

Intent to submit process

Background

This document provides additional information for applicants to the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) funding opportunity titled, 'Green Transition Ecosystems'.

Green Transition Ecosystems (GTEs) are large scale projects that focus on translating the best design-led research into real-world benefits. Capitalising on clusters of design excellence, GTEs will address distinct challenges posed by the climate crisis, including but not limited to realising Net Zero goals.

The overarching aims of GTEs are to:

- Empower the UK design research base to respond to regionally and/or sectorally significant green transition challenges in agile and collaborative ways
- Embed circularity and sustainability across product, service, strategy and policy design in relation to the identified challenge(s)
- Contribute to increasing design GVA in the nations and regions of the UK which have seen stagnation or decline
- Realise measurable, green transition-supportive behaviour change across sectors and publics
- Catalyse and foster opportunities for the socially, culturally and environmentally-acceptable commercialisation of design research-led interventions
- Enable and support a greater diversity of voices and perspectives in the design of green-transition supportive-interventions, including users and publics
- Create opportunities to build capacity and capability in design research for green transition challenges

The Green Transition Ecosystems are part of the *Future Observatory: Design the Green Transition* Programme, led by the Arts and Humanities Research Council in partnership with the Design Museum, is an ambitious, £25m multimodal investment which aims to support a comprehensive trajectory of design research, innovation, skills, partnerships and engagement in support of the net zero agenda and the UK's transition to a regenerative and inclusive economy.

Working together, and alongside other key organisations, departments and authorities, the coordinated investments of the programme will provide a greatly strengthened, more visible design R&I national ecosystem, supporting UK Design's vital role in a sustainable, regenerative future.

Intent to submit form

The form will ask you to provide the following information:

- Name(s) of PI
- PI email address
- UK academic institution
- Department
- Proposed project title
- Identified challenge(s) (150 words)
- Short outline of proposed project (250 words)

- Non-academic partners (please only include those already committed to the project)

Timeline

It is a requirement to complete an intent to submit form, and we will only consider full applications from those who have submitted an intent to submit form. You can find the intent to submit document linked from the GTE funding opportunity.

Please note that although Research Organisations can only lead on one full GTE application, they are able to submit multiple intent to submit documents if they have not chosen their specific project by this stage.

You should submit the intent to submit form by **16:00 on the 23 February 2023 via email to ai.design@ahrc.ukri.org**. Please refer to the funding opportunity for the deadline for submitting your application in Je-S.