

Grants Assessment Panel Member Appointments 2020

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

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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 (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 GAs.

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:

Human Geography (Panel A)

- Essential: Should have broad expertise in the area of human geography and related fields
- Desirable: Expertise in urban/rural environmental issues, environmental planning, climate change, social justice and inequalities or infrastructure is desirable

Psychology (Panel A)

- Essential: Should have broad expertise in the areas of forensic and cognitive psychology.
- Desirable: Expertise in broader areas of Psychology with specific expertise in health psychology; ageing; the use of fMRI and/or MEEG methodologies; memory and attention studies and atypical behaviours.

Science and Technology Studies (Panel B)

- Essential: Should have broad expertise in the area of Science and Technology Studies

Economics (Panel C)

- Essential: Should have broad expertise in the area of microeconomics
- Desirable: Specific expertise in applied microeconomics is desirable

Politics and International Relations (Panel C)

- Essential: Should have expertise across the breadth of international studies
- Desirable: Specific expertise in conflict studies, security studies, international relations or foreign policy would be desirable. **Economics (Panel D)**
- Essential: Should have expertise across the area of Economics. Also a good understanding of longitudinal studies and (re)use of other secondary data for research in social sciences

Social Policy/Sociology (Panel D)

- Essential: Should have broad Sociological expertise and ability to focus on socio economic inequalities. Also a good understanding of longitudinal studies and (re)use of other secondary data for research in social sciences

Geography/Political Science and International Relations (Panel D)

- Essential: Broad expertise in the area of Geography. Also a good understanding of longitudinal studies and (re)use of other secondary data for research in social sciences
- Desirable: Should have a broad expertise across the political science discipline

Psychology (Panel D)

- Essential: Broad expertise in developmental psychology. Also a good understanding of longitudinal studies and (re)use of other secondary data for research in social sciences

Sociology (Panel D)

- Essential: Should have broad Sociological expertise. Also a good understanding of longitudinal studies and (re)use of other secondary data for research in social sciences

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. 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 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.

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.

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 2020/21 GAP meetings are 12 November and 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.

Payment

There is normally an annual honorarium of £800 per annum paid to members to recognise their contribution

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 18 September 2020. 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 19 October 2020 .

Successful applicants will be expected to be available for an induction session on the **13 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

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 Thom Baguley	Nottingham Trent University
Professor Mitchell Callan	University of Bath
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

Vacancy (Chair)	
Two Academic Vacancies	
One User Vacancy	
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	Loughborough University
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)

Two Academic Vacancies

One User Vacancy

Professor David Abbott
Professor Clare Anderson
Professor Michael Bruter
Mr Paul Evans
Professor Andrew Mountford
Ms Sharon Palmer
Professor Stephen Roper
Professor Sabina Siebert
Professor Sarah Bracking
Professor Paul Mizen
Professor Oliver James
Dr Peggy Froerer
Dr Pardip Bans

University of Bristol
University of Leicester
London School of Economics & Political Science
Non-academic member
Royal Holloway, University of London
Non-academic member
Warwick Business School
University of Glasgow
Kings College, University of London
University of Nottingham
University of Exeter
Brunel University London
Non-academic member

Panel D

Professor Fiona Matthews (Chair)

Five Academic Vacancies

One User Vacancy

Professor Mark Hamer
Professor Paul Montgomery
Dr Darja Reuschke
Dr Nadia Siddiqui
Mr Giles Pavey
Dr Ellen Flint

Newcastle University

Loughborough University
University of Birmingham
University of Southampton
Durham University
Non-academic member
Non-academic member