

The UK's association of research
managers and administrators.



ARMA membership:

Value for you and
your organisation



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Who we are

The Association of Research Managers and Administrators (ARMA) is the professional membership association for research management in the UK, supporting close to 4,000 members working in research organisations, ranging from universities and funding bodies to the National Health Service and independent research institutions.

Since its establishment in 1991, the Association has played a crucial role in advancing the research management profession through training, support and advocacy.



What we do

ARMA is first and foremost a community for those supporting research. As a member you will join a community of peers seeking and providing support across a range of research management areas.

ARMA supports all career stages right up to director level. We provide a range of membership benefits including recognised professional qualifications, special interest groups, topical events, peer-led training

courses, a member magazine, a jobs board and annual conference. You will also receive a weekly newsletter to keep you updated on all that is going on in ARMA and the wider sector.

We work to advocate on behalf of the profession, frequently being asked to input on policy discussions affecting how research is supported across the whole of the UK.



Our vision

Our vision is a community of research management professionals operating in a thriving research landscape, who are recognised for their expertise and integral role in ensuring the vitality of UK research.



Our mission

ARMA is the UK's national association serving research managers and administrators. We are experts, operating locally and impacting across a global context. We train, support and advocate nationally for the needs of research management professionals through our vibrant and inclusive community.



Our values

- Member-led
- Bold
- Inclusive
- Collaborative
- Professional

Who our members are

ARMA is a community made up of professionals working in research leadership, management and administration.

Research management professionals support the research process at every stage – from funding and ethics to strategy and impact. They work in universities, research institutes, funders, government bodies, charities, NHS and industry to shape how research is designed, funded, delivered and supported.

Pre-award Research ethics Post-award
Research impact Research policy Early Career Research
Research security Research culture
Postgraduate Research Research information and systems
Research development Leadership and Management
Pre-award finance Post-award, finance Research finance
Scholarly Communication support Research strategy
Business development Project / programme management
Research governance & integrity Research contracts
Research Excellence Framework Researcher development
Research evaluation Policy / public engagement



Welcome to our community

As an ARMA member you are a part of the UK's largest community of research management professionals.

ARMA has 17 **special interest groups** (SIGs) to help you connect with others. These groups allow you to exchange ideas, ask questions and seek input from peers.

As an ARMA member you can join as many special interest groups as you want.

Each SIG is run by member volunteers called SIG champions, and aim to bring members together through events and activities. Our SIGs have their own dedicated webpage with free resources and access to an online forum for members to learn from others, seek advice, connect and share developments.

We are currently piloting **regional groups** as a way to connect members with other professionals working in research management in their local area. At present we have pilot groups in **London, North East** and **West Midlands**.

Our **Research Leaders Forum** is open to members and non-members, and offers opportunities for those in research leadership roles to connect, share knowledge and tackle sector challenges. The forum is aimed at those typically responsible for leading the research office of UK-based higher education institution, research institute, independent research organisation, public sector research establishment, Catapult centre, NHS body, mission group or funder.



Arts and
Humanities



Audit and
Compliance



Ethics and
Governance



EU and
International



Global
Majority



Meta
Research



Open
Research



Post
Award



Postgraduate
Research



Research
Contracts



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Development



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Evaluation



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Framework



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Culture



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and Systems



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and Safer
Partnerships

Learning from each other

At ARMA we provide a range of **training courses** that cover the whole spectrum of research management. All our courses align with our **professional development framework** and are delivered by trainers working within the profession.

For those looking for a more structured approach to their professional development, ARMA offers two accredited professional qualifications. The **Certificate in Research Management** is available at foundation and advanced levels, and is designed to provide a better understanding of the skills, roles and activities required for the profession, helping you take your professional development to the next level and opening up new career opportunities in research management.

Whether you are seeking guidance from an experienced professional or looking to share your expertise with others, participating in our **annual mentoring programme**, as a mentor or mentee, offers invaluable opportunities for professional growth and personal development.

Our **study tours** are free webinars hosted in collaboration with research funders. It is a platform for funders to discuss their funding programmes, procedures, as well as share insights and guidance. They aim to foster valuable networking and informed discussions, enabling members to pose thoughtful questions and allowing funders to explore new concepts with feedback from members serving as an effective sounding board.

In recent years, our study tour partners have included:



For those new to research management or looking to improve their knowledge, **ARMA Bites** are a helpful collection of short videos (under 10 minutes each) that offer introductions to key topics in the profession.



As a member you will get **exclusive discounts** for ARMA's annual conference, training courses and thematic events.



Getting together

Every year the **ARMA Conference** brings together research management professionals from across the UK and beyond. The annual conference is the largest gathering of research management professionals in the UK. Our programme is created by our members and delivered by our members. Our conference provides a great opportunity to meet with your peers in person.

Bursaries are available to support attendance of under-represented groups and those with caring responsibilities.

Last year's ARMA conference in Edinburgh welcomed over **700 delegates** from across the UK and beyond.

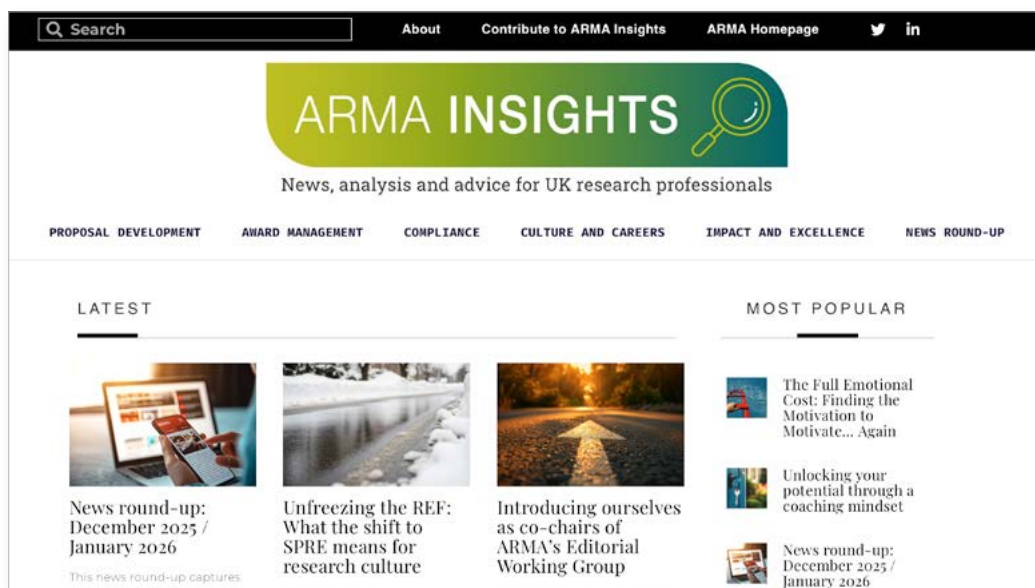


Keeping you up to date

ARMA Insights is our digital publication with exclusive access for members. The magazine provides regular updates on the latest news, opportunities and events, ensuring you stay current with good practices, trends and innovations in research management.

As a member, you will receive a **weekly member newsletter**, ensuring you stay updated on the latest news, developments and good practices.

Whether you're looking for your next role or exploring new opportunities, our **Jobs Board** is a valuable resource for you to advance your career in research management.



Working on behalf of our members

ARMA is helping to shape the future of research management in the UK. We are dedicated to acting on key priorities for our members and advocating for policy changes.

We maintain strong relationships with stakeholders and you will have the opportunity to add your voice to the views we gather.



Get involved with the Association

The more you get involved the more you will get out of your ARMA membership.

We could not function without the dedication of hundreds of members who take up volunteer roles and actively contribute to our mission to train, support and advocate nationally for the needs of research management professionals.

There are a lot of opportunities to volunteer including joining **ARMA's working groups, committees,** or even **the Board**, helping to shape the future of the association and research management. If you have skills and experience to share, ARMA can support you to get involved in the delivery of our professional development programme.



Why should an organisation support its staff to join ARMA?

Foster Innovation, Stay Informed and Enhance Performance: ARMA members can join our various special interest groups and access ARMA's publications, including the online member magazine, *ARMA Insights*. These resources connect members with like-minded professionals and provide insights into the latest trends and good practices in research management. Staying informed about current developments allows your team members to bring valuable knowledge back to your organisation, enhancing its innovative capabilities and overall effectiveness.

Strengthen Funding Strategies: Our free member events allow members an opportunity to engage directly with research funders and network with colleagues. These events offer valuable opportunities to seek advice, gain intelligence and develop new skills, ultimately boosting your organisation's research management capabilities.

Investing in Professional Development: With ARMA membership, your team members gain valuable opportunities such as access to our accredited Certificate in Research Management qualifications programme, an online learning area, live webinars and training workshops.

Develop Future Leaders: ARMA provides opportunities for your team members to build leadership skills by volunteering on our working groups, committees or even our Board. By taking on these roles, they gain experience in strategic decision-making, collaboration and sector-wide influence, bringing valuable insights and leadership back to your organisation.

Currently ARMA has approximately
74 governance positions
that are held by ARMA members.

Promote your organisation: Writing an article for *ARMA Insights* provides an opportunity to raise the profile of your organisation and showcase the good work you are doing.



Join ARMA today

We offer both an individual membership and a group membership.

Individual membership:

Our individual membership is:

£125.00 for 12 months

It runs from the date that you sign up.

Tax implications: If you are a UK taxpayer, and paying for your ARMA membership yourself, you can claim tax relief on your ARMA membership fee, as we are an approved professional organisation.

Group membership:

The group membership rates for 2026/27 are as follows:

2+ Members = £118.00 each

10+ Members = £112.00 each

30+ Members = £104.00 each

Group membership is for those looking to purchase ARMA membership in bulk. The group membership runs from 1 April of the current year to 31 March of the following year. Each group has a group leader who is responsible for purchasing the memberships for everyone in their group.

Tips for setting up and managing your group membership

- **Group membership models:** Some organisations have one large membership group while others have many smaller groups (each with their own group leader).
- **Finding the funding:** Group leaders secure funding for ARMA Group Memberships via a variety of means. This includes QR funding, the 'Enhancing Research Culture' Funding and via training/ professional development budgets.
- **Payment options:** When ordering the group memberships, group leaders can pay by invoice (Purchase Order number) or by card.

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