RESEARCH FUNDER CHILDCARE FUNDING POLICIES

University policy

The University allows staff to claim additional childcare costs relating attending a training course or conference. This is detailed in the Expenses and Hospitality policy:

Additional Childcare costs

Childcare costs made necessary by attending a training course or conference that occurs outside of normal working hours (costs that are additional to the routine everyday costs of childcare) can be claimed if the University has requested that you must attend such an event.

External Research Funders

Many major research funders also allow these costs to be charged to the grant. Policies from selected major funders are summarised in the table and detailed in the text below the table. Applicants/grant holders are encouraged to check individual sponsors for details.

FUNDER	ADDITIONAL CHILDCARE COSTS ELIGIBLE	NOTES
UKRI	Yes	As per University policy
Wellcome Trust	Sometimes	Only for staff paid from the grant and only for conference attendance
British Heart Foundation (BHF)	No	
Leverhulme Trust	No	
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		Check with Project officer for EU project related events As per University policy for conferences

EU – Horizon programme

The Commission has confirmed that, in accordance with the Horizon 2020 Model Grant Agreement (MGA), the costs for the provision of childcare services during an **event organised as part of a Horizon 2020-funded project**, would generally not be eligible. Such activities, and any associated costs, would not normally be deemed necessary for the implementation of the project, as required by Article 6.1 of the MGA. However, if there are legitimate reasons related to project implementation that require childcare to be provided at a project-related event, this can be discussed on a case-by-case basis with the Project Officer.

In addition, if the beneficiary organisation's usual practice is to pay childcare costs for staff attending **conferences**, then these costs would be considered eligible under Horizon 2020. The