

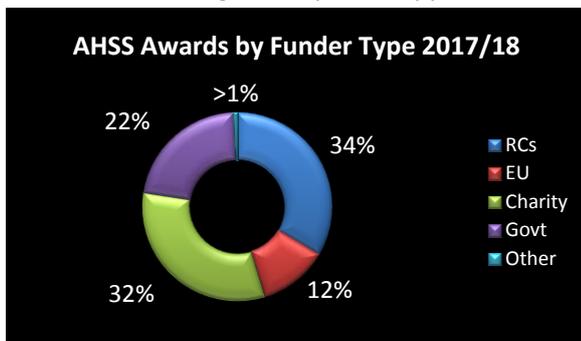
# AHSS research funding applications and awards

## Review of the year 2017/18

The last academic year marked yet more strong performance by researchers across the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, with significant engagement of staff seeking funding to support their ambitious plans.

Particularly pleasing to note was an increase in the diversity of funders from which colleagues sought support, particularly at the international level. Whilst the number of awards was slightly lower than last year, and the overall value of funding received was also somewhat lower, the Faculty's income (or spend) remains well on track due to a significant number of ongoing projects. In addition the overall number of applications submitted for external funding has risen compared to the previous year and, accounting for the time delay between submission and decision, we expect to see a number of these applications translate into awards over the coming months.

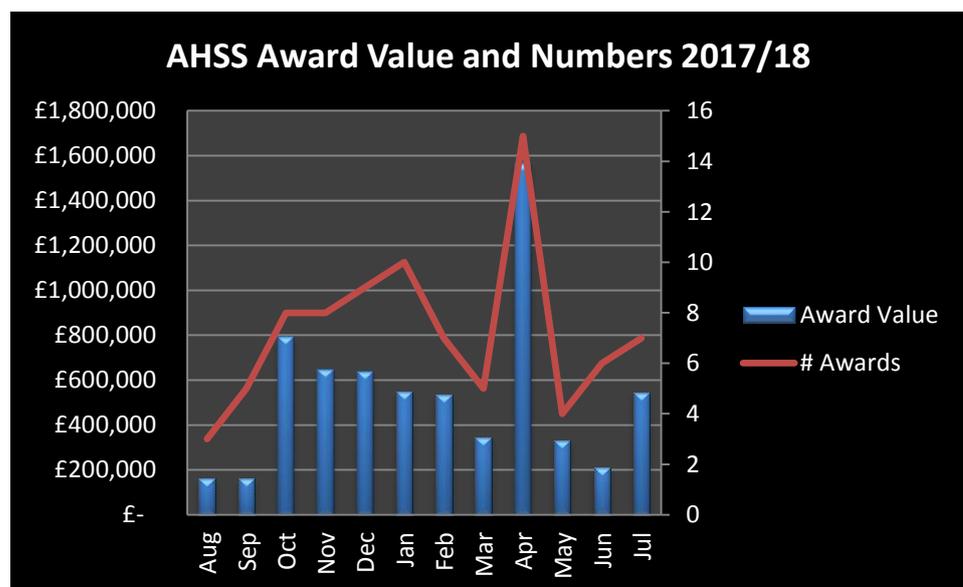
Colleagues may be interested to know that overall 214 different AHSS researchers submitted or were involved in making 254 separate applications to 69 funders; these applications were worth a total of



£39.72M. In terms of awards, 95 individuals were successful across 89 different projects with a total of £6.48M awarded to AHSS researchers; almost 36% of this came from RCUK awards. April 2018 was the 'best' month in terms of the number of applications submitted and awards made, it was also (unsurprisingly) the month with the highest value of awards, with £1.57m secured across 15 projects.

These successes were enjoyed across the Faculty.

Staff from AEL secured a number of prestigious fellowships from a range of UK and international funders: Marilina Cesario secured a Newton International Fellowship, an APEX Award and a British Academy Rising Star Engagement Award



(BARSEA). Thea Buckley continued our success with the Leverhulme Early Career Fellowships Scheme, receiving our third award from this scheme in three years. Janice Carruthers and Steven Wilson also secured funding via the AHRC's Leadership Fellowships Scheme.

Queen’s Management School continued to grow its portfolio of funded projects: for example, John Turner and Duncan McVicar both secured project funding from the Leverhulme Trust whilst Christopher Coyle is the Queen’s lead for a major Horizon2020 Economic History project.

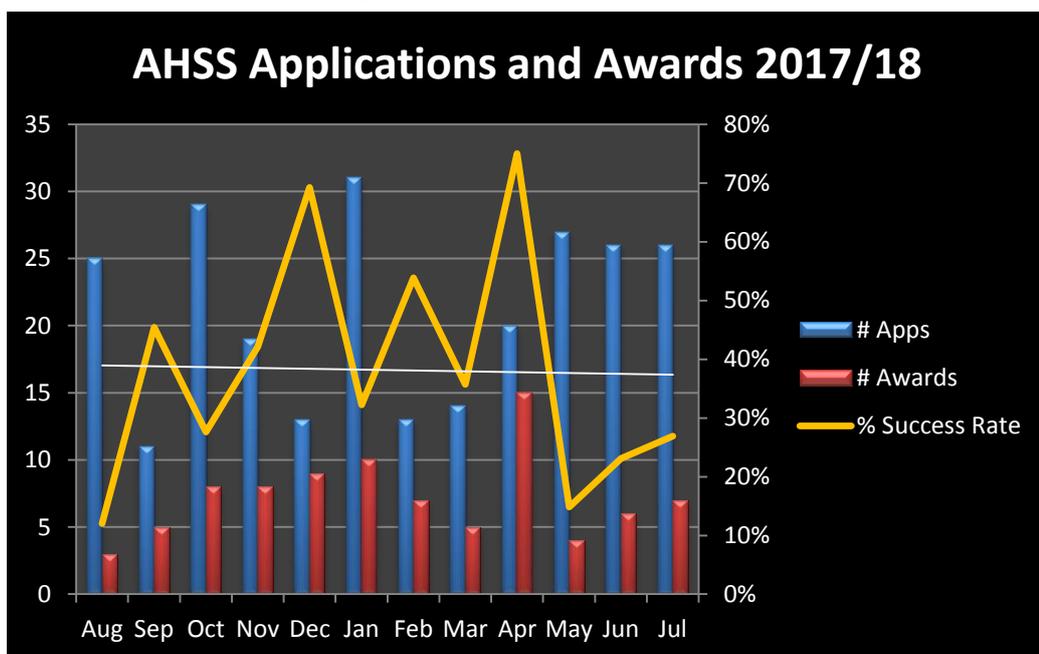
HAPP researchers continued to draw support for their work on Brexit related issues, whilst Jack Seddon secured an ESRC New Investigator award, the first of its kind for the University.

Researchers in Law were well represented in the most recent round of DfE GCRF funding and with a number of major projects currently in the last stages of review we expect even more success in the next few months.

Staff from SSESW maintained a high level of performance securing some major awards: Liam O’Hare and Laura Dunne are leading a large-scale EEF projects; and Paul Connolly is leading a major ESRC project with partners across the UK.

The Mitchell Institute continues to facilitate cross-institution collaborations and contribute to success across the Faculty: Hastings Donnan is leading an FCO-supported project and John Brewer is running a project for the Forces in Mind Trust.

Across the year our applications achieved a success rate of 34% (number of awards made compared to total applications) which is a good indicator that internal support structure are working effectively.



However, we had a lower than hoped for success rate with regard to the value of applications, averaging just 16% across all funders.

For 2017/18, then, individuals and teams achieved a number of highlights that,

combined with a sustained accumulation of smaller awards, has helped to ensure the Faculty is to meet some of our research-facing Vision2020 targets. Of course, there are a number of applications still under consideration by funders and a significant pipeline of applications that are currently in development.

This income activity is important in providing support for our researchers’ ambition, employment for our postdoctoral and early-career colleagues and time and resources for the generation of new, high-quality outputs of all kinds. Given this, there is every confidence that we will continue to build on our excellent track record and to achieve the goals set through our Research Strategy.

Congratulations to all our researchers – and good luck with bringing your projects, of whatever kind, to fruition through publication and impact.