

BAM Policy Note

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Despite the paralysis caused by Brexit uncertainty over the last few months, we have made several important submissions to parliamentary inquiries and government consultations of importance to the wider business and management research community since January.

In February, we responded to both the cOAlition S and UKRI consultations on the open access 'Plan S'. As originally modelled, Plan S would phase out hybrid-journals and disallow Green OA models, reducing future OA options down to one of a pay-to-publish Gold-OA model only, which would have deep consequences for research and management as a discipline – impacting academic freedom, career progression, and the ability of learned societies like BAM to support professional development. I encourage you to read our [submission](#), which showed our broader support for increasing sustainable OA, while emphasizing our concerns that any plan to broaden OA in the UK must be well-evidenced and take into account the disciplinary differences that exist within the broader UK research community. We advocated for both cOAlition S and UKRI to take more time for strategic planning, review, and evaluation, in order to avoid unintended consequences for our science and research ecosystem.

In March, we also submitted evidence to the Independent Review of the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) and Research England's Consultation on the Knowledge Exchange Framework. The [TEF response](#) was written in conjunction with the Management Knowledge & Education committee, kindly coordinated by Professor Mark Loon with the help of Professor Lisa Anderson (MKE Vice Chair). Special thanks are also owed to Professor Katy Mason (BAM's Chair) and Professor Nicholas O'Regan (BAM's Co-Vice Chair for Academic Affairs of Conference and Capacity Building) for their input on our [response to the KEF](#) consultation.

Speculation remains mixed as to when we may expect to hear back from the Augur [Review of Post-18 Education and Funding](#), and we look forward to the opportunity to respond to the report once its consultation opens. In the interim I continue to work with the Executive, our Fellows, and the SIGs to respond to inquiries and consultations of importance to the business & management community, like these. We welcome input from our community, and I can be reached at policy@bam.ac.uk.

We would also like to draw your attention to two new opportunities. First, Parliament is offering training on itself and improving research impact for academics on several occasions in a number of locations across the UK in the coming months. For more information see: <https://www.parliament.uk/academic-training>.

Second, the Arts & Humanities Research Council is seeking 5 new Advisory Board members. For more information, please see: <https://ahrc.ukri.org/newsevents/news/arts-and-humanities-research-council-seeks-applications-to-ahrc-advisory-board/>.

Members of the executives of both BAM and the Chartered ABS continue to meet with policymakers and other stakeholders, as part of our joint campaign for greater investment in business and management research. For more information on this campaign, and downloads of the accompanying infographic and report, please see: <https://charteredabs.org/research-impact/>.

Finally, I encourage you to visit our **brand-new [policy page](https://www.bam.ac.uk/policy)** on the BAM website for up-to-date news on our policy work and funding opportunities like the one above: <https://www.bam.ac.uk/policy>. On the page you will also find published submissions to Parliamentary Inquiries and Government Consultations made by BAM and its Fellows, information on new opportunities to give evidence, and resources like a one-page guide of best practice for submitting written evidence to Parliament.