<u>The United Kingdom (UKRI - ESRC and UKRI - AHRC)</u>
ESRC and AHRC Eligibility Requirements for T-AP applicants based in the United Kingdom

Note: This addendum to the Trans-Atlantic Platform Social Innovation (T-AP SI) Call for Proposals contains funding agency-specific information for candidates applying for UK funding. Please see the [Trans-Atlantic Platform](#) website for links to the main Call for Proposals.

1.   Funding Information

The UK funding bodies (UKRI – ESRC and UKRI – AHRC) are making a total of £1.5 Mio available for T-AP SI call for proposals.
Any number of eligible UK institutions can form a combined UK team and the partners should identify one institution as the lead.

Maximum funding per awarded project is £200,000 (at 100% Full Economic Costs (fEC). Please see Call for Proposals for more details.

2.   Eligibility

Proposals may be submitted by applicants based at Higher Education (HE) institutions within the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as well as individuals or teams based at Research Councils recognised Independent Research Organisations (see [https://www.ukri.org/files/funding/tcs/eligible-independent-research-organisations-pdf/)](https://www.ukri.org/files/funding/tcs/eligible-independent-research-organisations-pdf/). For the purposes of this call, any applicants from Independent Research Organisations must be eligible for either AHRC or ESRC funding.

Applicants are eligible for funding whether or not they are established members of a recognised Research Organisation (RO), however applicants who are not established members of a recognised RO must be accommodated by one and provided with appropriate facilities to carry out the research. These requirements also apply to any individuals named as co-applicants. They and other staff engaged in the research are normally expected to reside within reasonable travelling distance of the RO. For such applicants, the RO/host institution must provide a covering statement confirming that, in the event of a project being awarded, it will provide facilities for the applicant(s) such as would be provided for established members of staff.

The applicant should normally be the person undertaking responsibility for directing the research and for observing the terms and conditions, as well as being actively involved in carrying it through. The percentage of working time that applicant(s) expect to spend on the research, and the extent of other commitments, should be stated in your application. All applicants and named research staff must be able to meet the time commitment to the project as stated in the application.

The Principal Investigator takes responsibility for the intellectual leadership of the research project and for the overall management of the research or other activities. S/he will be the person to whom we shall address all correspondence and must be based at the organisation at which the grant will be held.

In order to be eligible you must be actively engaged in research at a postdoctoral level. Principal Applicants who have not completed a PhD should demonstrate equivalent research training and/or experience. All applicants must demonstrate a level of skills, knowledge and experience appropriate

to the nature of the proposed project.

Professors Emeriti are eligible to apply. If you are a holder of any other senior non-stipendiary post you may also be eligible to apply for funding if you meet the requirement outlined above). It is possible for the RO to propose that any contract put in place if the proposal was successful would be stipendiary even if the current arrangement is not.

Research proposals may be submitted jointly by more than one applicant. In such cases, one person must be regarded as the principal applicant taking the lead responsibility for the conduct of the research and the observance of the terms and conditions.

All applicants and named research staff must be able to meet the time commitment to the project as stated in the proposal. Where research staff are to be employed on a grant it is assumed as part of the proposal that they or any replacement will not exceed 100 per cent of their time.

Principal investigators may submit only one application to this programme at a time, although they may participate in more than one T-AP SI project. When two or more institutions or organisations collaborate on a project, one of them must serve as the lead applicant and administer the grant on behalf of the others. Late, incomplete, or ineligible applications will not be reviewed.

For all UK applicants, the policy for full Economic Costs (fEC) is to be followed.

3. Application and Submission Information

The narrative should specifically address the project's relevance to the social sciences and/or humanities. A project's research area should fit within the AHRC's and/or ESRC's subject remit. The AHRC remit can be found here: https://ahrc.ukri.org/funding/research/subjectcoverage/ahrc-disciplines; the ESRC subject remit can be found here: https://esrc.ukri.org/funding/guidance-for-applicants/is-my-research-suitable-for-esrc-funding/discipline-classifications/. Applicants should explain how the project advances methodologies in social science and/or humanities research, or how it addresses specific humanities and/or social science questions or issues.

4. Budget guidance

The UK team must prepare a budget detailing costs and the requested amount, including staff costs, outsourcing, travel and subsistence, equipment and consumables, dissemination, evaluation, and other itemised costs. This combined budget should indicate the costs at each separate UK institution. All costs for UK institutions should be costed on the basis of the full economic costs (fEC) of the research and all costs that contribute to the full economic costs of the proposal should be included. Proposals should be costed using TRAC (Transparent Approach to Costing) methodology and should only include the costs

required to support the research related to the proposal (that is, costs which fall outside the scope of the grant should not be included). UKRI have produced a FAQ document for more information regarding costings, which can be found here:
https://www.ukri.org/files/legacy/documents/fecfaq-pdf/

If the proposal is successful, the AHRC/ESRC will contribute 80 per cent of the UK institution costs applied for.

A budget template for submitting costs can be found on the T-AP website.

5.   Application Review

Refer to Call for Proposals.

6.   Post-Award Information

Successful projects will be invited to submit via the Research Councils' Joint Electronic Submissions system (Je-S). This is a formality and any such projects 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.

Whilst there will be no formal project management arrangements in place for these projects, the AHRC and ESRC expects UK-based partners to commit to attending an annual 'all-hands' meeting, at which updates will be given on progress.

7.   Terms and Conditions of Awards

For Terms and Conditions see
https://www.ukri.org/files/legacy/news/grant-fec-tcs-january-2018-v1-pdf/
Projects will be administered by the ESRC and will therefore be subject to the standard terms and conditions of other ESRC research grants. For further details please see:
https://esrc.ukri.org/funding/guidance-for-grant-holders

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