

FAQ: UK-Ireland collaboration in the creative economy: research networking awards

Can the Irish applicant edit the application or just the UK?

Only the UK-lead will be able to edit the application directly on the UKRI Funding Service.

Can researcher time be budgeted within an application?

This funding opportunity will follow usual AHRC and Research Ireland criteria for funding. Please consult [AHRC's Research Funding Guide](#) and [Research Ireland's Interim Grant Budget Policy](#).

Can a project lead be an early career researcher?

Yes. This funding opportunity will follow usual AHRC and Research Ireland criteria for eligibility. Please consult [AHRC's Research Funding Guide](#) and [Research Ireland's Interim Grant Budget Policy](#).

Do the UK and Irish team members need to come from Arts & Humanities disciplines?

No. It is the content of the application itself that needs to be rooted within the Arts and Humanities, not the disciplinary background of team members.

Is the £35,000 (FEC) available for the UK component of a network separate to the 35,000EUR available for the Irish component?

Yes, these are separate.

Do all partners need to be based in either the UK or Ireland?

Yes.

If we have leads from Irish and UK universities can research participants, activities and the topic be related to another country?

No- the focus of applications should be the creative economies in UK and Ireland.

Are institutions in Northern Ireland classed as UK institutions or Ireland institutions?

Institutions in Northern Ireland are classed as UK institutions.

Can an Independent Research Organisation in the UK be a partner for an Irish university-based application?

Yes.

Are there restrictions on the size/scale/revenue of the outside academia research organizations?

No restrictions.

How many awards are expected to be made?

It is expected that five awards will be made.

Are you intending to spread awards geographically?

AHRC and Research Ireland will make the final funding decision based on funds available and with the aim of achieving a balanced portfolio of awards which may include sectoral and geographical considerations.

Is there a minimum or maximum number of project team members?

The minimum is a UK-lead researcher and an Ireland-lead researcher. There is no maximum number of team members.

Is it possible for people to participate in more than one application?

It is not possible for proposed project-Leads (either UK-lead or Irish lead) to lead more than one application. However, it is possible for others to participate on more than one application, provided that they would be contractually able to participate if they were involved in multiple successful applications.

Is there a limit of applications per institution?

No, there is no limit.

How many industry partners are required?

None are required. However, the involvement of at least one industry partner is highly advised.

Is it advisable to name everyone from relevant industries that you might invite to workshops and networking events, etc. as a 'partner' on the application?

No- only core network members should be entered as project partners. An outline of whom you will invite to activities should be given in the 'approach' section of the application (but a full list of names is not required).

Can project partners be part of more than one networking application?

Yes, provided that they would be contractually able to participate if they were involved in multiple successful applications.

Can (environmental charities/local authorities) be included as project partners?

Yes.

Can the travel costs of project partners in our budgets?

AHRC - There are specific circumstances where Project Partners do require funding for minor costs such as travel and subsistence, this will be paid at 80% FEC unless otherwise stated by us; note that any applicable Subsidy Control regulation and HMRC guidance will also be considered which may affect the percentage of these costs that we will fund.

Can non-public / industry groups focused on community arts and community development participate?

Yes.

How will the panel be formed, and who will lead the panel?

The panel will be jointly formed by AHRC and Research Ireland and the panel members will have experience from across the sub-sectors defined in the call text. It will be co-chaired by two academics, one nominated by AHRC and one by Research Ireland.

What should I do if the area on which my network will focus does not fit neatly into one of the nine sub-sectors that are outlined in the call text?

In such cases, please select the sub-sector from the list that most closely relates to your application's chosen focus, and then explain in further detail in the body of the application your application's relevance to the call.

Do AHRC/Research Ireland provide support to introduce British & Irish researchers and/or practitioners?



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Research Ireland are organising a matchmaking service on their website for non-academic partners. If non-academic organisations are interested but do not have research/academic contacts, please email creative.economies@researchireland.ie with a brief email to say what your organisation does, what your research needs/interests are in the context of this call, and a contact email address. These details will be posted on the Research Ireland webpage, for the information of Irish and UK lead applicants who may be seeking project partners.

Research Ireland have also provided an [FAQs document](#) which covers country-specific questions.

For more information on the Creative Economy in the UK & Ireland, the following documents will provide useful information:

[UKRI R&D strategy for the creative and cultural economy](#)

[Research resources on Creative Clusters](#)

[Cultural Policy Observatory Ireland \(CPOI\)](#)