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Welcome

Inclusive Ageing Webinar

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Webinar Outline

Background – how we got to this point

Aims and Objectives – key areas to focus on

Submitting your application

Frequently Asked Questions

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Inclusive Ageing Background

- Commitment in the ESRC Delivery plan
- Not the only activity relevant to this theme e.g.
  - UKRI Healthy Ageing Challenge
  - JPI More Years Better Lives
  - UKRI SPF Adult Social Care
  - UKRI SPF multimorbidity
  - Healthy Ageing China initiative
  - Centres competition highlight on 'Connecting Generations'
- Fits with wider ESRC priorities around:
  - Inequality
  - Use of datasets
  - Impact on policy and services

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Delivery Plan 2019

3.2.4 Changing populations

We will invest core funding to understand changes in UK and global populations, and the implications for public services and relationships between generations.

Context

Changes in the size, composition and geographic distribution of the UK and global population influence productivity, social cohesion and the demand, design and delivery of public services in areas such as housing, pensions, welfare, and health and social care. Since 2000 the UK population has grown by over 7 million, but understanding of interrelated changes in fertility, relationships, family structure, mortality and migration is underdeveloped.

Migration, for example, accounts for over half of UK population growth and research is needed on issues such as how it shapes local communities, how long migrants come for and how and where they work, settle and retire. Similarly, it is important to understand rising life expectancy, one of the 20th century's most remarkable achievements, because it has recently stalled and differences between social groups and across regions have widened. As a result, many people risk spending their later years in poor health, creating pressures on public services. Moreover, the relationship between generations is changing as the relative prospects for young adults decline.

Meeting the needs of all citizens in an ageing society is one of the UK's most significant challenges. The Prime Minister recently announced our Ageing Grand Challenge's mission to "ensure that people can enjoy at least five extra healthy, independent years of life by 2035, while narrowing the gap between...the richest and poorest", emphasising healthy ageing and new health and social risks (specifically obesity and loneliness). There is now a House of Lords Select Committee on Intergenerational Fairness and Provision and demand is growing for research in this area among government departments.

Long-term ambitions

- Invest in targeted research, data and training on key policy priorities relating to the UK population's health, wellbeing and prosperity. New research will cover generational issues, inequalities and new social risks.
- Continue to invest in the data infrastructure that will underpin the research community's ability to understand individuals, households, groups and organisations in the UK. Key proposed investments include new collections of survey data and linked administrative datasets that allow researchers to understand how health, education, housing, work and transport interact in more detail than previously possible.
- Support training in the data-science skills needed to link and work with large datasets, unpick causal relationships, lead cross-disciplinary projects, particularly using health/ (epi)genetic data, and use data responsibly.
- Increase opportunities for researchers to work with research users outside academia.
- Improve how data infrastructure can connect to and be used with external data, for example on social networking and consumer behaviour.

"Launch an Inclusive Ageing initiative that takes a life course approach to understanding the impact of early-life-course factors on later life...." [p19]

Inclusive Ageing Background

To develop the call, we:

- Convened an expert thematic advisory group (or TAG) to help advise us more broadly on 'Changing Populations' (spring-summer 2020).

- Had series of 1:1 conversations with policy makers, third sector organisations, researchers, other funders (up to early 2021).

- Used above, plus information about other initiatives and existing portfolio, to focus down on key issues for this call.

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Inclusive Ageing

Aims and Objectives
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Aims and Objectives

- **Address under-representation** of specific communities in ageing research; better understand inequalities, lived experiences of these groups

- Understand in more depth **inequalities** that continue to shape the experience of ageing and older age

- Extend and expand on the parameters of current ageing research, **encouraging new perspectives** and interdisciplinary collaborations both within and outside of social science

- Focus on reducing the impact of inequalities, with projects aiming for **real world change**

- Ultimately make ageing for future populations a **more inclusive** experience

Aims and Objectives

Improve understanding on at least one of the under-researched groups:

Disabled Adults with lifelong physical and learning impairments (from birth or developed in early life) with conditions which meant limited lifespans in the past but who are now living longer

Ethnic Minority adults from midlife to later life, this also includes White minority groups, such as Gypsy, Roma and Irish Traveller groups

LGBT+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and others) adults from midlife to later life

Explore via at least one of these themes:

Contemporary Ageing Risks; Place; Social Networks; Employment and Income; Education and Skills

Inclusive Ageing – Key areas of focus

We want project outlines that:

- Show they are going **beyond description** of inequalities - go further than only mapping the current landscape of ageing

- **Improve understanding** of how social and economic inequalities affect people in later life so that in future, ageing is more inclusive

- Identify **practical ways** of improving inclusivity in later life to make a real world impact on different communities and sectors

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Inclusive Ageing – Key areas of focus

To do this projects must:

- Take a **lifecourse approach** when looking at their selected group/s to know more about how previous experiences inform their lives now and in the future

- Apply an **intersectional** lens to one or more of the themes outlined in the specification – varied/overlapping experiences must be taken into consideration

- Collaborate with **external partners** – this could be through existing or new partnerships, in any sector when appropriate to the project

- Link with other **disciplines/subjects** - to expand the parameters of existing ageing research and gain new insight on older populations

Key Commissioning Dates

- **Deadline for submission of outline proposals – 8th June 2021, 4pm**

- **Outline proposal Panel meeting – September 2021**

- **Shortlisting decisions to applicants – September 2021**

- **Full proposal submission deadline (invite only) – December 2021**

- **Grant start date - June 2022**

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Je-S Submission Process for Applicants

- All applications under this scheme must be completed and submitted through UKRI's Joint Electronic Submissions system (Je-S)

  Applicants should carefully read the Je-S guidance available on the Inclusive Ageing UKRI web page.

- Closing date for outline proposals is 16:00 on 08 June 2021- It will not be possible to submit proposals after the deadline.

  Call name in Je-S; *Inclusive Ageing Outline Call 2021*

- **Award range**: £500,000 - £2,000,000 at 80% fEC

Applicant Eligibility

Organisation eligibility:

- Applications can be submitted by UK higher education institutions and some other independent UK research organisations recognised on Je-S. Full list of IRO's available here.
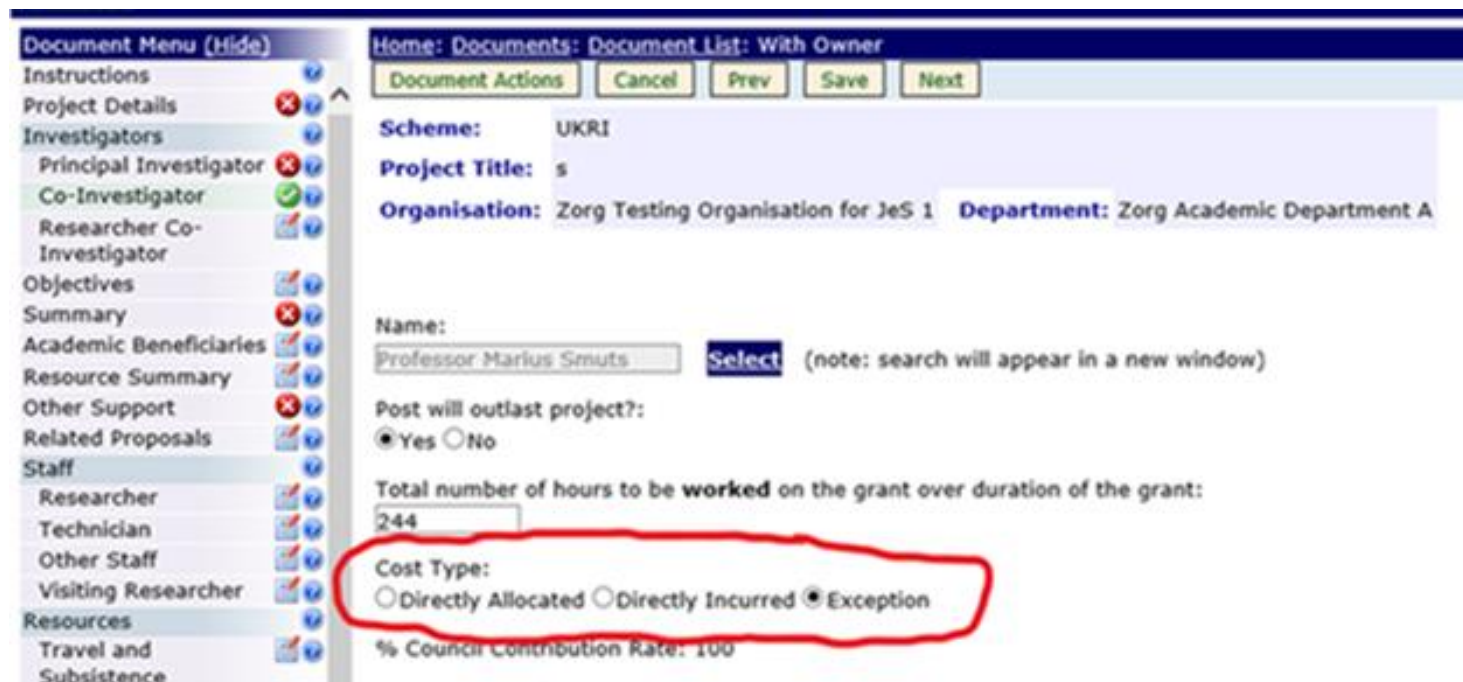
Applicant eligibility;

- The PI must be based at/ or hosted by a UK HEI or UK IRO.
- The PI will take intellectual leadership of the project and manage the research; this individual will be the contact person for ESRC correspondence.
- Applicant's can only be PI on one proposal.

- A Co-investigator (Co-I) assists the Principal Investigator in the management and leadership of the research project. There may be a number of Co-Is supporting the PI.

- All named investigators are responsible for ensuring that successful applications are undertaken and completed in the manner specified.

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International Co-Investigators

Any academic researcher from an established international research organisation of comparable standing to an ESRC-eligible UK research organisation will be eligible to be listed as an international co-investigator under this scheme.

ESRC will fund 100% of justified and associated costs, however associated costs must not exceed 30% of the overall cost of the grant (at 100% fEC).

UK co-investigators in business, civil society or government bodies

Any researcher from an established business, civil society or government body based in the UK will be eligible to be listed as a co-investigator. The ESRC will fund 100% of justified and associated costs, however associated costs must not exceed 30% of the overall cost of the grant (at 100% fEC). Please note that costs cannot be claimed from government bodies.

Research Proposal content guidance

Case for Support – *3 sides of A4 max*
- Aims and objectives
- Research questions
- Methodology
- Collaboration plans with stakeholders
- Impact, outputs and dissemination

CVs (for each named applicant) – *2 sides of A4 max*
- Should utilise this space to ensure relevant details are provided for reviewers to evidence relevance of expertise and experience in relation to the research and impact proposed

Justification of Resources – *1 side of A4 max*
- Applicant's need to justify the resource summary included in Je-S form.
- Funding from all sources should be included in this section; it is not expected that financial details will be precise at this stage. All prices and salaries should be calculated at current prices
- More detailed justification will be required if invited to full stage

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Frequently Asked Questions

Question 1: Can Early Career Researcher (ECRs) be included in/lead proposals?

Answer:
- Yes, we strongly encourage ECRs to be involved in projects

- Don't just think about researchers as individuals but research environment and how this reflects capacity building

- Assessment criteria include **"Have capacity building and professional development opportunities been considered across the team?"**

- ECRs can lead proposals, but note Principal Investigators will need to demonstrate they have the necessary skills required to successfully lead the project

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Frequently Asked Questions

Question 2: Can we run multiple work packages (WPs) to structure the study, and can these WPs be different time lengths?

Answer:

- Yes, multiple work packages of differing lengths are permissible

- These should be appropriate to the research questions being proposed

- The budget range is deliberately broad – we are looking for a range of projects both in size and scope

Frequently Asked Questions

Question 3: Does the call require that participant cohorts proposed in projects be comprised of only older adults who have lived with a lifelong health condition?
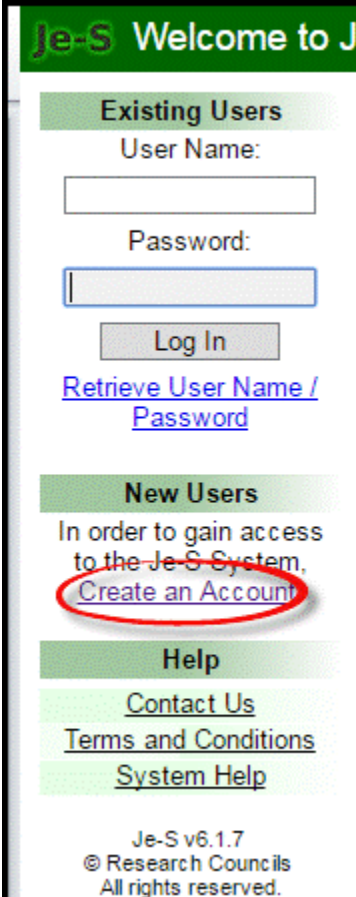
Answer:

- No requirement to use particular cohorts/types of cohorts. No requirement to focus on health. Select primary research areas and secondary data sources suitable for your research questions

- Projects **must** improve understanding of at least one of the 3 groups outlined in the specification: Ethnic minorities, disabled adults with lifelong health conditions, LGBT+

- Projects should take a lifecourse approach – meaning they can include a wider age range in relation to any of the above groups, however the primary focus of research questions should be older people

Frequently Asked Questions

Question 4: Do I need a Je-S account to submit my funding application?

Answer:
- Yes, all applicants, (PI's and Co-I's) should be registered with Je-S.

- If you are a new user to Je-S and would like to create an account please visit the Je-S homepage and select the link, 'Create an account' and follow the instructions.

- It can take a several days for Je-S registration to be authorised, so we ask that those applicants who do not currently hold Je-S accounts, please create one as soon as possible, so that you can be correctly named on the project, before the call closes

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Password:

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Retrieve User Name / Password

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In order to gain access to the Je-S System,
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Frequently Asked Questions

Question 5: How do we involve partners from outside academia? Is it a requirement, can they be funded through the call, how much % can be allocated to them?

Answer:

- Projects should demonstrate collaboration with external partners (from any sector); this is reflected in assessment criteria. How/when this happens will vary depending on the project focus.

- Costs associated with external partners can be included in various ways e.g. co-investigators, travel and subsistence costs, consultancy, partners. Specifics around what is permissible can be found in JeS guidance.

- Where external stakeholders are included as Co-Investigators, contributions must not exceed **30% of the overall cost of the grant (at 100% FEC)**

Frequently Asked Questions

Question 6: Do I need to be an established member of staff at a university to apply to this call?

Answer:

- No, applicants are eligible for funding whether or not they are established members of a recognised Research Organisation (RO).

- Applicants for research grants 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.

- By submitting a proposal, the RO is taking responsibility that they will provide support to the applicant for the duration of the project.

Frequently Asked Questions

Question 7: **Are projects focusing on international case studies eligible?**

Answer:

- Projects should primarily be focused on issues relevant to the UK. International case studies within a primarily UK focussed proposal would be permitted, where they enhance UK understanding

- International collaborators are permitted - see the JeS guidance on how to cost these in

Frequently Asked Questions

Question 8: I am not sure what the reference to existing data sets entails and how these should be used or whether these could be used on top/in addition to primary data sets?

Answer:

- A number of existing datasets provide high quality and in depth information relevant to ageing (e.g. Understanding Society, English Longitudinal Study of Ageing, Healthy Ageing in Scotland). As an organisation, ESRC encourages secondary analysis of these types of datasets

- It is not a requirement to use these, but projects proposing primary research that duplicates information found in existing accessible datasets are unlikely to fare well in review

- Projects combining secondary analysis and primary research are permissible

- Projects should not make the creation/enhancement of new datasets their only focus

Frequently Asked Questions

Question 9: Could you clarify the requirements around the '50% social science' element of proposals?

Answer:

- Projects should be primarily social science (at least 50%); input beyond the social sciences is permitted

- Projects must be interdisciplinary. This requirement can be fulfilled by interdisciplinarity across different social sciences and/or beyond social sciences

- Assessment criteria include **"does the project truly involve a range of research disciplines that are appropriate to the research questions posed?"**

Frequently Asked Questions

Question 10: Our question is around the focus on one of the three under-researched groups identified in the call. Is a proposal that includes one of these groups as a component of a broader study about inequalities acceptable?

Answer:

- Yes. Projects must convincingly demonstrate they are improving evidence and understanding on at least one of the under-researched groups specified (Ethnic Minority adults, LGBT+ adults and Disabled Adults with lifelong physical and learning impairments)

- Projects must take an intersectional approach to any of the themes selected

- Noting assessment criteria **"proposals should demonstrate an innovative research agenda and potential to generate new knowledge, leading to new insights on under-researched groups"**

Frequently Asked Questions

Question 11: We note that the call requires a focus on "disabled adults with lifelong physical and learning impairments (from birth or developed in early life) with conditions which meant limited lifespans in the past but who are now living longer."

Does this preclude a focus on adults who have "acquired" disabilities in later life?

Answer:

- Adults that have acquired disabilities in later life are **not within the scope of this call**

- FAQs note that**: Adults that have developed neurodegenerative conditions or other impairments in mid to later life (e.g. dementia) are out of scope of this call. Neurodegenerative conditions that manifest in early life would be in scope, where they fit other requirements of the call specification**

Frequently Asked Questions

Question 12:

Would dementia be viewed as a contemporary ageing risk? We know behaviours increase the risk of dementia in later life.

Answer:

- No, **dementia is not in the scope of this call**

- Please see the FAQs on the definitions of the other key terms used in the call

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Frequently Asked Questions

Question 13:

Does autism and ADHD fit the disability group criteria for the inclusive ageing call?

Answer:

- Yes, autism and ADHD does fit the criteria for this call

- Please see the FAQs on the definitions of the other key terms used in the call

- Reminder that any questions on scope can be sent in advance of the closing date to ESRCInclusiveAgeing@esrc.ukri.org

Final Remarks

- We are looking for **original projects** that push the boundaries of ageing research, helping gain insight into under-researched groups

- **Innovation** could be through different ways:

- collaborations with other subject areas or disciplines outside social science
- partnerships across different sectors; new methods to reach under-researched groups
- novel, practical outputs that make a real world impact

- If unsure about the whether your ideas/project is in scope please send us a summary paragraph via email so we can advise

- We anticipate this call being **highly subscribed**. Before submitting, read the **JeS guidance**, **call specification, and assessment criteria** to make sure your project fits the brief

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Contact details and key further links

Email with any queries : ESRCInclusiveAgeing@esrc.ukri.org

Useful links:

Inclusive Ageing Outline Call Spec
Inclusive Ageing Je-S Guidance
ESRC Research Funding Guide
International Co-Investigator Policy

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