

## Chair of Grants Assessment Panel Appointments 2020

ESRC is inviting applications from academics suitably experienced in the relevant social sciences to the role of Chair for two of its Grant Assessment Panels (GAPs):

- Grant Assessment Panel B
- Grant Assessment Panel C

### About ESRC

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### About the Panels

Our Grant Assessment Panels (GAPs) assess proposals for three key responsive mode schemes: Research Grants, New Investigator Grants and the Secondary Data Analysis Initiative (SDAI).

There are currently three Panels (Panels A-C) organised around a cluster of disciplines with a fourth panel (Panel D) that considers proposals submitted to the Secondary Data Analysis Initiative (SDAI). Between them the Panels cover the whole of ESRC's disciplinary remit.

GAPs consist of a predominantly academic membership which is drawn from all areas of the social sciences, representing a broad range of expertise, skills and approaches. However, in addition to academic members GAPs also include experienced people from across the, public, business and civil society sectors to help ensure ESRC funds high quality research with academic, economic and societal impact.

GAPs also have an opportunity to feed into and learn about ESRC policy development.

The ESRC Grants Delivery Group (GDG) considers the funding recommendations from the GAPs on behalf of the ESRC Council and makes the final funding decisions, subject to available budget. The GDG is chaired by an ESRC Council member. Its other members include the chairs of each of the four GAPs.

## **GAP Chair Vacancies**

There are two GAP Chair vacancies:

- **Panel B**

GAP B considers research grant and new investigator grant proposals from the disciplines of education, linguistics, social work, science & technology studies, socio-legal studies, and sociology.

- **Panel C**

GAP C considers research grant and new investigator grant proposals from the disciplines of economics, management and business studies, area and development studies, economic and social history, political science and international studies, social anthropology, and social policy.

## **Role of GAP Chair**

The Chair does not formally assess applications but has a crucial role in assimilating and summarising the views of Panel members and agreeing an overall score for each application under consideration. They are also a member of the separate Grants Delivery Group which then agrees which of the highest scored applications considered across the Panels are funded.

Applications for the two GAP Chair vacancies are welcome from social science academics. Expertise in one of the disciplines covered by the GAP Chair vacancy being applied for is desirable, but not essential. Applicants are expected to provide demonstrable evidence of their ability to chair major multi-disciplinary funding panels.

Panel Chairs are paid a modest honorarium to recognise their contribution. Travel and subsistence expenses will also be reimbursed.

## **Person Requirements and Eligibility**

Appointments to Grant Assessment Panels are made on merit. All applicants must be able to satisfy the person specification. Applications are welcomed irrespective of age, disability, sex, gender identity, race, religion or sexual orientation. ESRC will also seek to ensure that the membership of its panels demonstrates a suitable balance of gender and regional spread.

Applications are welcome from academics that can demonstrate:

- a proven ability to chair major multi-disciplinary funding panels;

- a strong research track record in their field;
- longstanding experience of peer review;
- knowledge and experience of working across disciplinary boundaries;
- an appreciation of international collaborative research and agendas;
- an understanding of knowledge exchange and research impact;
- an appreciation of the value and use of different methodological approaches.

## **Time Commitment**

It is essential that applicants should be able to commit the required time and attention to the role, and should have secured Head of Department approval before applying.

Applicants should take into account that a minimum of 15 days per year will be required for the role of GAP Chair. This includes attending three GAP and three GDG meetings per year, plus additional time for briefing meetings and preparation for meetings.

The dates of the 2020/21 GAP meetings are Thursday 12 November and Thursday 18 March 2021. Further dates will be confirmed. Meetings are normally held in Swindon.

Appointments will run from 1 January 2021 to 31 August 2022. A further one to two years term may be served by mutual agreement.

## **Conflicts of Interest**

Applicants are asked to declare any potential conflicts of interest on the application form, and once appointed, all members of our GAPs are required to declare any private, professional or commercial interests that might conflict with the interests of the ESRC, or which might be perceived by others as creating a conflict of interest.

## **How to apply**

Applications should be submitted using the online form no later than 17.00 on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020. Note that this form is also used for ordinary membership of GAPs, so please make sure you select the correct vacancy you are applying for (Chair of GAP B or C) and ensure that the key skills criteria outlined above are fully addressed in your submission. A short curriculum vitae (no longer than 2 A4 pages) should also be included. Paper applications will not be accepted. All applicants will receive acknowledgement of their submission.

Applications will be shortlisted internally by a panel of senior officers.

Interviews with shortlisted candidates will be held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020 via Zoom. Final decisions will be made in conjunction with the GDG.

Successful applicants will also be asked to attend and observe the next meeting of the Grant Assessment Panels on the 12<sup>th</sup> November (this may change to a 2 day meeting) via Zoom, and will be expected to be available for an induction session on the **13<sup>th</sup> January 2021 in Swindon** or via Zoom.

## **Application and process queries**

For further information on the appointments process or what the role entails, please contact:

Email: [grants@esrc.ac.uk](mailto:grants@esrc.ac.uk)

## APPENDIX I

### Membership of the ESRC Grant Assessment Panels

#### Panel A

<b>Professor Thomas Ormerod (Chair)</b>	University of Sussex
<b>One Academic Vacancy</b>	
<b>One User Vacancy</b>	
Professor Thom Baguley	Nottingham Trent University
Professor Mitchell Callan	University of Bath
Dr Rebecca Charlton	Goldsmiths, University of London
Dr Marcus Green	Non-academic member
Professor Geoffrey Haddock	Cardiff University
Professor Ade Kearns	University of Glasgow
Professor Martin Pickering	University of Edinburgh
Dr Deborah Riby	Durham University
Dr Siobhan Campbell	Non-academic member
Professor Louise Waite	University of Leeds
Professor Rachel Franklin	University of Newcastle
Professor Gareth Gaskell	University of York
Professor Anna Whittaker	University of Stirling
Dr Jessica Horst	University of Sussex

#### Panel B

<b>Vacancy (Chair)</b>	
<b>Two Academic Vacancies</b>	
<b>One User Vacancy</b>	
Professor David Gadd (Vice Chair)	University of Manchester
Professor Paul Baker	Lancaster University
Professor Luna Filipovic	University of East Anglia
Dr Derek Kirton	University of Kent
Professor John Morison	Queen's University, Belfast
Professor Dale Southerton	University of Manchester
Professor John Downey	Queen's University Belfast
Professor Jacqui Gabb	Open University
Professor Trevor Gale	University of Glasgow
Professor Louise Archer	UCL Institute of Education
Dr Beng Huat See	Durham University
Ms Anita Dockley	Non-Academic member
Ms Yvette Hutchinson	Non-Academic member

## Panel C

### Vacancy (Chair)

#### One Academic Vacancy

#### One User Vacancy

Professor David Abbott

University of Bristol

Professor Clare Anderson

University of Leicester

Professor Michael Bruter

London School of Economics & Political Science

Mr Paul Evans

Non-academic member

Dr Ana E Juncos Garcia

University of Bristol

Professor Andrew Mountford

Royal Holloway, University of London

Ms Sharon Palmer

Non-academic member

Professor Stephen Roper

Warwick Business School

Professor Sabina Siebert

University of Glasgow

Professor Sarah Bracking

Kings College, University of London

Professor Paul Mizen

University of Nottingham

Professor Oliver James

University of Exeter

Dr Peggy Froerer

Brunel University London

Dr Pardip Bans

Non-academic member

## Panel D

### Professor Fiona Matthews (Chair)

Newcastle University

#### Four Academic Vacancies

#### One User Vacancy

Professor Mark Hamer

Loughborough University

Professor Paul Montgomery

University of Birmingham

Dr Darja Reuschke

University of Southampton

Dr Nadia Siddiqui

Durham University

Mr Giles Pavey

Non-academic member

Dr Ellen Flint

Non-academic member