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## Grant Assessment Panel (GAP) Academic Member Appointments 2022

ESRC is now inviting applications from academics suitably experienced in the social sciences to act as members of our Grant Assessment Panels (GAPs, <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/esrc/grant-assessment-panels/>).

### About ESRC

ESRC is part of UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), an organisation that brings together the UK's seven research councils, Innovate UK and Research England to maximise the contribution of each council and create the best environment for research and innovation to flourish. The vision is to ensure the UK maintains its world-leading position in research and innovation. UK Research and Innovation is a non-departmental public body funded by a grant-in-aid from the UK government.

We are the UK's largest organisation for funding research on economic and social issues. We support independent, high quality research which has an impact on business, the public sector and civil society. ESRC's total budget for 2020-21 was around £250 million. At any one time ESRC supports over 4,000 researchers and postgraduate students in academic institutions and independent research institutes.

### About the Panels

Our Grant Assessment Panels (GAPs) assess proposals for three key responsive mode schemes: Research Grants, New Investigator Grants and the Secondary Data Analysis Initiative (SDAI).

There are currently three Panels (A-C) organised around a cluster of disciplines with a fourth panel (Panel D) that considers proposals submitted to the Secondary Data Analysis Initiative (SDAI). Between them the Panels cover the whole of ESRC's disciplinary remit. Please see disciplines covered by each Panel here: <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/esrc/grant-assessment-panels/>.

GAPs mainly consist of an academic membership which is drawn from all areas of the social sciences, representing a broad range of expertise, skills and approaches. However, in addition to academic members GAPs also include experienced people from across the public, business and civil society sectors to help ensure ESRC funds high quality research with academic, economic and societal impact.

GAPs also have an opportunity to feed into and learn about ESRC policy development. The ESRC Grants Delivery Group (GDG) considers the funding recommendations from the GAPs on behalf of the ESRC Council and makes the final funding decisions, subject to

available budget. The GDG is chaired by an ESRC Council member. Its other members include the chairs of each of the four GAPs.

## Role of Members

Members of the GAPs are expected to read and assess an average of 30 research proposals per annum and to meet three times a year (in March, July and November) to make funding recommendations. The assessment process for each round takes place over three weeks in the month preceding each meeting. In addition to assessments, members are also asked to read an additional selection of proposals ahead of each meeting.

## Vacancies

We are currently looking for applications specifically in the following disciplinary areas. We have provided details of essential sub-disciplinary focus or breadth of expertise and other desirable expertise.

Applicants may apply to **only one** of the vacancies below, so please ensure that you choose the vacancy which aligns best with your expertise, experience and knowledge.

### Psychology (Panel A, three vacancies):

- Essential: Should have broad expertise across the area of social psychology, including, but not limited to, specific expertise in social cognition, group processes and intergroup relations, self-concept, environmental behaviour, prosocial behaviour, close relationships, and cross-cultural psychology.
- Desirable: Additional knowledge of quantitative, qualitative, experimental or mixed method approaches or the use of secondary data in research.
- Essential: Should have broad expertise across the area of experimental psychology, including specific expertise in quantitative research methods, statistical modelling and open science approaches.
- Desirable: Additional knowledge in the fields of cognitive neuroscience, forensic psychology or applied psychology and the area of human memory and cognition. Knowledge of qualitative or mixed method approaches including the use of longitudinal data is also desirable.
- Essential: Should have broad expertise across the area of psychology of language and communication (particularly adult language processing).
- Desirable: Additional knowledge in the fields of cognitive neuroscience, experimental psychology, experimental linguistics or computational modelling, and in the areas of reading and eye-tracking, multilingualism or research into different languages and different populations.

### **Environmental Planning** (Panel A, one vacancy):

- Essential: Should have broad expertise across the area of environmental planning, including, but not limited to, the areas of urban and rural planning, governance and urban studies, environmental public policy and net-zero.
- Desirable: Additional knowledge of research around place, well-being and healthy environments, cities and communities, contested urbanism or community development. Knowledge of qualitative or mixed method approaches or the use of secondary data in research is also desirable.

### **Human Geography** (Panel A, one vacancy):

- Essential: Should have broad expertise across the area of human geography, including, but not limited to, the areas of migration, displacement, citizenship, borders and belonging, with specific expertise in population geography, development geography and political geography.
- Desirable: Additional knowledge of environmental geography, social and cultural geography or demography. Knowledge of qualitative or mixed method approaches including the use of longitudinal data is also desirable.

### **Education** (Panel B, one vacancy):

- Essential: Should have a broad expertise across the education discipline.
- Desirable: Specific research expertise in topic areas including education inequality and levelling-up, and expertise in quantitative methods. Secondary discipline expertise in sociology is also desirable.

### **Linguistics** (Panel B, one vacancy):

- Essential: Should have a broad expertise including discourse analysis, corpus linguistics and sociolinguistics.
- Desirable: For sociolinguistics, research expertise linking with sociology would be desirable. Research knowledge of machine learning is also desirable.

### **Social Work** (Panel B, one vacancy):

- Essential: Should have a broad expertise in social work and social care. Should have research knowledge in child and family social work as well as adult social care and social work.
- Desirable: Research expertise linking with health, or knowledge of working with young people.

### **Socio Legal Studies** (Panel B, one vacancy):

- Essential: Should have a broad expertise across Socio Legal Studies.
- Desirable: Research expertise in law and technology, access to justice or human rights.

**Sociology** (Panel B, one vacancy):

- Essential: Should have a broad expertise across the discipline of sociology with knowledge of a range of methods, but particularly quantitative methods.
- Desirable: Specific expertise in sociology of health, social inequality, or consumption.

**Management & Business Studies** (Panel C, one vacancy):

- Essential: Should have expertise across the area of management and business studies, particularly in digital transformation, technology and innovation.
- Desirable: Specific expertise in organisational development and/or industrial relations.

**Economic & Social History** (Panel C, one vacancy):

- Essential: Should have a broad expertise across the remit of both economic and social history.
- Desirable: Specific expertise in social history.

**Politics & International Relations** (Panel C, one vacancy):

- Essential: Should have a broad expertise across the political science discipline.
- Desirable: Specific expertise in political behaviour or comparative politics.

**Social Policy** (Panel C, one vacancy):

- Essential: Should have expertise across the social policy discipline.
- Desirable: Specific expertise in qualitative and mixed methods. Research expertise across the life course and linkages with health and social care.

**Education** (Panel D, one vacancy):

- Essential: Should have expertise across the education discipline with specific expertise in secondary data analysis.
- Desirable: Specific expertise in quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods. Research expertise in educational psychology is also desirable.

**Health** (Panel D, one vacancy):

- Essential: Should have expertise across health in the context of social science with specific expertise in secondary data analysis.
- Desirable: Specific expertise in quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods. Research expertise in genetic and bio-social health data.

**Statistics, Computing and Methodologies** (Panel D, one vacancy):

- Essential: Should have expertise in social statistics, computer modelling, and secondary data analysis methodologies.

- Desirable: Specific expertise in quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods, and expertise in analysis of different types of data.

**Social Policy** (Panel D, one vacancy):

- Essential: Should have expertise across the social policy discipline with specific expertise in secondary data analysis.
- Desirable: Specific expertise in quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods.

**Psychology** (Panel D, one vacancy):

- Essential: Should have expertise across the psychology discipline with specific expertise in secondary data analysis.
- Desirable: Specific expertise in quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods. Research expertise in behavioural psychology and psychology in relation to health.

## **Time Commitment**

It is essential that applicants should be able to commit the required time and attention to the role. Applicants should have secured Head of Department approval before applying.

GAP members are expected to commit around 10-15 working days per year to panel business, which includes time taken to assess proposals for each round as well as attendance at GAP meetings. Meetings for each round (three times a year) are generally held over two days.

The dates of upcoming GAP meetings are 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> November 2022, and 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Further dates will be confirmed. Most GAP meetings will take place virtually, via Zoom, for two meetings a year with the third meeting expected to be held in-person.

Membership appointments will run from 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2024. A further one to two year term may be served by mutual agreement.

## **Person Requirements and Eligibility**

Appointments to the Grant Assessment Panels are made against the criteria below. All applicants must be able to satisfy the person specification. Applications are welcomed irrespective of age, disability, sex, gender identity, race, religion or sexual orientation and ESRC will seek to ensure that the membership of its panels demonstrates a suitable balance wherever possible.

Applications are welcome from academics that can demonstrate the following criteria:

- a strong research track record in their field;
- longstanding experience of peer review and/or research commissioning panel experience;
- knowledge and experience of working across disciplinary boundaries;

- an appreciation of international collaborative research and agendas;
- an understanding of knowledge exchange and research impact;
- an appreciation of the value and use of different methodological approaches.

Note: All applicants are expected to have previously been involved in some form of peer review for UKRI.

As a Council we endeavour to ensure that there is a broad institutional representation across the Panels and for this reason, when applying, we would ask candidates to look at Annex I to this document (below), which identifies Research Organisations already represented on GAP.

## Conflicts of Interest

Once appointed, all members of our GAPs are required to declare any private, professional or commercial interests that might conflict with the interests of the ESRC, or which might be perceived by others as creating a conflict of interest. For further information and guidance, please see ESRC's Code of Practice available on the ESRC website: <https://www.ukri.org/publications/esrc-code-of-practice-for-members-of-committees-and-groups/>.

## Payment

To recognise their contribution, members are paid an annual panel membership fee of £800 for completing assessments and participating in three meetings a year. Travel and subsistence expenses will also be reimbursed.

## How to apply

Applications should be submitted using the online form no later than **17:00 on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022**. A short curriculum vitae (no longer than two pages) should also be included. Paper applications will not be accepted.

Please access the online application form at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RH37399>

Applications will be shortlisted internally by a panel of senior ESRC staff. Final decisions will be made in conjunction with the GDG. The successful candidates will be informed about the outcome of the process in late June.

Successful applicants will be expected to be available for an induction session on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September** in Swindon or via Zoom.

ESRC runs periodic open recruitment campaigns for the Grant Assessment Panels (GAP) and the Strategic Advisory Network (SAN, <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/esrc/how-we-are-governed/strategic-advisory-network/>). When we run open calls, we may consider applications when opportunities arise for GAP, SAN or other advisory bodies on a case-by-

case basis. Please tick the relevant box in the application form if you would like us to retain your personal information for up to one year for future opportunities. In this case, your personal information will only be shared with relevant ESRC staff when and if opportunities arise.

## **Application and process queries**

For further information on the appointments process or what the role entails, please contact:

Email: [grants@esrc.ukri.org](mailto:grants@esrc.ukri.org)

## Membership of the ESRC Grant Assessment Panels March 2022

### Panel A

Professor Thomas Ormerod (Chair)	University of Sussex
Professor Louise Waite	University of Leeds
Professor Thom Baguley	Nottingham Trent University
Professor Stefan Bouzarovski	University of Manchester
Professor Mitchell Callan	University of Bath
Dr Siobhan Campbell	Non-academic member
Professor Heather Flowe	University of Birmingham
Professor Rachel Franklin	Newcastle University
Professor Gareth Gaskell	University of York
Professor Jessica Horst	University of Sussex
Professor Ade Kearns	University of Glasgow
Dr Paul Litchfield	Non-academic member
Ms Pam Miller	Non-academic member
Professor Martin Pickering	University of Edinburgh
Dr Victoria Simms	Ulster University
Professor Anna Whittaker	University of Stirling
Dr Mary Zhang	University of Oxford

### Panel B

Professor Svenja Adolphs (Chair)	University of Nottingham
Professor Paul Baker	Lancaster University
Professor Neil Chakraborti	University of Leicester
Dr Tommaso Ciarli	University of Sussex
Ms Anita Dockley	Non-academic member
Professor Laura Dominguez	University of Southampton
Professor John Downey	Loughborough University
Mr James Fletcher	Non-academic member
Professor Jacqui Gabb	Open University
Professor Trevor Gale	University of Glasgow
Professor Alison Kington	University of Worcester
Dr Derek Kirton	University of Kent
Professor John Morison	Queen's University Belfast
Dr Huw Morris	Non-academic member
Professor Karim Murji	University of West London
Dr Beng Huat See	Durham University
Professor Dale Southerton	University of Bristol



## Panel C

Professor Kevin Schurer (Chair)	University of Leicester
Professor Clare Anderson	University of Leicester
Professor David Abbott	University of Bristol
Dr Pardip Bans	Non-academic member
Professor Michael Ben-Gad	City, University of London
Professor Sarah Bracking	Kings College London
Professor Michael Bruter	London School of Economics & Political Science
Dr Anna Dickson	Non-academic member
Professor Jun Du	Aston University
Dr Peggy Froerer	Brunel University
Mr John Galilee	Non-academic member
Professor Oliver James	University of Exeter
Professor Melanie Jones	Cardiff University
Professor Paul Mizen	University of Nottingham
Professor Sabina Siebert	University of Glasgow
Dr Kitty Stewart	London School of Economics & Political Science
Professor Stefan Wolff	University of Birmingham

## Panel D

Professor Athina Vlachantoni (Chair)	University of Southampton
Mr Michael Daly	Non-academic member
Professor Susan Harkness	University of Bristol
Dr Kahryn Hughes	University of Leeds
Professor Simonetta Longhi	University of Reading
Dame Jil Matheson	Non-academic member
Mr Giles Pavey	Non-academic member
Professor Jamie Pearce	University of Edinburgh
Dr Darja Reuschke	University of Southampton
Dr Nadia Siddiqui	Durham University