UK Research and Innovation

UKRI specific guidance: Work with US-based researchers on 'subthreshold' conflict

Remit

The majority of the UK's part of the proposal must be within ESRC's remit. The ESRC supports independent, high quality research which has an impact on business, the public sector and the third sector. A full list of acceptable ESRC research areas is available on the ESRC's website: https://www.ukri.org/councils/esrc/remit-portfolio-and-priorities/

Who can apply?

Proposals may only be submitted by Research Organisations who are eligible to apply to UKRI. This includes:

- Higher Education Institutions (HEI) that are directly funded or research by Education Funding Councils (HEFCs) in England (Research England), Scotland (SHEFC) and Wales (HEFCW), and Northern Ireland (DFE)
- Independent Research Organisations that have received recognition to apply to the Research Councils, and
- Research Council Institutes. The list of eligible Research Organisations is available on the UKRI website: https://www.ukri.org/apply-for-funding/before-you-apply/check-if-you-are-eligible-for-research-and-innovation-funding/eligible-independent-research-organisations/

Standard ESRC contractual eligibility guidelines apply for this call. Prospective applicants must be employed by the Research Organisation (RO) submitting the proposal. Applicants 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. For such applicants, the RO must provide a covering statement confirming that, in the event of a grant, it will provide accommodation and facilities for the applicant such as would be provided for established members of staff. For further information, please see ESRC's funding guide at: https://www.ukri.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/ESRC-210423-ResearchFundingGuide.pdf.

International Co-Investigators

Researchers who are not based in the call participating countries may participate in the project as Co-Investigators or Project Partners, where there is a clear rationale for doing so. Please note that any academic researcher from an established international research organisation (outside of the call participating countries) of comparable standing to a UKRI eligible UK High Education Institution will be eligible to be listed as an international co-investigator under this call. Further important details can be found in ESRC's International Co-Investigators Policy Guidance.

Inclusion of UK business, third sector or government body co-investigators

Business, third sector or government body co-investigators based in the UK can be included in this call.

Further important details can be found at: https://www.ukri.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/ESRC-020323-IncludingCoinvestigatorsBusinessThirdSectorGovernmentBodiesESRCProposals.pdf.

Available amount of funding

UKRI is making a total of £2.85 million available for the call at 80% FEC. The maximum UK funding per awarded project is £3.57 million at 100% Full Economic Costs (fEC). Please note in accordance with UKRI's standard funding model, we will fund 80% of the fEC of eligible costs for the UK team participating in successful proposals to this call (apart from those items which are eligible to be funded at the exceptional rate of 100%). The UKRI budget requested in your proposal should represent the exact funds being requested from UKRI. You are required to enter 100% and 80% values in the UKRI budget form.

Eligible costs for UK researchers

The UK team requesting funding from UKRI must prepare a budget detailing costs and the requested amount in an UKRI budget template and submit as an attachment of your proposal. The budget template for submitting costs can be found on the call website. Applicants are encouraged to consult the ESRC Research Funding Guide for information about eligible costs that can be requested for UK applicants.

Please note that no grant associated doctoral studentships linked to a UK team will be funded under this call.

Miscellaneous

Please note that submitting an application to the US Department of Defense systems will mean that this Department will process your personal information for the purpose of assessing the application and management of any funding awarded.

All applicants must be able to meet the time commitment to the project as stated in the proposal. Proposals which may result in over-commitment of time, for any applicant across all of their UKRI projects, will not be approved. ESRC does not allow the resubmission of any previously unsuccessful proposal. For further information please see here: https://esrc.ukri.org/funding/guidance-forapplicants/resubmissions-policy/.

Post-Award Information

The successful project will be invited to submit their application to the UKRI Funding Service. This is a formality, and any such project will not be subject to further peer review or other assessment. The submission route will be confirmed when the project decision is conveyed to you.

The grant holder is asked to report the outputs, outcomes, and impact of their funding through UKRI's nominated outcomes collection system. This is currently the researchfish system provided by Interfolio UK.

UKRI-funded researchers are expected to comply with the UKRI open access policy (https://www.ukri.org/funding/information-for-award-holders/open-access/) on research publications and outputs.

Contact

If you have any inquiries about the call, remit, and eligibility criteria of UK based applicants, please feel free to contact us at: esrc-dod@esrc.ukri.org. Please note that anything sent to this inbox may be shared with the US Department of Defense.