or the social sciences.

Closing date 28 March 2024 (Forecast)

Country of applicant institution Asia

CRE Postdoctoral Research Fellowships

The mission of the CRE is to contribute to research in ethics and to the quality of graduate training in all fields of ethics from meta-ethics to applied questions. We encourage applications from researchers working on themes related to the research axes of the CRÉ: ethics and economics, ethics and health, ethics and politics, meta-ethics. A competition is held separately and jointly with the GRÉEA for research projects concerning environmental and animal ethics. We also admit applications from other disciplines, like ethics of artificial intelligence, feminist ethics or issues related to decolonization and racism, etc., provided their research is directly linked to questions in ethics. CRE is an interuniversity Center. Candidates must have sufficient knowledge of the French and English languages to be able to participate in the activities of the center.

Fellows are expected to:

- Pursue the research project as submitted;
- Participate in the Center's activities (conferences, seminars, readings);
- Using those activities to present their ongoing research to their fellow researchers;
- Be present at the Center on a regular basis, depending on the sanitary measures;
- Maintain an up-to-date profile on the website and inform the Associate Director of all research activities worthy of publicity;
- Submit an activity report at the end of each academic year during the stay.

Closing date 31 March 2024 (Forecast)

Award amount min CAD 45,000

Country of applicant institution Unrestricted

Website: <https://www.lecre.umontreal.ca/concours-de-stages-postdoctoraux-du-cre-2023-2024/>

Sydney Brenner Research Fellowship

Sydney Brenner Research Fellowships are intended to support research and publication (or other exhibition/dissemination) of ambitious, original projects in the history of the life sciences. Ideal projects will be advanced and broad in scope, with at least some relevance to collections in the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Archives. The CSHL collections themselves are very broad in scope, encompassing activity around the world as well as at CSHL and several precursor institutions.

Closing date 31 March 2024 (Forecast)

Award amount max USD 5,000

Country of applicant institution Unrestricted

Website: <https://www.cshl.edu/education/center-for-humanities/grants-fellowships/sydney-brenner-research-fellowship/>

MULTIDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM 2023

ROUND 02

2023.12.19@PGIS new conference room

The Multidisciplinary Research Symposium 2023 Round 2 was successfully concluded on 19th December 2023 to evaluate the six-month progress of the research grants awarded by the University Research Council. The event took place at the PGIS Conference Room. The honorable Vice-Chancellor of University of Peradeniya, Prof. MD Lamawansa, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

A panel of expert evaluators meticulously reviewed a total of 12 projects, providing valuable insights and feedback. The symposium was a success, marked by the active participation of principal investigators and other invitees who contributed to the fruitful conclusion of the event. The initiative aimed to foster collaboration, share research advancements, and create a platform for knowledge exchange among the academic community.





Research Publication Facilitation Fund University Of Peradeniya

The new application for Research Publication Facilitation application is now available in <https://site.pdn.ac.lk/centers/urc>

According to the new process introduced for the reimbursement of Article processing charges, applicants can get prior approval for the payments before submission of the application. Upon receiving the approval for the APC from URC, usually through an email, submit the invoice for the payment of the APC, and the credit card statement to process the payment.

Note:

- Application is a fillable form, which you can fill using Adobe Acrobat Reader latest versions.
- Furnish all the details, sign the application, get the Head and the Dean to sign.
- Attach a copy of the complete manuscript and the acceptance letter.
- Only the full-length articles published in SCI/SSCI/SCI-expanded/SSCI-expanded with an impact factor of 1 or higher will be considered for RPF
- If the impact factor is greater than or equal to 1 and less than 2, USD 500 per author up to a maximum of USD 1000 per paper per year.
- If the impact factor is greater than or equal to 2, USD 500 per author up to a maximum of USD 1500 per paper per year.

Special Note:

- The payment must be done by a permanent staff member of the University of Peradeniya.
- If two authors claim for the same article fill in two separate applications and send both applications together (Attaching one copy of the manuscript and the invoice is adequate). If one author paid for the APC, a consent letter from the second author should be submitted.
- Funding is subjected to availability of funds.



Research Publication Facilitation Fund University of Peradeniya

The University Research Council [URC] is pleased to announce that it has initiated a scheme to provide financial assistance up to a maximum of **USD 1500.00** per year for the researchers of the University of Peradeniya to facilitate publishing their research findings in high ranking peer-reviewed journals.

Publishing research findings in reputed journals inevitably increases the visibility of research work and thereby it brings reputation and publicity for the researchers as well as for the university. Therefore, encouraging researchers to publish their scholarly work in reputed high-impact journals is of paramount importance. Publishing in many high-impact international peer reviewed journals involves page charges amounting to USD 2500 or even more, especially if the researcher intends to publish as an open access article. Publishing as an open access article invariably enhances the visibility of the research work leading to high number of citations.

Assisting researchers with their publications has been a long-felt need at Peradeniya. Providing assistance for researchers in getting their research work in high impact journals has been identified as one of the priorities in establishing the University Research Council. Accordingly, the URC takes pleasure in enhancing the Publication support to our researchers from January 2023

Applying for Research Publication Facilitation Fund [RPFF]

Application

A link for the fillable form is given below. This can fill using Adobe Acrobat Reader latest versions.

https://site.pdn.ac.lk/centers/urc/doc/Application%20For%20RPFF_URC_2021.pdf

- Furnish all the details, sign the application, get the Head and the Dean to sign.
- Attach a copy of the complete manuscript and the acceptance letter.
- And send the application to URC before paying the Article Processing Charge (APC) for approval and necessary processing.

Financial assistance

- Only the full-length articles published in SCI/SSCI/SCI-expanded/SSCI-expanded with an impact factor of 1 or higher will be considered for RPFF
- If the impact factor is greater than or equal to 1 and less than 2, USD 500 per author up to a maximum of USD 1000 per paper per year.
- If the impact factor is greater than or equal to 2, USD 500 per author up to a maximum of USD 1500 per paper per year.

Eligibility criteria

- **Applicant:** The applicant should be a permanent staff member of University of Peradeniya and one of the authors of the journal article
- **Affiliation:** University of Peradeniya should have been identified as the sole affiliation or one of the affiliations. Journal articles which do not carry University of Peradeniya as an affiliation are not eligible for funding.
- **Research work:** Research should have been carried out fully or in part at University of Peradeniya. Research work carried out by a permanent staff member of University of Peradeniya completely outside of University of Peradeniya may also be eligible.
- **The use of Institutional e-mail address:** The author/s affiliated to University of Peradeniya are encouraged to use the official e-mail address with pdn domain name provided by University of Peradeniya in correspondence with the journal. If the applicant is the corresponding author of the journal article the author should have used the institutional e-mail address.
- **Journal:** The journal should be indexed in SCI/SSCI or SCI-expanded/SSCI-expanded journal with a journal impact of 1 or higher.
- **Frequency:** Once a calendar year.

Payment

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- If two authors claim for the same article fill in two separate applications and send both applications together (Attaching one copy of the manuscript and the invoice is adequate). If one author paid for the APC, a consent letter from the second author should be submitted.

Others

- The URC reserves the right to amend the selection criteria
- The article processing charge will be reimbursed subject to the availability of funds.



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