

Questions not answered in the Where Next webinar:

1. A question about the form: does a 'Group' submission need to be from a formally constituted group or could it be half a dozen individuals collectively feeding in a jointly developed idea?

A group submission does not need to come from a formally constituted group, it can come from any formal or informal group who wish to jointly highlight an idea. You have space within the submission form to briefly outline the nature of the group and can expand on this under the question on how you have developed the idea.

2. If a consortia of universities and cultural sector organisations wanted to submit an application to create a positive action DTP is this something that would be considered.

We are open to any idea which addresses something in our remit, this includes ideas for new types of studentship support.

3. So this is us creating research areas rather than bids for money/support?

Yes, although creating new research areas is only one of the outcomes which ideas might address. We are open to any idea which addresses something in our remit (e.g. new ways of working, new forms of support for research and students).

4. So this is essentially a consultation on future AHRC calls?

It's an ongoing opportunity for our research and stakeholder communities to directly feed into our future strategy and priorities, of which funding opportunities are only one part.

5. What kind of scale of idea are you looking for? Would this scheme accept smaller scale ideas that have a potential to bring about significant change?

We are open to any idea which sits within our remit as an organisation (e.g. focussed on research and the wider research ecosystem, strongly embedding in the arts and humanities, or linked to the way we work). This includes ideas at any scale and at any stage of development. You may wish to take into account the scale of AHRC's existing funding opportunities when thinking about how the idea might end up being supported, and also in making sure that the idea wouldn't fit within an existing opportunity (in which case we would encourage you to use that instead).

6. So are you encouraging people to have an altruistic mindset for this - in as much as the community as a whole should have access to engage with it?

Ideas submitted through this scheme should be broader than an individual research project and so would be of interest to a broad range of researchers and stakeholders. Any funding opportunity which arises from the development of an idea will have to go out to open competition and will be open to all our research and stakeholder communities (subject to eligibility criteria). So, there is an altruistic element in that the person submitting an idea isn't guaranteed to receive any funding. However, it is also an opportunity to shape AHRC's strategy and priorities and to create opportunities which otherwise might not emerge.