

Grants Assessment Panel Appointments 2019

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

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 organised around a cluster of disciplines with a fourth panel that considers proposals submitted to the Secondary Data Analysis Initiative (SDAI). Between them the Panels cover the whole of ESRC's disciplinary remit.

Membership of a GAP is an opportunity to work with other experienced people from across the academic, public, business and civil society sectors to help ensure ESRC funds high quality research with academic, economic and societal impact. Members will 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.

Panel membership is drawn from all areas of the social sciences, representing a broad range of expertise, skills and approaches.

New members

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:

Demography (Panel A)

- Essential: Should have expertise in the area of demography and population studies.
- Desirable: Specific expertise in geography and social statistics; or public health and/or global health is desirable.

Psychology (Panel A) – Post 1 of 3

- Essential: Should have broad expertise in the areas of behavioural psychology and/or developmental psychology.

Psychology (Panel A) – Post 2 of 3

- Essential: Should have broad expertise in the area of developmental psychology.
- Desirable: Specific expertise in psychology in education; language processing, especially reading development; interface between spoken and written language; verbal memory; developmental disorders; linguistics and education.

Psychology (Panel A) – Post 3 of 3

- Essential: Should have broad expertise in the area of cognitive and/or behavioural psychology.
- Desirable: Specific expertise in the use of fMRI and/or MEEG methodologies; memory and attention studies; atypical behaviours.

Education (Panel B) – Post 1 of 2

- Essential: Should have broad expertise across the educational discipline.
- Desirable: Specific expertise in primary and/or secondary education is desirable.

Education (Panel B) – Post 2 of 2

- Essential: Should have broad expertise across the educational discipline.
- Desirable: Specific expertise in school performance, evaluation and effectiveness.

Sociology of Education (Panel B)

- Essential: Should have broad expertise across the sociology of education
- Desirable: Specific expertise in higher education is desirable.

Sociology (Panel B)

- Essential: Should have a broad expertise across the sociology discipline.
- Desirable: Specific expertise in media studies, digital media or research methods is desirable

Economics (Panel C)

- Essential: Should have expertise across the area of macroeconomics
- Desirable: Specific expertise in financial economics, financial stability or systemic risk is desirable.

Area and Development Studies (Panel C)

- Essential: Should have a broad expertise across the area and development studies remit.
- Desirable: Specific expertise in development studies is desirable.

Politics and International Studies (Panel C)

- Essential: Should have a broad expertise across the political science discipline.
- Desirable: Specific expertise in comparative politics, political institutions, or governance is desirable.

Social Anthropology (Panel C)

- Essential: Should have a broad expertise across the remit of social anthropology.

Social Policy (Panel C)

- Essential: Should have a broad expertise across the remit of social policy.
- Desirable: Specific expertise in social exclusion, research across the life course, or welfare systems is desirable.

Members are expected to assess an average of 30 applications a year and to meet three times a year (in March, July and November) to make funding recommendations. Meetings may be held in Swindon or London.

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 I to this document (below), which identifies Research Organisations already represented on GAP.

New Chair for Panel A

In addition to the appointment of new members, there is also a vacancy to chair Panel A. This Panel covers the disciplines of psychology, statistics and computing and methodologies, demography, environmental planning and human geography. 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 a member of the GDG which then agrees which of the highest scored applications considered across the Panels are funded.

Applications are welcome from academics of any disciplinary background and are not limited to those with expertise in the disciplines covered by Panel A. Applicants are rather expected to provide demonstrable evidence of their ability to Chair major multi-disciplinary funding panels. Interviews for shortlisted candidates for the role of Panel Chairs will be held in London on Tuesday 11 June 2019.

The successful applicant will be asked to attend and observe the next meeting of the Grant Assessment Panels on the 11 July in Swindon. Panel Chairs are paid a modest honorarium to recognise their contribution.

Key Skills (all applicants)

Applications are welcome from academics that can demonstrate

- a strong research track record in their field;
- a longstanding experience of peer review;
- a 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.

Applications are welcomed irrespective of sex, age, colour, ethnic origin, religion, disability or sexual orientation. ESRC will also seek to ensure that the membership of its panels demonstrates a suitable balance of gender and regional spread.

A small honorarium is paid to panel members to recognise their workload and time contribution. Travel and subsistence expenses will also be reimbursed.

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 for the Panel A Chair position should take into account that a minimum of 10 days will be required for attending GAP and GDG meetings, plus briefing meetings and preparation for meetings.

How to apply

Applications should be submitted online no later than 17.00 on 10 May 2019. 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 by the ESRC's Directors, in conjunction with the GDG.

Successful applicants will be appointed for two years initially, with possible renewal for a further two years. Invitations will be sent to successful candidates in late June and members will be expected to be available for a briefing session on **5 September in Swindon**.

APPENDIX I

Membership of the ESRC Grant Assessment Panels

Panel A

Vacancy (Chair)

Four Academic Vacancies

One User Vacancy

Professor Thom Baguley	Nottingham Trent University
Professor Clive Barnett	University of Exeter
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
Dr Paul Litchfield	Non-academic member
Professor Martin Pickering	University of Edinburgh
Dr Deborah Riby	University of Durham
Ms Stacy Sharman	Non-academic member
Professor Louise Waite	University of Leeds

Panel B

Professor Sally Power (Chair)

Cardiff University

Four Academic Vacancies

One User Vacancy

Professor David Gadd (Vice Chair)	University of Manchester
Professor Paul Baker	Lancaster University
Professor Robert Evans	Cardiff University
Professor Luna Filipovic	University of East Anglia
Professor Sally Hines	University of Leeds
Ms Yvette Hutchinson	Non-academic member
Dr Derek Kirton	University of Kent
Professor John Morison	Queen's University, Belfast
Mr Peter Moyes	Non-academic member
Professor Dale Southerton	University of Manchester
Professor Sally Thomas	University of Bristol

Panel C

Professor Jane Millar (Chair)

University of Bath

Five Academic Vacancies

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 Karl Taylor

University of Sheffield

Panel D

Professor Fiona Matthews (Chair)

Newcastle University

One User Vacancy

Professor Darren Smith (Vice Chair)

Loughborough University

Professor Andy Charlwood

University of Leeds

Professor Mark Hamer

Loughborough University

Dr Tina Haux

University of Kent

Professor Paul Montgomery

University of Birmingham

Dr Darja Reuschke

University of Southampton

Dr Nadia Siddiqui

Durham University

Professor Helen Simpson

University of Bristol

Dr Sophie von Stumm

London School of Economics & Political Science

Dr Allan Sudlow

Non-academic member