Quick Reference

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Research Centre of Excellence in Protecting Citizens Online

Call type: Invitation for proposals
Closing date: 14th May 2020

Funding Available: £6.89m (at 80% FEC) is available to fund a single Centre of Excellence

How to apply: Submit a full proposal through Je-S

Assessment Process: Full proposals will be considered by a virtual expert panel, and the highest-ranked proposals will subsequently be invited to a virtual expert interview panel

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Additional information: Please note the expectations on the Centre and requirement for a Host Organisation Statement of Support.

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Research Centre of Excellence in Protecting Citizens Online

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Summary
This call is to establish a UK Research Centre of Excellence for Protecting Citizens Online, with an investment of £6.89m over a three-year period. The initial focus is to explore holistic approaches to the development of privacy-enhancing technologies (PETs), and the implications of their use in addressing the issue of protecting citizens online. This activity is designed to build and lead the UK’s world-leading interdisciplinary community on this mission, and provide a clear single engagement point with enough critical mass to engage with government, industry and citizens.

At the core of this challenge is understanding online harms, a human phenomenon that is technologically mediated. Therefore, a truly interdisciplinary and inclusive approach is needed.

This is a key component of the Protecting Citizens Online programme, funded through the Strategic Priorities Fund (SPF). It is a UKRI-funded programme, not attached to any particular research council’s remit, but administered by EPSRC in partnership with ESRC and AHRC.

Please note that all applicants will have to abide by an Intent to Submit process before the call deadline. The Intent to Submit process is mandatory and intended to assist UKRI with planning and preparation for the peer review process, but does not form part of the peer review process.

Background
UKRI is aiming to establish and build a world-leading, coherent, UK-critical mass of interdisciplinary research activity focused on the mission of reducing online harms through two discrete, but interdependent and phased components: a central Research Centre of Excellence (the focus of this call) and, at a later date, a portfolio of complementary research projects. Together, these will form the Protecting Citizens Online programme, which will be funded through the Strategic Priorities Fund (SPF).

The deployment of technology at massive scale has enabled the rapid emergence of a broad set of ‘online harms’ such as privacy abuses, data breaches, cyber-
attacks and inappropriate uses of personal data, malign influence and disinformation, online fraud, crime and fake identity, hate crime, advocacy of self-harm/suicide, facilitating terrorism, child sexual exploitation, and encouraging serious violence. These harms are not only perpetrated by individuals, but can also be enacted at an organisational level through, for example, the misuse of data (whether intentionally or accidentally).

These harms have their roots in social interaction, and exist within a complex, rapidly changing and continually evolving environment. Their societal causes and social and ethical implications are not fully understood. The challenges surrounding tackling these harms are fundamentally socio-technical in nature.

The need to tackle the negative consequences of being online for individuals, for social cohesion and for democratic society, has been recognised in the Online Harms White Paper published in April 2019¹.

The mission is to reduce harms without inhibiting online innovation and the significant benefits it brings. This requires better understanding of three interlinked elements: the technological mitigations possible – initially through use of privacy-enhancing technologies (PETs), the complex social and cultural environment in which they are operating, and the behaviours and modi operandi of those causing harm.

“PETs” is a broad term, covering a range of approaches that seek to allow the exchange and analysis of information while preserving privacy. This requires an understanding of the nature of privacy and users’ needs and behaviours, and the development of approaches that accounts for and responds to these. The development of privacy-enhancing technologies is fundamentally a human-centred endeavour, bringing together a range of disciplines to articulate and address the emerging challenges of privacy in real world contexts. A Royal Society report published in March 2019² stated that “[PETs] … have the potential to reshape the data economy and to change the trust relationships between citizens, governments and companies.”

The field of PETs is rapidly evolving, with the majority of emerging approaches relatively new to real-world applications. As such, there remain a number of important unanswered questions around their limitations and trade-offs, how they might be used in practice, how they might be deployed in a manner that is equitable and fair and what the legal and regulatory consequences could be. Answering these questions and understanding PETs requires the combined efforts of multiple fields, and has led to the emergence of a strongly interdisciplinary research community.

The Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) is interested in this initiative and is open to discuss collaboration opportunities with academia. If interested, please contact john.yeo@fca.org.uk or pavle.avramovic@fca.org.uk for further information.

**Research scope of the Centre of Excellence**

The Research Centre of Excellence should carry out underpinning research and technology development and enable the coordination of harm reduction. The

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¹ https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/online-harms-white-paper
initial focus is on exploring holistic approaches to the development of privacy-enhancing technologies (PETs), and the implications of their use in addressing the issue of protecting citizens online. This research should span social, scientific and ethical perspectives, and investigate relevant and cross-cutting elements of privacy, trust, fairness, transparency and robustness. Research could also include relevant exploration of individual and collective behaviours leading to online harms, as well as issues around autonomy, data ‘ownership’, influence and control, and use of online technologies. It would investigate social, legal, human rights and economic elements of online market design, business models and regulation, and lead to novel regulatory approaches. These understandings will, in turn, result in sociotechnical system design.

Radical interdisciplinary thinking is required to address the challenges associated with tackling the upstream mitigation of online harms. The Centre will therefore be comprised of a multi- and cross-disciplinary group of researchers and key stakeholders. This will span the technical and behavioural sciences, law and ethics (across the EPSRC, ESRC and AHRC remits). They will work together and establish new research ecologies between hitherto disconnected disciplines, institutions and user communities. The Centre’s research should seek to understand what the landscape looks like and what individuals and businesses need in order to reduce the harms that they are exposed to. It will be hosted at one or more higher education institute(s).

The Centre will explore commensurate solutions to online harms, including social and behavioural science and technological innovations, and particularly privacy-enhancing technologies (PETs) and their viability, depending on the use case.

Solutions could be aimed at protecting individuals and empowering them to make their own choices concerning their privacy, or at providing the capability to ensure privacy-preserving safe and secure access to sensitive datasets and data analytics for research. Consideration of the different scales of protection, and appropriate trade-offs between these, is also needed between individuals, groups, society, government and business. Addressing the issue of what the appropriate uses of PETs are in protecting citizens online requires work on the fundamental computer science of scalable privacy-enhancing technologies, as well as their usability, adoption, uses and impacts, and attacks against PETs. This includes systems that enable distributed privacy-preserving analytics across large federations of sensitive data, held securely by their owners. This is important, given that growing corporate surveillance will become increasingly hard to control from the perspective of proportionality in state surveillance; PETs could offer a rebalancing.

Social, cultural and adversarial aspects are fundamental issues in the usability and application of PETs, and in enabling solution developers to understand what they can, and, importantly, cannot do. Additionally, there is a need to study attacks against PETs in order to understand their capabilities and limitations, and ensure scalability. In this context, the Centre, and associated research projects, will undertake research to understand the appropriateness of proposed PET solutions with a clear strategic focus on the UK, in partnership with Government and industry. Focused challenge areas could include (but are not limited to):

- Sociotechnical development of new and enhanced PETs capabilities
• Attitudes to privacy across individuals, groups and generations, and commensurate technological solutions, including privacy-preserving authentication, differential privacies and statistical disclosure control

• Privacy-preserving data mining, machine learning or information retrieval, enabling complex analyses without data sharing

• Development challenges, such as accessibility of hardware-based secure computation

Expectations for the Centre

Due to the strategic scope of this research and nature of the funding, the Centre will be expected to develop partnerships and to have an open, collaborative approach to engaging with Government and policymakers. For example, engagement and collaboration with policy teams in the Home Office and DCMS may allow access to datasets to detect behaviour (such as grooming or harassment, or content such as child sexual abuse and exploitation (CSEA) imagery or hate crime). This should help expose academic researchers to real world problems such as navigating issues of safe access to data consistent with General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and UK Data Protection Act (DPA) 2018 principles.

There is a requirement for the Centre to start to deliver results early on, and continue to deliver at pace; therefore, applicants will need to demonstrate previous effective interdisciplinary working, and collaboration with policymakers. A balance will need to be achieved between early outputs, responsiveness to policy developments and delivering long-term research. This will require the Centre to provide strong leadership and facilitate close collaboration with the wider research community, alongside government and industry stakeholders.

Within its first six months of operation, the Centre should have convened the relevant stakeholders and communities, and coordinated an evidence synthesis deep dive of the current state of play in the area. The results of this will inform the scope of a call for challenge-driven projects, which will be launched by UKRI in early 2021. These will be complementary to the Centre, and the associated call will be scoped in collaboration with the Centre. The Centre should also have established itself as point of contact for research in the area.

Within one year, preliminary results from initial research projects should have been reported. The Centre should have deepened relationships with stakeholders from across academia, government and industry and raised its profile internationally.

Beyond its first year, the Centre should consolidate and begin to form lasting research agendas that will have demonstrable impact on the protection of citizens online. The Centre should work with the challenge-driven projects also funded through the programme, once they are established, to form a wider community.

In addition to its own research activities, the Centre will be expected to use up to £2m to enhance the capability of the Centre as needed. This could include, but is not limited to: funding additional research projects delivered by the wider
community, bringing in additional investigators to supplement expertise or funding access to data.

Given the additional expectations on the Centre and the nature of the activity being different to a “standard” scheme, there is an expectation that the host organisation(s) should be committed to supporting the Centre and contribute to its activity accordingly. This could be in the form of, for example, additional staff resource, studentships or building space.

**Funding available**

£6.89m (at 80% FEC) is available to fund a single Centre over a three-year period. UKRI expects a consortium-based approach.

The Centre should also use up to £2m of this funding in a flexible manner to enhance the capability of the Centre as needed, as described in the section above.

Applicants must demonstrate:

- A truly interdisciplinary approach and an existing track record of working across disciplines in the area
- Existing close partnerships with relevant stakeholders in this area, including Government and industry – this includes existing support and willingness to develop further collaboration
- Commitment to deliver responsible research and innovation

Please note that due to the nature of this funding, additional requirements on spending profile, reporting, monitoring and evaluation and extension will apply. The successful applicant will also be required to provide a State Aid Statement from the lead institution to confirm that the Centre will comply with current State Aid Regulation, and a further statement in relation to Centre’s own commissioning processes.

These additional requirements will be reflected in specific grant conditions and those funded will need to comply with them. In particular, note that grant extensions will only be considered under exceptional circumstances (in line with the Equality Act 2010) and will require UK Research and Innovation agreement on a case-by-case basis. The Research Organisation remains responsible for compliance with the terms of the Equality Act 2010, including any subsequent amendments introduced while work is in progress, and for ensuring that the expectations set out in the UK Research and Innovation statement of expectations for equality and diversity are met.

**Equality, Diversity and Inclusion**

The long-term strength of the UK research base depends on harnessing all the available talent. EPSRC expects that equality and diversity is embedded at all levels and in all aspects of research practice and funding policy. We are committed to supporting the research community, offering a range of flexible options which allow applicants to design a package that fits their research goals, career and personal circumstances. This includes career breaks, support for
people with caring responsibilities, flexible working and alternative working patterns. With this in mind, we welcome applications from academics who job share, have a part-time contract, or need flexible working arrangements.

Peer review is central to EPSRC funding decisions; we require expert advice and robust decision making processes for all EPSRC funding initiatives. We are committed to ensuring that fairness is fully reflected in all our funding processes by advancing policy which supports equality, diversity and inclusion. Please see our Equality and Diversity webpage https://epsrc.ukri.org/funding/equalitydiversity/ for further information.

**Responsible Innovation**

Research has the ability to not only produce understanding, knowledge and value, but also unintended consequences, questions, ethical dilemmas and, at times, unexpected social transformations. We recognise that we have a duty of care to promote approaches to responsible innovation that will initiate ongoing reflection about the potential ethical and societal implications of the research that we sponsor, and to encourage our research community to do likewise.

Responsible innovation creates spaces and processes to explore innovation and its consequences in an open, inclusive and timely way, going beyond consideration of ethics, public engagement, risk and regulation. Innovation is a collective responsibility, where funders, researchers, interested and affected parties, including the public, all have an important role to play. Applicants are expected to work within the EPSRC Framework for Responsible Innovation (https://epsrc.ukri.org/research/framework/) and the ESRC Ethical Framework (https://esrc.ukri.org/funding/guidance-for-applicants/research-ethics/).

**Stakeholder Engagement Strategy**

Applicants should articulate a strategy for engaging with stakeholders and potential users of the research funded in the project, working with users and stakeholders throughout the lifetime of the Centre in order to ensure the potential for impact is maximised (resources for this activity can be requested and must be justified in the application). This strategy should be reviewed and updated regularly as part of the formal management of the grant. It should be detailed in the Case for Support.

The strategy should cover:

- How and when stakeholders have been/will be identified
- How and when the stakeholders have/will be involved in the co-design of the centre’s work
- What form ongoing collaboration and engagement will take
- What steps will be taken to ensure that outputs of the research are made available to potential users and other stakeholders
- Suitable metrics and milestones for determining the success of the strategy in delivering impact and value to stakeholders
**Data Access and Management Plan**

All applicants will be required to submit both a Data Access Plan and a Data Management Plan.

Data access has been identified as a key challenge in the delivery of successful, responsible research in this area. Applicants should articulate how they plan to engage with the relevant stakeholders to access the required data, including from internet and social media companies where necessary. Where applicants already have agreements in place facilitating data access, supporting statements should be provided as part of a project partner letter of support. Applicants should also articulate how timelines and process for data access will dovetail with achieving the Centre’s aims.

The Data Management Plan should be used as an opportunity to describe how the data are going to be managed – starting from planning for research, and continuing through the lifecycle of the grant, including making clear how the applicants will ensure that the Centre is a national resource, facilitating access for other researchers.

Any costs associated with accessing, storing and managing data (including training) should be detailed in the Justification of Resources.

UKRI will require assurance that appropriate measures have been taken in order to deliver successful research outcomes informed by responsibly sourced data.

This should be a (maximum) 2-page A4 document and will be assessed as part of the Potential Research Impact criterion.

**Guidance on journal-based metrics**

As part of our commitment to support the recommendations and principles set out by the San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA; [https://sfdora.org/read/](https://sfdora.org/read/)), UKRI reviewers and panel members are advised not to use journal-based metrics, such as journal impact factors, as a surrogate measure of the quality of individual research articles, to assess an investigator’s contributions, or to make funding decisions.

The content of a paper is more important than publication metrics, or the identity of the journal, in which it was published, especially for early-stage researchers. Reviewers and panel members are encouraged to consider the value and impact of all research outputs (including datasets, software, inventions, patents, preprints, other commercial activities, etc.) in addition to research publications. We advise our peer reviewers and panel members to consider a broad range of impact measures including qualitative indicators of research impact, such as influence on policy and practice.

**Equipment**

Equipment over £10,000 in value (inc. VAT) is not available through this call. Smaller items of equipment (individually under £10,000) should be listed under the “Directly Incurred - Other Costs” heading.
For more information on equipment funding, please see: https://epsrc.ukri.org/research/facilities/equipment/

Eligibility

- A consortium approach is expected; the investigatory team should be comprised of a mix of relevant disciplines, and must be balanced across technical and social science

- There should be substantive institutional support from all organisations involved, demonstrating how the Centre would be supported as a national Centre, and what facilities will be made available

- Any single investigator is only permitted to appear on one proposal, either as investigator or co-investigator

Please ensure sufficient time to create Je-S accounts for Investigators who do not currently have one. Allow at least 7 days prior to the intended submission date for the account to be approved and submitted. There is more information here: https://je-s.rcuk.ac.uk/

UKRI eligibility rules for Research Councils apply to this call. More information is provided here: https://www.ukri.org/funding/how-to-apply/eligibility/

Certain Public Sector Research Establishments (PSREs) are also eligible to apply. If PSREs wishing to apply have not previously applied for UKRI funding and are not currently designated Independent Research Organisation (IRO) status, the Self Registration for Organisations (https://je-s.rcuk.ac.uk/JeS2WebLoginSite/TermsConditions.aspx?mode=orgsetup) must be selected and completed in Je-S before the application is created. They may be required to complete an eligibility form; to be eligible, PSREs will need to demonstrate research capacity and capability relevant to UKRI, as per the standard eligibility rules. PSRE applicants should contact UKRI at the earliest opportunity to discuss their interests in applying (contact details are provided at the start of this call document).

How to apply

Before submitting a full application, applicants must register an Intent to Submit on the call webpage by 16:00 on 27 February 2020. The Intent to Submit process is mandatory and intended to assist UKRI with planning and preparation for the peer review process, but does not form part of the peer review process.

Submitting an application

You should prepare and submit your proposal using the Research Councils’ Joint electronic Submission (Je-S) System (https://je-s.rcuk.ac.uk/).

When adding a new proposal, you should select:

- Documents
- New document
Council ‘EPSRC’

Document type ‘Standard Proposal’

Scheme ‘Standard’

On the Project Details page you should select the ‘Protecting Citizens Online Research Hub’ call.

Note that clicking ‘submit document’ on your proposal form in Je-S initially submits the proposal to your host organisation’s administration, not to EPSRC. Please allow sufficient time for your organisation’s submission process between submitting your proposal to them and the call closing date. EPSRC must receive your application by 16:00 on 14th May 2020.

Guidance on the types of support that may be sought and advice on the completion of the research proposal forms are given on the EPSRC website (https://epsrc.ukri.org/funding/applicationprocess/) which should be consulted when preparing all proposals.

**Guidance on writing an application**

Applicants are required to submit the following documents:

- **Case for Support** – (max 11 pages)
  - Vision, aims, objectives and work packages
  - Team track record and how the team’s expertise and experience will directly deliver to the Centre’s aims and objectives
  - Strategy for allocation of the £2m additional funding to enhance the capability of the Centre as needed
  - How the Centre will act nationally and engage relevant stakeholders
  - Responsible innovation and stakeholder engagement strategy
Articulation of a strategy to identify and follow clear routes to impact

- Justification of Resources (max 2 pages)
- Host Organisation Statement of Support from all institutions involved (no limit)
- Workplan (max 1 page)
- Project Partner Letters of Support (no limit)
- Additional document for Data Access and Management Plan (2 pages)
- CVs (2 pages each)

Multi-institutional projects should be submitted as a single proposal, submitted by the lead organisation on behalf of all partners. Multi-institutional projects submitted as multiple forms will not be accepted and will be returned without being peer reviewed. If more than one institution is involved in the proposal, then all of them should provide a letter of support.

Applicants should use the Ethical Information section on the Je-S form to demonstrate to peer reviewers that they have fully considered any ethical issues concerning the material they intend to use, the nature and choice, current public perceptions and attitudes towards the subject matter or research area. EPSRC will not fund a project if it believes that there are ethical concerns that have been overlooked or not appropriately accounted for. All relevant parts of the Ethical Information section must be completed. If the research will involve human participation or the use of animals covered by the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 it is recommended that applicants pay particular attention to the guidance highlighted below. EPSRC reserves the right to reject applications prior to peer review if the Ethical Information sections are not completed correctly.


Please note that on submission to EPSRC all non-PDF documents uploaded onto Je-S are converted to PDF, the use of non-standard fonts may result in errors or font conversion, which could affect the overall length of the document. It is therefore recommended that the attachments are uploaded as a PDF. Attachments should be single-spaced typescript in Arial 11 or other sans serif typeface of equivalent size, with margins of at least 2cm.

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3 UK Research and Innovation has announced changes to requirements on ‘Pathways to Impact’.

As a result of this change, you will no longer be required to provide a ‘Pathways to Impact’ plan or complete an ‘Impact Summary’ within your grant application. These requirements will be removed for all UKRI opportunities by 01 March 2020. Impact is a crucial component of the assessment criteria for this Call, and we ask that you take Impact into consideration throughout your application.
For advice on writing proposals see:
https://epsrc.ukri.org/funding/howtoapply/preparing/

Assessment

Assessment process
A full proposal is invited, which will be assessed by a virtual expert panel. The highest-ranked proposals will then be invited to a virtual interview panel, the purpose of which will be to clarify any points raised at the initial assessment panel. The interview panel will be comprised of a sub-set of the initial expert panel members.

This assessment process has been modified to account for ongoing disruption due to the COVID-19 outbreak and to enable it to be performed remotely.

Assessment criteria
Relevance to the objectives of the call, in particular: (Primary)

- The Centre must demonstrate the critical mass, coherence and vision needed to address the interdisciplinary research requirements to drive this area forward and demonstrate it can be a world leading Centre of Excellence
- Appropriateness of activities designed to enhance engagement between researchers, government, industry, charities, data holders and other interested stakeholders, and proof of specific project plans in place to deliver this
- Track record of engaging with Government departments and policymakers, and influencing policy
- Ability of team to manage the funding to enhance the capability of the Centre as needed
- Level of commitment and contributions from host organisation(s)
- Appropriate people-support mechanisms in place to grow and develop the pool of interdisciplinary trained researchers

Quality of research, including: (Primary)

- Novelty, relationship to the context, and timeliness
- The ambition, adventure and transformative aspects identified
- Appropriateness of proposed methodology and research methods
National importance including: (Secondary Major)

- How the proposal contributes to, or helps maintain the health of disciplines; contributes to interdisciplinary capability and capacity; contributes to addressing key UK societal challenges and/or contributes to future UK economic success and development of emerging industry(ies);
- How the proposal meets national needs by establishing/maintaining a unique world-leading activity
- How the proposal complements other UK research already funded in the area, including any relationship to the UKRI portfolio

Potential research impact, including: (Secondary Major)

- Relevance and appropriateness of any identified beneficiaries or collaborators (e.g. co-design and/or upstream engagement) and the quality of their involvement in the development and delivery of the Centre’s work
- Quality of plans for knowledge exchange and knowledge mobilisation
- Appropriateness of the Stakeholder Engagement Plan
- Appropriateness of the Data Access and Management Plan
- Adequate plans for dissemination and communication
- Appropriateness of plans for embedding and promoting interdisciplinary culture

Ability of applicant team to deliver the research, including: (Secondary Major)

- Strength of the proposed team’s track record in the relevant research areas, in interdisciplinary working, and the leadership quality of the Principal Investigator
- Balance of skills and disciplines within the team and integration of different methodologies and approaches
- Track record of effective working with Government, policy and industrial stakeholders

Resources and management, including: (Secondary Major)

- Effectiveness of planning and resource management strategy
- Appropriateness of resources requested
• Appropriateness and robustness of process for disbursement of the up to £2m flexible funding

**Guidance for host organisations**

Any single investigator is only permitted to appear on one proposal, either as investigator or co-investigator.

There should be substantive institutional support from all organisations involved, demonstrating how the Centre would be supported as a national Centre and what facilities will be made available in order to enable this. This could include, but is not limited to, funding of additional researchers, students, access to facilities and floor space, administrative and programme/project management support or communications support.

**Grant additional conditions (GACs)**

Grants will be subject to the standard UK Research and Innovation grant conditions. However, the nature of this funding will require additional grant additional conditions, such as expenditure, extensions, monitoring and evaluation.

**Moving forward**

Proposals will be assessed by a virtual expert panel, followed by the highest-ranked proposals being invited to a virtual interview. Feedback will be provided to all applicants.

Submissions to this call will count towards the Repeatedly Unsuccessful Applicants Policy. Further information about the policy can be found at: [https://epsrc.ukri.org/funding/howtoapply/basics/resubpol/rua/](https://epsrc.ukri.org/funding/howtoapply/basics/resubpol/rua/)

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