

Feedback from Panels for the 'Co-Creation and Cross-Disciplinarity in ICT Research Call'

The notes below were made from discussions with the panel members and demonstrate how they felt criteria for cross-disciplinary proposals were best addressed in this particular call.

Future applicants should be aware that their proposals will be assessed by the assessment criteria for the relevant schemes, however, it is hoped that some points may be helpful in writing cross-disciplinary proposals.

Taken from the 2017 Cross-Disciplinarity and Co-Creation in ICT Research Call

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- Ensure that **all collaborators' ideas and opinions** are represented in the proposal and, where appropriate, in the PI response.
- The panel suggested that **Creativity at Home** <https://www.epsrc.ac.uk/funding/applicationprocess/routes/network/ideas/creativityathome/> could be a useful mechanism to help define methodology or identify key issues with research.
- Ensure that the proposal clearly articulates the planned **methodology**. Whilst this is something that will develop considerably during the lifetime of the research programme, especially in a cross-disciplinary programme of research, it is important to describe the planned methodology clearly.
- Proposals should clearly articulate **what has been co-created** and what has been led by researchers in one discipline.
- Proposals where key stakeholders had been included in plans to define research problems or shape the course of research were especially valued.
- Proposals that demonstrate significant potential to **advance both ICT research and the other research areas** involved, were also highly valued by these panels.
- Investigators should demonstrate that they **understand the risks and challenges** with their proposed research, as well as that they have identified plans to mitigate these risks where appropriate.
- If the planned research requires the participation of **members of the public** then ethics should be considered and relevant key partners should be involved. It may be useful to pay special attention to Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI). ORBIT <https://www.epsrc.ac.uk/research/ourportfolio/themes/ict/strategy/orbit/> is a resource aimed at supporting ICT researchers with RRI.
- Reviewers need to be able to understand the proposal **holistically** as well to understand the **specific research challenges** that the proposal seeks to address in **each discipline**. One aspect of achieving this is to define investigators' expertise clearly and consistency throughout the proposal so that reviewers can see which disciplines are involved in the proposed research.

- Panel members felt that describing the **contexts of research challenges** was important. Where investigators had described the state-of-the-art of the other relevant research in their proposed area well, they were able to locate their proposed work in a context and better articulate the novelty in their own research.