Citizen Science Exploration Grant webinar

Start time: 2pm Friday 11 October

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Background to call

• Citizen science – rapidly expanding field

• UKRI commitment to public engagement

• Citizen science exploration grant
Call details and remit

• £400k funding

• 20 awards

• Remit
  • Broad scope – across all UKRI activities
  • Explorative/pilot projects
  • Citizen science methodologies
Assessment process and eligibility

• Call closes 12 November 2019

• Eligibility
  • Active UKRI grant holders

• Single round panel assessment
  • Internal and external expertise
  • Guiding criteria available online
FAQs

• Is it only the PI/lead applicant that must be an active UKRI grant holder?
  • Yes. Only the PI in the application needs to be an active UKRI grant holder. The purpose of this criteria is simply to confirm that the lead on the project is an active researcher that is already engaged with UKRI. Any Co-Is, other researchers, partners do not have to be grant holders.

• Do I have to be PI on the active grant?
  • No. Co-Is on active grants are also eligible. (Co-I/PI/fellow/studentship also reflects ability to lead own research)

• Does ‘UKRI grants’ include fellowships and studentships?
  • Yes. Holders of UKRI fellowships and studentships are also eligible. Again, the purpose of this criteria is to confirm that the lead applicant is already actively engaged with UKRI and leading on their own research.

• Can I apply if I am the supervisor of a studentship holder?
  • No. The lead applicant must be the holder of the grant/studentship/fellowship award, not the supervisor. BUT, it is important to note here that PIs or Co-Is for CDT grants are eligible. This is because the centres for doctoral training are researcher led programmes that have a lead Principle Investigator – which sets them apart from programmes such as DTPs that have significantly different governance structures due to their broader scope.
FAQs

• Over what time period must my UKRI grant be ‘active’?
  • The grant must be active from the time of application, through to the earliest start date of the project – December 16th. This is so to ensure we can carry out eligibility checks during the application and assessment process.

• If I have been officially awarded a UKRI grant, but not yet started the work, does this qualify as ‘active’?
  • Yes. Provided that the official offer letter has been received, you are eligible to apply for this grant, as this confirms that you are an active researcher engaged with UKRI.

• Does the citizen science project have to directly relate to the active UKRI grant?
  • No. This is up to the applicant to decide, with the strength of the application based on the specific situation. Sometimes it may make good sense to be making efforts to build in citizen science to an active project. But equally, the citizen science project could be a stand alone project that opens up an entirely new avenue of work for the researcher.
Open to questions

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• Thank you for your attention