Grants Assessment Panel Member Appointments 2021

ESRC is now inviting applications from academics suitably experienced in the social sciences to act as members of our Grant Assessment Panels (GAPs).

About ESRC

ESRC is part of UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), an organisation that brings together the UK’s seven research councils, Innovate UK and Research England to maximise the contribution of each council and create the best environment for research and innovation to flourish. The vision is to ensure the UK maintains its world-leading position in research and innovation. UK Research and Innovation is a non-departmental public body funded by a grant-in-aid from the UK government.

We are the UK's largest organisation for funding research on economic and social issues. We support independent, high quality research which has an impact on business, the public sector and civil society. ESRC’s total budget for 2020-21 was around £250 million. At any one time ESRC supports over 4,000 researchers and postgraduate students in academic institutions and independent research institutes.

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 (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. Please see disciplines covered by each Panel here: Responsive mode grant assessment process - Economic and Social Research Council (ukri.org).

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.

**Vacancies**

We are currently looking for applications specifically in the following disciplinary areas. We have provided details of essential sub-disciplinary focus or breadth of expertise and other desirable expertise:

**Psychology (Panel A)**
- Essential: Should have broad expertise in the area of Developmental Psychology including lifespan development
- Desirable: Expertise in atypical development and in the areas of social behaviour, social participation, and health (including mental health)

**Psychology (Panel A)**
- Essential: Should have broad expertise in the area of Social Psychology
- Desirable: Expertise in research in the areas of: attitudes, violence and aggression, prosocial behaviour, prejudice and discrimination and/or group behaviour

**Education (Panel B)**
- Essential: Should have broad expertise in the area of Education

**Linguistics (Panel B)**
- Essential: Should have broad expertise in the area of Linguistics
- Desirable: Expertise in language acquisition

**Socio-Legal Studies (Panel B)**
- Essential: Should have broad expertise in the area of Socio-Legal Studies
- Desirable: Expertise in criminal justice

**Sociology (Panel B)**
- Essential: Should have broad expertise in the area of Sociology
- Desirable: Expertise in the area(s) of sociological causes of crime

**Economics (Panel C)**
- Essential: Should have expertise across the area of macroeconomics
- Desirable: Specific expertise in macroeconomic theory, fiscal policy or international trade.

**Management and Business Studies (Panel C)**
- Essential: Should have expertise across the area management and business studies
- Desirable: Specific expertise in productivity, growth and/or innovation
Role of Members

Members of the GAPs are expected to read and comment on an average of 30 research proposals per annum and to meet three times a year (in March, July and November) to make funding recommendations.

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 and ESRC will seek to ensure that the membership of its panels demonstrates a suitable balance wherever possible.

Applications are welcome from academics that can demonstrate:

- 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.

Note: All applicants are expected to have previously been involved in some form of peer review for UKRI.

As a Council we endeavour to ensure that there is a broad institutional representation across the Panels and for this reason, when applying, we would ask candidates to look at Appendix 1 to this document (below), which identifies Research Organisations already represented on GAP.

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.

GAP members are expected to commit around three working days per year to panel business, in addition to attending GAP meetings (three one-day meetings per year/one two-day meeting every other year).

The dates of the 2021/22 GAP meetings are Thursday 4 November 2021 and Thursday 17 March 2022. Further dates will be confirmed. Meetings are normally held in Swindon.

Appointments will run from 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2023. A further one to two years term may be served by mutual agreement.
Conflicts of Interest

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.

Payment

Members are paid an attendance fee per meeting to recognise their contribution. Travel and subsistence expenses will also be reimbursed.

Members will be refunded all reasonable expenses incurred in connection with ESRC business. Further information and guidance for members of ESRC’s Council, committees, networks and panels are available on ESRC website: https://esrc.ukri.org/about-us/governance-and-structure/

How to apply

Applications should be submitted using the online form no later than 17.00 on 7th May 2021. 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. Final decisions will be made in conjunction with the GDG. The successful candidates will be informed about the outcome of the process in the week commencing 21st June 2021.

Successful applicants will be expected to be available for an induction session on the 9th September 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.ukri.org
APPENDIX I

Membership of the ESRC Grant Assessment Panels

Panel A

Professor Thomas Ormerod (Chair) University of Sussex
Two Academic Vacancies
One User Vacancy
Professor Louise Waite (Vice Chair) University of Leeds
Professor Thom Baguley Nottingham Trent University
Professor Stefan Bouzarovski University of Manchester
Professor Mitchell Callan University of Bath
Dr Siobhan Campbell Non-academic member
Dr Heather Flowe University of Birmingham
Professor Rachel Franklin Newcastle University
Professor Gareth Gaskell University of York
Dr Jessica Horst University of Sussex
Professor Ade Kearns University of Glasgow
Dr Paul Litchfield Non-academic member
Professor Martin Pickering University of Edinburgh
Professor Anna Whittaker University of Stirling

Panel B

Professor Svenja Adolphs (Chair) University of Nottingham
Four Academic Vacancies
One User Vacancy
Professor Paul Baker Lancaster University
Dr Tommaso Ciarli University of Sussex
Ms Anita Dockley Non-academic member
Professor John Downey Loughborough University
Mr James Fletcher Non-academic member
Professor Jacqui Gabb Open University
Professor Trevor Gale University of Glasgow
Dr Derek Kirton University of Kent
Professor John Morison Queen's University, Belfast
Dr Beng Huat See Durham University
Professor Dale Southerton University of Bristol
Panel C

**Professor Kevin Schurer (Chair)**  
University of Leicester

**Two Academic Vacancies**

**One User Vacancy**

Professor Athina Vlachantoni (Vice Chair)  
University of Southampton

Professor Clare Anderson  
University of Leicester

Professor David Abbott  
University of Bristol

Dr Pardip Bans  
Non-academic member

Professor Sarah Bracking  
Kings College, University of London

Professor Michael Bruter  
London School of Economics & Political Science

Dr Anna Dickson  
Non-academic member

Dr Peggy Froerer  
Brunel University

Professor Oliver James  
University of Exeter

Professor Melanie Jones  
Cardiff University

Professor Paul Mizen  
University of Nottingham

Professor Sabina Siebert  
University of Glasgow

Professor Stefan Wolff  
University of Birmingham

Panel D

**Vacancy (Chair)**

Professor Mark Hamer (Vice Chair)  
University College London

Professor Susan Harkness  
University of Bristol

Dr Ellen Flint  
Non-academic member

Dr Kahryn Hughes  
University of Leeds

Professor Simonetta Longhi  
University of Reading

Dame Jil Matheson  
Non-academic member

Professor Rosie Meek  
Royal Holloway, University of London

Professor Paul Montgomery  
University of Birmingham

Mr Giles Pavey  
Non-academic member

Professor Jamie Pearce  
University of Edinburgh

Dr Darja Reuschke  
University of Southampton

Dr Nadia Siddiqui  
Durham University