Country: United Kingdom

Organisation: UKRI Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)

Note: This addendum to the T-AP Recovery, Renewal and Resilience in a Post-Pandemic World (RRR) Call for Proposals contains funding agency-specific information for UK applicants applying for funding from ESRC. Please see the T-AP website (https://transatlanticplatform.com/) for links to the main Call for Proposals.

ESRC’s remit

The UK part of the proposal must be within ESRC’s remit (if you’re proposal falls under the Art and Humanities Research Council’s remit – please see for further information AHRC’s addendum on the T-AP and UKRI website). The ESRC supports independent, high quality research which has an impact on business, the public sector and the third sector. A full list of acceptable ESRC research areas is available on the ESRC website: https://esrc.ukri.org/funding/guidance-for-applicants/is-my-research-suitable-for-esrc-funding/discipline-classifications/

Please ensure you identify in your Intention to Submit form which UKRI Research Council (AHRC or ESRC) you are applying to.

Who can apply

Proposals may only be submitted by Research Organisations who are eligible to apply to UK Research and Innovation (UKRI). This includes:

- Higher Education Institutions (HEI) that are directly funded or research by Education Funding Councils (HEFCs) in England (Research England), Scotland (SHEFC) and Wales (HEFCW), and Northern Ireland (DFE);
- Independent Research Organisations that have received recognition to apply to the Research Councils; and
- Research Council Institutes.

The list of eligible Research Organisations is available on the UKRI website: https://www.ukri.org/apply-for-funding/before-you-apply/check-if-you-are-eligible-for-research-and-innovation-funding/

Standard ESRC contractual eligibility guidelines apply for this call. Prospective applicants must be employed by the Research Organisation (RO) submitting the proposal. Applicants who are not established members of a recognised RO must be accommodated by the RO and provided with appropriate facilities to carry out the research. These requirements also apply to all individuals named as co-applicants. For such applicants, the RO must provide a covering statement confirming that, in the event of a grant, it will provide accommodation and facilities for the applicant such as would be provided for established members of staff. For further information, please see ESRC’s funding guide at: https://esrc.ukri.org/files/funding/guidance-for-applicants/research-funding-guide/
International Co-Investigators

Researchers who are **not based in T-AP member countries** may participate in the project as Co-Investigators or Project Partners, where there is a clear rationale for doing so. Please note that any academic researcher from an established international research organisation (outside of the participating T-AP countries’ applicants) of comparable standing to a UKRI-eligible UK High Education Institution will be eligible to be listed as an international co-investigator under this call. Further important details can be found at: https://esrc.ukri.org/funding/guidance-for-applicants/inclusion-of-international-co-investigators-on-proposals/

Inclusion of UK business, third sector or government body co-investigators

Business, third sector or government body co-investigators based in the UK can be included in this call. Further important details can be found at: https://esrc.ukri.org/files/funding/guidance-for-applicants/inclusion-of-uk-business-third-sector-or-government-body-co-investigators-on-esrc-proposals/

Available amount of funding

ESRC is making a total of £2.5 Million available for the RRR call. The maximum UK funding per awarded project is £310,000 at 100% Full Economic Costs (fEC). Please note in accordance with UKRI’s standard funding model, ESRC will fund 80% of the fEC of eligible costs for the UK team participating in successful proposals to this call (apart from those items which are eligible to be funded at the exceptional rate of 100%).

The ESRC budget requested in your proposal should represent the exact funds being requested from ESRC. You are required to enter 100% and 80% values in the ESRC budget form.

Eligible costs for UK researchers

The UK team requesting funding from ESRC must prepare a budget detailing costs and the requested amount in an ESRC budget template and submit as an attachment of your proposal. The budget template for submitting costs can be found on the T-AP website. Applicants are encouraged to consult the ESRC Research Funding Guide (https://esrc.ukri.org/files/funding/guidance-for-applicants/research-funding-guide/) for information about eligible costs that can be requested for UK applicants.

Please note that **no grant associated doctoral studentships linked to a UK team** will be funded under this call. If eligible graduate students are employed as Research Assistants, please make their role in the project clear within your Justification of Resources.

Miscellaneous

Please note where Principal or Co-Investigators have outstanding reporting requirements on previous/current ESRC grants, ESRC may withhold funding.

All applicants must be able to meet the time commitment to the project as stated in the proposal. Proposals which may result in over-commitment of time, for any applicant across all of their ESRC’s projects, will not be approved.
A Head of Department letter of support is required for investigators who are honorary fellows, visiting fellows or on fixed term contracts.

Any applicants employed as staff for more than 20% of their time in an ESRC Research Centre, Group or Network must obtain a supporting statement from the Director to accompany their proposal. The Director must confirm that the project is not part of the Centre’s contracted programme of work and provide a clear explanation of how the project will enhance or complement the Centre’s programme. The Director must also confirm that the applicant has time to contribute to the project without prejudice to the Centre’s contracted programme of work.

ESRC does not allow the resubmission of any previously unsuccessful proposal. For further information please see here: https://esrc.ukri.org/funding/guidance-for-applicants/resubmissions-policy/.

**Post-Award Information**

Successful projects will be invited to submit via the Joint Electronic Submissions system (Je-S). This is a formality and any such projects will not be subject to further peer review or other assessment. The submission route will be confirmed when the project decision is conveyed to you.

Award holders in the UK will be required to submit outputs, outcomes and impacts that arise from ESRC’s funding through the Researchfish system. More details on Researchfish are available on the UKRI website here: https://www.ukri.org/funding/information-for-award-holders/research-outcomes/.

Applicants may be asked to share findings and case studies directly with ESRC and T-AP members to help design future opportunities for this platform and contribute to communications activities.

UKRI-funded researchers are expected to comply with the UKRI open access policy (https://www.ukri.org/funding/information-for-award-holders/open-access/) on research publications and outputs.

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Applications must be submitted by 12th July 2021 via the online submission system SAGE: www.fapesp.br/sage, hosted by the Sao Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP). Further information on the application process can be found on the T-AP website.