



UKRI Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund (ISCF) Healthy Ageing Catalyst Awards (Outline Stage) 2020

Frequently Asked Questions

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In order to remain transparent this document will be updated to reflect those questions most frequently raised with UKRI by potential applicants. This document should therefore be referred to regularly in conjunction with the call documents

<https://www.ukri.org/funding/funding-opportunities/healthy-ageing-catalyst-awards-2020/>

1. How do I apply for this call?

All proposals under this call must be completed and submitted through the UKRI's Joint Electronic Submissions (Je-S) system (<https://je-s.rcuk.ac.uk/>). Please refer to our [Je-S guidance](#) for further information.

2. How much funding is available for each award?

The funding available is £62,500 (at 100% fEC). UKRI will provide £50,000 (80% fEC), with the remainder coming from your institution.

3. What should the duration of the proposed research be?

The duration of the grant should not exceed 12 months.

4. Can the applicant be an Early Career Researcher?

Yes. Applicants are welcomed from researchers at all career stages.

5. Can the proposal nominate more than one Principal Investigator?

Yes. Multiple Principal Investigators are welcomed, as long as they meet [standard eligibility requirements](#).

6. Can the application include Co-Investigators?

Yes. Co-Investigators can be included in applications, subject to [standard eligibility requirements](#).

7. This call is being administered by ESRC, does that mean only Social Scientists are eligible to apply?

No. ESRC are running this call on behalf of UKRI and applications are welcome from all discipline areas. However, those covering areas normally associated with social science and the humanities are encouraged, as innovations in these areas are currently under-represented in the healthy ageing field.

8. My institution does not have a Knowledge Exchange Officer (KEO), Technology Transfer Officer (TTO), or equivalent. What should I do?

Your institution can nominate another individual who is willing to support your application, as long as they have experience of supporting knowledge exchange, technology transfer, or impact activities, and they have capacity to provide support and advice to your project team during the duration of the award. If no individual is nominated for this role, it will impact on the assessment of your application.

9. How can my institution demonstrate funding is difficult to obtain from other sources?

Funding is considered difficult to obtain if your application:

- Would be unlikely to be funded through a UKRI responsive scheme (or equivalent), because the application is very early stage and/or particularly high-risk;
- Does not meet the requirements for existing targeted calls from UK funders, and;
- The applicant does not have access to, or would be unlikely to obtain funding from, existing schemes designed to support and catalyse the impact or commercialisation of research (e.g. Impact Accelerator Awards)

10. What is a compelling and well-defined milestone?

Your initial milestone should be a measurable indication of what you wish to achieve during the lifetime of the project. It is intended as a way of reflecting on progress *during* the project and, therefore, should not be placed at the end of the grant period. It is recognised that it may be necessary to alter milestones as projects progress, and grant holders will be given the opportunity to do this, subject to discussion and agreement with the ESRC and the project support provider.

11. Je-S requests that I attach a CV, but the call is anonymous. What should I do?

You do not need to supply a CV at this stage. Please enter 'not applicable' for this section of the application.

12. Support staff are permitted on this call. Please define 'support staff'.

Various staff can be included on the application to support the Principal Investigator, but the intellectual leadership, management, organisation and fiscal responsibility for the grant will rest with the PI alone. Examples of staff who could be included on an application: research, administrative, IT, etc.

13. Will successful applicants be permitted to apply for funding under other calls within the Healthy Ageing Challenge?

Yes. Healthy Ageing Catalyst Award grant holders will be permitted to apply for funding within the Healthy Ageing Challenge portfolio.

14. What happens to my proposal once I have submitted it?

Once your proposal is submitted via Je-S it will be checked by the UKRI Grants Operations team to make sure the proposal fits UKRI'S basic eligibility criteria. Your proposal will then be subject to further checks to ensure it is eligible for consideration for this call. Your proposal could be rejected at this stage if deemed

ineligible. If it is considered acceptable, it will be assessed by the sift Panel. If your proposal is shortlisted, you will be invited to submit a full application to the final stage. Decisions for the outline stage are expected in April 2020.

15. Who are the Panel Members?

The Panel is made up of senior UKRI colleagues, as well as external individuals with expertise in healthy ageing and/or innovation.

16. Where and when will the interviews take place?

There will be no interviews at the outline stage. Successful applicants will be invited to apply for the full stage, and information regarding assessments and interviews for this phase will be supplied at that time.

17. Where can I find out more information about the Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund?

The Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund is part of government's Industrial Strategy, the long-term plan to raise productivity and earning power in the UK. More information can be found at www.ukri.org/innovation/industrial-strategy-challenge-fund.

18. When will further information about funding opportunities under the ISCF Healthy Ageing Challenge be available?

The webpages for the Healthy Ageing Challenge have information on all funding opportunities and will be regularly updated. You can also sign up for regular updates from the challenge from these webpages. See here - www.ukri.org/innovation/industrial-strategy-challenge-fund/healthy-ageing for further information.

19. Do I need to include letters of support at the outline stage?

No, but we do require the details of a named Head of Department (or equivalent), and a Knowledge Exchange Officer/Technology Transfer Officer (or equivalent) who would be willing to support the proposal at the full proposal stage if required.

20. Who do I contact if I have any queries?

Please direct any queries to:

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