

Collaboration opportunities to consider within ESRC election studies portfolio

Applicants are encouraged to consider the following points related to collaboration within the ESRC election studies portfolio.

Commitment to and the facilitation of regular coordination and cooperation across the portfolio. This may include participation in online and in-person meetings, sharing learnings on project governance, and engagement with literature relevant to the other studies.

The considerable research value of early and ongoing collaboration around questionnaire design, and of substantive research question-led collaboration and the discussion of themes across studies. This relates particularly to the development and maintenance of a common set of core questions to support cross-study comparison and comparative analysis (existing time series and the differing needs of different user communities should be considered too). Example collaboration activity includes sharing drafts and circulating questionnaire text.

Methodological collaboration around sampling, modes, and fieldwork, taking into account that contracts with survey agencies may limit some elements of collaboration.

Collaboration around academic and non-academic dissemination activities. For non-academic dissemination, this may be joint public-facing events, and for academic dissemination, national and international conference panels.