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Frequently Asked Questions

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This document sets out answers to a range of frequently asked questions which potential applicants may have. It may be updated while the call is open to elaborate or supplement answers, in response to received queries. However, the FAQ is a supplement to, not substitute for, the details provided in the call specification and associated guidance documents. These are available at the call webpage.

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I Questions on who can apply to the call

1.1 Who can submit a proposal to ORA six?
Since eligibility criteria are subject to national regulation, these criteria are described in the country specific requirements (Section II of the Call Specification). If you are unsure, please contact the relevant national contact officers prior to submitting a proposal.

1.2 Can I be involved in more than one ORA application?
Any project participant (Principal Investigator, Co-Investigator, Team Member; for definitions see (Je-S Guidance for Applicants) can only be involved in ONE proposal in the current round, in any capacity. In case an applicant appears in two applications, both applications will be declared ineligible and rejected by the call Secretariat.

1.3 Can any organisation submit a proposal?
The call is open to proposals from eligible applicants from three or more of the subscribing countries ie Canada, France, Germany and UK. All applicants should check institutional eligibility rules of each participating agency and/or contact national contact person for further details. Proposals with a cooperation partner in Japan do not count against the three country minimum.

1.4 Are investigators from outside of the four countries eligible to be included in the scheme?
Some of the partner agencies allow for other international collaborations to be included within the terms of their normal research grants. These policies will apply to Co-Investigators outside the four countries if the work of these investigators is most closely aligned with the national research team for which such collaborations are allowed. For example, for ESRC, the policy on international Co-Investigators will apply, provided that these investigators work most closely with the UK research team. For DFG, regulations for cooperation with developing countries will apply.

For SSHRC, researchers from international postsecondary institutions can participate as co-investigators, while any international individual can participate as a collaborator.
You will need to check the eligibility rules of the national agency with which researchers outside the four countries are most naturally aligned for confirmation of eligibility.

If you have researchers from outside of the four countries whose costs are not covered by the funders’ national terms and conditions (as above) but who have agreed to cooperate with your project, you should list their details in the Cooperation Partners sections on the application form and on the application website. Please note that no funding can be requested to cover research from Cooperation Partners, but some funders may cover essential travel costs.

For this round there is a special opportunity for cooperation with projects in Japan with the aim to strengthen cooperation between researchers in Japan and ORA six partners. JSPS as the national funding organization of Japan has established a funding scheme to support projects which are associated with ORA. Any project wishing to apply for JSPS funds to support Japanese researchers on their application should ensure they apply to the JSPS associate call and tick the Japanese associated partner box on the Project Participants attachment.

1.5 How many Principal Investigators may be included in a proposal?
Each national party will have a Principal Investigator (PI) in that country, which must be clearly identified in the Project Participants attachment. PIs will act as national contact points with their national funding agencies and fulfil the role of a PI as defined in the rules of their agency. Apart from the national PI there might be other applicants who also request funding. These applicants are per definition Co-Investigators (Co-Is). There is not supposed to be any sort of hierarchy between PI and Co-I but depending on national rules, PIs might be accountable for specific duties with regard to their funding agency.

There is no limit to the number of participants that can be involved in the project, but all team members must make a significant contribution to the conduct of the research.

1.6 Why do we need to name a Main Applicant?
For the electronic application process, one of the Principal Investigators will act as Main Applicant and submit the online and full proposals on behalf of all project partners. The ORA partners will direct communications about the progress of the application to this person only, and they are therefore responsible for informing the other parties in the application.

2 Questions on what can be applied for in this call

2.1 How much can be applied for in this call?
All budget items must conform to the national rules relevant for each applicant. The total value of proposals requested from each national agency should not exceed the funding limit for that agency. The following funding limits will apply:

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<td>DFG</td>
<td>No maximum limit per project</td>
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<td>ESRC</td>
<td>Up to £600,000 at 100% fEC (£480,000 at 80% fEC) with a minimum of £200,000 (100% fEC) per project</td>
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<td>SSHRC</td>
<td>Up to $400,000 per project, with a maximum of $135,000 per year per project</td>
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2.2 How long can a grant last?
This call allows proposals for projects between 24 and 36 months. What the research is focused on and how it will be conducted will determine the most appropriate length for a grant. Value for money will be a criterion of assessment in reaching funding decisions.

2.3 Should costs be broken down in detail or proposed as a lump-sum amount?
In outline stage 1 applicants should report the total amount of funds requested for the project per agency, using the Total budget and a short summary of costs attachment. These amounts must be fully justified in the Stage 2 in the Justification of Resources (JoR) and National Financial Forms.
In the JoR attachment, you are required to provide a detailed breakdown and explanation of why the indicated resources are needed. The JoR should explain why the resources requested are appropriate for the research proposed, taking into account the nature and complexity of the research proposal. It should not be simply a list of the resources required, as this is already given in the specific National Financial Forms or the Total Budget and a Short Summary of Costs Template. Where an itemised breakdown and justification is not provided, these costs will be removed from any grant made.

2.4 Can project management time and costs be included in the proposal?
Yes, if this is appropriate for your proposal you must justify time and cost within your proposal.

3 Questions on general research eligibility

3.1 Are there certain types of research that are considered more suitable for this call?
No. All projects must focus on substantive research and feature an integrated work programme demonstrating clearly the added value of transnational collaboration. The funding partners expect that each partner contributes substantially to the common project topic, including taking responsibilities for the project organization. These contributions should also be reflected in a reasonable amount of requested funds by each partner. Proposals may be submitted in any area of the social sciences within the remit of the relevant national agencies concerned (please see section 11 in the Call Specification for additional information concerning each agency).

3.2 Are scientific infrastructure or networking activities allowed?
Scientific infrastructure or networking activities can only be funded within projects with a substantive research focus. As stand-alone projects, infrastructure or networking projects will not be eligible and will be rejected.

3.3 What type of research can be funded?
Applications can be for basic research and national agencies are keen to encourage fresh ideas from early career as well as from established researchers. However, research proposals cannot be accepted for the following: unspecified research work, research already carried out, writing up previous research, stand-alone literature surveys, conference attendance, travel for general study, unsolicited requests to hold conferences, workshops or seminars, preparation of books and publications, or primarily for the preparation and production of materials such as curriculum materials and software development. However, within a research application the inclusion of literature surveys, conferences, seminars, workshops, and preparation of books and publications and other types of output
are acceptable as long as the need for any of these is fully justified and these activities clearly support and/or disseminate the production of new research.

3.4 Can disciplines outside of the social sciences be included in the project proposals?
Yes, they can if they are an integral part of and support the research questions and theme. However, the proposal should be predominantly within the social sciences. If you have any doubt as to whether your proposal is predominantly within the social sciences, please contact the agencies to which your proposal will be submitted for confirmation. Note, also, that the disciplinary coverage varies according to the involvement of the national agencies. If you have any doubt, check to ensure the disciplinary scope of your proposal is eligible with all agencies involved.

3.5 Are proposals which are linked to projects that have been funded by other organisations acceptable?
Yes, although such proposals must be a discrete piece of work that can be judged on their own merits and does not duplicate previous work. It is important that the proposal still proposes new and cutting-edge research of the highest quality. It would be expected that in such instances applicants will demonstrate where there may be added synergies and added value between the two projects.

3.6 Is it possible to apply for funding from this call if a proposal builds on previous research?
Yes, although it is important that the proposal still proposes new and cutting-edge research of the highest quality. Such proposals must be a discrete piece of work that can be judged on their own merits and does not duplicate previous work. It would be expected that in such instances applicants will demonstrate where there may be added synergies and value between the two projects.

3.7 Is it acceptable to include researchers from disciplines outside the social sciences?
Yes if this is relevant to the research project.

3.8 Do proposals have to be multi-disciplinary?
No. Mono-, multi- and interdisciplinary proposals are all welcome. What is important is that the disciplinary approach is appropriate to address the specific research questions. Where research teams do cut across disciplines, it is important that enough time and resource are allocated to make sure that strong working partnerships can be built up and maintained, and that collaboration is meaningful and productive. It is advisable for these teams to have a proven record of joint inter- or multidisciplinary work.

4 Questions on Je-S system

4.1 Does an individual need to be registered with Je-S to apply if their institution is already registered?
Yes, both an individual and their institution must be registered with the Joint Electronic Submission (Je-S) system to submit a proposal. Applicants can now self-register themselves and their organisation. Information on how to do this is set out in the Je-S Guidance for Applicants available on the call webpage. But remember, only the “Main Applicant” and
their institution needs to be registered.

4.2 How I can check if my organisation is already registered in Je-S?
To be able to submit an application through Je-S, the Organisation being applied through will need to ensure they are registered in Je-S. A list of Je-S registered Organisations is available on the Je-S homepage. If your Organisation is not in this list you can self-register your Organisation. Please note you must accept the User Terms and Conditions first to add the Organisation.

4.3 I've never used Je-S before and don't have an account. How do I get one?
Je-S is the online electronic submission system for the Research Councils UK and the Main Applicant for your proposal needs a Je-S username in order to apply to the ORA six call. The Main Applicant simply needs to go to https://je-s.rcuk.ac.uk/ and register for a User ID, which is then emailed to them after their institution has checked their eligibility.

4.4 I have forgotten my Je-S username and password. What should I do?
If the Main Applicant has forgotten their user ID and password, they should go to the Je-S website and select the ‘Retrieve User Name / Password’ link which appears under the Existing Users log in section. The Main Applicant should enter their user name and select Send Hint or enter their email address and select Send User Name. They will receive an email containing their user ID, password hint and two links. If the hint is helpful, they should log in using the first link. If the Main Applicant would like to set a brand new password, they should select the second link.

4.5 How long the registration process takes in Je-S system?
Timings on various processes to be completed in Je-S system are provided below. Applicants are strongly advised to register as soon as the call is open; and submit Outline and Full proposals in advance of the above time frames, to allow for any potential issues to be resolved in a timely manner.

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The number is generated by the system as soon as the Outline Je-S form has been submitted. Electronic acknowledgement will be sent to the Main Applicant (if self-registered) or submitting organisation (if a proposal has been submitted via the Submitter Pool at applicant’s research organisation). If the latter, we strongly advise applicants to secure confirmation from their relevant administrator that the proposal has been successfully submitted to the Je-S team.

Once the Outline Je-S form has been submitted you should receive the ES/XXXX/1 number to enter in the Full proposal form. If you have submitted your outline via your research organisation this might take slightly longer.

Submission of Stage 2 Full

Strongly recommend you create as soon as the outline has been submitted. Alternatively, aim to submit both the Outline and Full proposals no later than five days prior to the deadline. Depending on your Research Organisation, there may be additional steps in place which you and your Research Office will need to consider upon submission.

| 4.6 Who do I contact if I have questions about Je-S or need some help in using Je-S? |
| If you have any queries relating to the Je-S the Je-S Helpdesk can be contacted by e-mail: jeshelp@je-s.ukri.org or telephone +44 (0)1793 44 4164; the Helpdesk is staffed Monday to Thursday 08.30 to 17.00, Friday 8.30 to 16.30 (UK time). |

5 Questions about the application process

5.1 Where can I download the application templates?
Outline and Full proposals must be submitted through the UK Research Councils’ Joint Electronic Submissions system (Je-S). Please ensure you are using the right template for the correct part of the procedure. For ‘Proposal Call’ in Je-S you need to select ‘ORA 6 Call 2019 Stage 1 Outline’ for Outline proposal. When completing the Full application you need to select ‘ORA 6 Call 2019 Stage 2 Full’.
German applicants are required to additionally submit their Outline and Full proposals through the DFG elan system.
French applicants are similarly requested to additionally submit their Outline and Full proposals through their own submission system: the ANR platform for French applicants (see “Modalités pour les partenaires sollicitant une aide de l’ANR”, forthcoming on the ANR website). The administrative and financial information for partners requesting support from ANR must be submitted on the ANR platform, along with an additional submission of the Outline and Full proposal. This information will need to meet all national requirements for the proposal to be eligible (please see the call specification for additional information, along with the document “Modalités de participation pour les partenaires sollicitant une aide
5.2 Are proposals submitted to each individual agency?
ESRC is the coordinating agency for this round and all applications must be made online through the Je-S system.
German applicants are required to additionally submit their Outline and Full proposals through the DFG elan system.
French applicants are similarly requested to additionally submit their Outline and Full proposals through the ANR submission system, along with the administrative and financial information for partners requesting support from ANR. This information will need to meet all national requirements for the proposal to be eligible (please see the call specification for additional information, along with the document “Modalités pour les partenaires sollicitant une aide de l’ANR”).
Canadian applicants do not need to submit their Outline and Full proposals to SSHRC.

5.3 In what language(s) should the proposals be submitted?
All proposals submitted to Je-S must be written in English, with the exception of proposals including Canadian partners, which may be submitted in French. Applicants wishing to submit in French must get in touch with the national contact at SSHRC for further details.

5.4 Will we receive confirmation that a proposal has been received? Yes, this will depend on the research organisation setup in Je-S. If the organisation has been self-registered, the submission confirmation will go to the Main Applicant submitting the proposal in Je-S. However, if the organisation has a submission process in place, the confirmation will go to the Submitter Pool member in the research organisation once they have submitted in Je-S. After the deadline, the agencies will check the eligibility of each proposal and inform applicants about the eligibility of their application by Co-ordinating partner. In case very minor, formal and technical mistakes are detected, you may be requested to fix the Outline proposal within a short period of time. Following the submission, no changes would be allowed to the Full Proposals.

5.6 May supplementary information or appendices be added to the proposal? Only those specifically requested in the Call Specification. Word and page limits should be strictly adhered to. Additional diagrams, charts and tables should not be provided.

5.7 Should we include the national financial forms in the Outline proposal? No. The national financial forms need only be included in stage 2 Full Proposals. You can refer to them in the outline stage when you are drawing up your budget as guidance for the costs that will be eligible in the Total budget and a short summary of costs form. Please note that different rules apply for the DFG and ANR. Financial information for applicants requesting support for both partners will have to be submitted directly on the respective partners’ own submission system.

5.8 When can projects start? The earliest starting date for successful projects is 1 October 2020, the latest is 31 March 2021. All national research teams within a project will be expected to start at the same time.

5.9 What should be included in CVs submitted with proposals? Each two page CV should give professional details for the researcher and a list of
publications (maximum 10 publications mentioned per researcher). Only CVs for the Main Applicant, the PIs and Co-Is can be included CVs for Team Members are not allowed.

5.10 What are the National Financial Forms for and at which stage should they be submitted?
The National Financial Forms summarize the costs directed to each national funding agency. German and French applicants are requested to submit their Outline and Full proposals through their own respective submission system: the DFG elan system for German applicants and the ANR platform for French applicants (see ORA six on ANR website, forthcoming).

German and French applicants specify their budget requests in the Total budget and a short summary of costs form which must be submitted via Je-S.

The ANR financial information for French applicants must be submitted on the ANR platform, along with an additional submission of the Outline and Full proposal, and this information will need to meet all the national requirements for the proposal to be eligible. French applicants are advised to submit via ANR system first to obtain their financial form in the PDF version and then submit it to Je-S. This ANR Financial form is the mandatory attachment in Je-S full stage proposal. In addition to this submission through Je-S system, applicants requesting support from ANR will have to submit directly on the ANR's submission system and the information provided in the financial form will have to be consistent with the information provided in the Outline and Full proposals (please see section 11 in the Call Specification for additional information, along with the document “Modalités pour les partenaires sollicitant une aide de l’ANR”).

ESRC and SSHRC National Financial Forms need to be attached only to the Full Proposals as separate attachments. However, when estimating the costs in the Outline proposal, please take into account the different cost categories of the national funding agencies, which are listed in the National Financial Forms. Templates for ESRC and SSHRC can be found on the call page.

All applicants must specify their budget requests in the Total budget and a short summary of costs form which must be submitted via Je-S at outline and full stages.

5.11 The Je-S Guidance for Applicants states that the ‘Case for Support’ attachment should include no more than four pages for Outline proposals and ten pages for Full Proposals. Does this include the bibliography and the Justification of Resources?

No. The bibliography, the budget, and the Justification of Resources should not be included in the page count for the ‘Case for Support’. The bibliography – to be included in the attachment List of publications/ Bibliography– should only include works cited in the project proposal.

5.12 How many national partners should there be in a project? Will a project with a higher number of national partners be treated preferentially?

As long as there are partners from three or more ORA countries (excluding Japan), the precise configuration should be determined by the research question and project design. There is no ideal number, and applicants should not add partners just to bolster numbers. All partners should have a significant role in the research.

5.13 Is Japan included in the minimum three or more ORA countries required?

No, Japan is not included in the required number of ORA countries. You will need to have a minimum of three ORA participating countries ie Canada, France, Germany and UK.
5.14 What is the difference between the Main Applicant, Principal Investigator and Co-Investigator?

The Main Applicant is the nominated person who submits the application through the Je-S system for the whole project. The Main Applicant also acts as a main contact point with the coordinating agency for all matters related to the proposal as a whole and will need to be entered in the ‘Principal Investigator’ section with their Organisation details listed in the ‘Project Details’ section.

The Principal Investigator (PI) is the national head responsible for the funding contracts with their agency. There can be one PI per country.

If your consortium has teams of researchers from different organisations within the same country, Co-investigators (Co-I) need to be identified for administrative purposes for teams other than that of the PI. Co-Is typically have a steering scientific role within their team.

5.15 Do you accept late applications?
No. All proposals submitted after the deadline of 11 September 2019 will be rejected.

6 Questions about the assessment process

6.1 How does the assessment process work?
This call will follow a two-stage procedure consisting of an Outline proposal and a full proposal. Applicants who are successful at outline will automatically progress to full stage. Unlike the previous round, applicants will be invited to submit Outline and Full proposals at the same time, rather than waiting for the results of the outline stage.

Eligible Outline proposals will be reviewed by an international shortlisting panel of assessors, consisting of experts nominated by the four funding agencies. The panel will recommend a short list of proposals to the funding agencies, which will then move automatically to the second stage. Full Proposals will be sent for assessment to external, independent referees for peer review. Based on those reviews proposals will be discussed by a joint commissioning panel.

6.2 Will the JSPS element of the proposal be assessed?
The Japanese proposal will be evaluated and decided upon by JSPS, in light of its association with ORA. The ORA-proposal will be evaluated as a stand-alone proposal by the ORA partners and funding decisions will be made independently. There is no strategic advantage or disadvantage to planning a project with Japanese partners.

6.3 What happens if the Japanese element to my project is dependent on being funded by JSPS? How will the ORA peer reviews evaluate my proposal if JSPS funding is ultimately declined?
Both projects will be evaluated separately. ORA proposals will not be dependent on the Japanese component being funded. If the ORA project is assessed positively, the project will be funded by the European partners even if JSPS declines to fund the Japanese teams.

6.4 What are the Assessment Criteria?
Please see the Assessment Criteria in section 8 of the Call Specification document for details of the criteria according to which shortlisting and commissioning panel members
review the proposals. Please be alerted that the assessment criteria varies between Outline and Full proposals.

7 Other questions

7.1 How many applications were successful in the five rounds?
In the first round 132 applications were received, 123 of which were eligible; 15 projects were successful and received funding. In the second round 157 applications were received, 142 of which were eligible; 10 of these projects were funded. In the third round 186 were received, 178 of which were eligible; 15 of these were funded. In the fourth round, funding agencies received 188 eligible proposals of which 20 were funded. In the fifth round, 319 proposals were received in the outline stage, 293 of which were eligible; 63 of these advanced to the full proposal stage, of which 16 were funded.

7.2 Is there a list of projects funded in the previous round?
Yes, it is available on the DFG information page. Please be mindful that due to the open nature of this call, previously funded projects only reflect the topics and quality of applications in that specific round and should not be used as an indication of what might be funded in future rounds.

7.3 My application is rather skewed towards one country in terms of funding. Is this imbalance a problem?
Full justification as to why each aspect of funding is integral to the overall research proposal should be included in the Full Proposal. Assessors of the applications will be informed of the variation in national rules that can cause an imbalance in funding.

7.4 Where should Japanese researchers be entered into the proposal?
Japanese partners should not be listed in the Project Participants form, nor should their CVs be attached to the application form. They should be listed in the Project Participants attachment. Short references to the Japanese component can be made in the research description, but applicants should bear in mind that the project will be evaluated as a stand-alone proposal and should be presented accordingly.

7.5 If there are ethical issues, is approval required before submitting a proposal?
The requirements and timings for ethical approval vary between agencies. Proposals must adhere to the ethical requirements for each relevant national agency. Applicants will need to complete the ‘Ethical Information’ tab in the Je-S form in Stage 2 Full. If applicable, German applicants must include an ethics committee vote from the institution within which their research will be carried out. For more information about the conditions under which an ethics committee vote is necessary, please consult the FAQs on the DFG website.

7.6 How will successful ORA projects be monitored by the funding agencies?
Each national research team will be expected to report to its national funding agency, in accordance with each agency’s regulation. All successful applicants in the ORA six call will be required to complete a joint final report on their project after the grant ends. Further details on the format and deadlines for submission of the final report will be communicated to all successful applicants at contracting stage.
7.7 If my proposal is unsuccessful, can I re-submit under another call?
All participating partners’ national rules will apply for resubmissions. Please refer to the ORA 6 participating partners’ websites for further details. Please note that the normal ESRC restrictions on resubmissions apply to this call. Only proposals specifically invited will be able to re-submit. For more information, please see ESRC resubmissions policy.

7.8 I have a question not answered in any of the call documents – who should I contact?
In the first instance please refer to the full call specification and the supporting guidance documents that are available on the call webpage.
For any other queries relating to this call please contact the national contact points of the participating funding agencies. Alternatively, you can send your request to the call’s Secretariat generic email address on oraqueries@esrc.ukri.org

7.9 I was wondering whether there is a template for the Case for Support for outline and/or full proposals. I haven’t found one?
This is usually a simply Word document with the headings which we have asked applicants to consider in the Call Specification and Je-S Guidance for Applicants documents. Please do remind your potential applicants to adhere to the different page limits at both stages and font/size guidance.

8 Webinar questions - session at 10.00am

8.1 If applying for/with Japan, does one need to have 3 other countries involved? Or can it just be UK-Japan collaboration?
Please look at question 5.13 in the FAQ document. No, Japan is not included in the required number of ORA countries and therefore submissions cannot be UK-Japan collaborations. You must include 3 or more of the participating ORA countries in your proposal.

8.2 Is there just one submission to be done, by the Main Applicant, or do all PIs have to submit the project?
Yes, the Main Applicant will be responsible for the submission on behalf of all the project partners in Je-S. The other participating countries do not need to submit their own proposals in Je-S. However, please follow ANR and DFG specific national submission requirements as well.

8.3 Can Co-Is be from same institution as PI?
Please look at questions 1.7 in the FAQ document. Yes, you can include Co-I’s from the same institution as the PI’s, providing each participating country has a PI.

8.4 Question about Japan participation: do they have to submit by 11th of September too, or do they have to wait for the project to be accepted at the first round of the ORA call, and then submit?
8.5 In terms of resubmissions - if a previous ORA bid was rejected on the basis that a Co-I was named on two bids will it constitute a resubmission? Presumably it was rejected prior to any assessment of the merits of the proposal. Proposals that were rejected on eligibility grounds can resubmit to ORA Call 6, providing the proposal did not make it passed office stage to peer review or panel assessment. Please ensure you read national requirements for resubmissions prior to submitting your proposals.

8.6 Are there examples of projects funded under previous rounds? Please refer to question 7.2 in the FAQ document. Examples of previously funded projects can be found on the DFG website: www.dfg.de/ora

8.7 If applying with/for Japan, does this application also go through Je-S, or is it only submitted to JSPS? If you have a Japanese involvement, you will need to submit to the Japanese call and include a one page summary of the Japanese proposal in the ORA submissions in Je-S at outline and full stages.

8.8 Question on the outline and full proposals: why do both need to be submitted at the same time? For what purpose? Are both to be evaluated by the same panels? The changes in the submission process were introduced in ORA 6 following the commissioning panel recommendation from ORA 5. The panel agreed that the next call should follow the procedure implemented by the ERC. This meant that in the current ORA call the applicants have been to simultaneously submit an outline and a full proposal. One of the reasoning for this approach was to try and reduce extremely high number of proposals submitted to the call, and subsequently improve their quality.

8.9 Is the partnership of two countries sufficient? Please refer to call specification documentation and question 1.3 above. No, you must include three or more of the participating countries (Canada, France, Germany, and UK).

8.10 If anyone is listed and contributing as Co-Investigator in other projects, is s/he applicable for apply for this call? Yes, if you are a Co-I in other applications or funded research projects other than ORA, you can be eligible as a PI to ORA. We strongly recommend you discuss with your research office and national contact point to ensure you can meet the requirements.

8.11 Is it possible to also fund research activities undertaken in other countries than in the four partner countries; e.g. in our case this would be Peru and Colombia for a cross-cultural comparison? Yes, you can include other countries outside of the four partnering countries mentioned, you must describe and justify these in detail in the Case for Support. DFG specific: it is possible to include partners from other countries. For those partners, it is possible to request funds for scientific exchange like fellowships, travel, or specific contracts for empirical investigations. For SSHRC, also, it is possible to include foreign-based researchers as co-applicants or collaborators (please consult the SSHRC National Addendum for eligibility requirements for these positions).
8.12 I have a question concerning funding for research led by PIs in eligible countries (Canada/France/UK/Germany) but with field work happening outside of those countries: If a group of PIs from those countries undertook a field study in a country other than those four, would the field partner who organise the logistics and surveying in the field be eligible for ORA funding? I am just wondering how PIs from the eligible countries might be able to lead fieldwork (such as data collection in Global South countries) without funding from ORA?

Yes, we are allow for such a collaboration with partners outside the participating countries, but would require them to have their own source of funding, apart from ORA participating countries.

DFG specific: Yes, DFG would be able to cover fieldwork activities, for example in the form of contracts for work.
ANR specific: ANR allows for such a collaboration with partners outside the participating countries, but would require them to have their own source of funding.
SSHRC specific: An individual from an international postsecondary institution can be added as a co-applicant/cooperation partner to the SSHRC ORA sub-team. The Canadian PI will be able to transfer money to the co-applicant’s institution and those funds can be used for fieldwork.

8.13 How many universities per country? Is there a limit?
No there is not a limit on universities per country.

8.14 Can you speak to your expectations regarding the team size per country? Do you see smaller teams with a more intensive investment of each PI as preferable to large teams with smaller percentages of time allocated to the project? What would be a reasonable proportion of time of a country PI to dedicate to the project? In days per week or percent of time?

We do not have an expectation of team sizes. The project partners should agree between themselves the most appropriate, for the project, composition and size.

8.15 What do you mean by ethical information?
 Applicants must ensure the proposed research will be carried out to a high ethical standard and must clearly state how any potential ethical and health and safety issues have been considered and will be addressed ensuring that all necessary ethical approval is in place before the project commences and all risks are minimised.

The ESRC’s Framework for Research Ethics contains a full explanation of our approach, with guidance for applicants. Research collaborators are strongly encouraged to consider the ethical guidelines of all partners involved in a proposal, and not just those of the ESRC.

8.16 ORA prefer submission either by institution or by individual investigator (main applicant)?
The Main Applicant will be responsible for submitting the proposals. However, depending on the institution’s Je-S eligibility, final submission may be required from the institution if additional submission routes are in place in the Je-S system for that institution.

8.17 Although there is an impact summary required in the Je-S form, there is no Pathways to Impact attachment needed. Is this correct?
Yes this is correct, you should also include a brief impact summary in the Case for Support attachment in the full proposal form.
8.18 **Do all partners need to have International Research Organisation (IRO) status?**
No, for the outline and full stages all participating partners do not need IRO status.

8.19 **Can the Main Investigator and Principal Investigators be early career scholars (approximately 4 years post-PhD)?**
Yes, the project applicants can be an early career investigator. However be aware that the applicant experience in scientific coordination is assessed.

8.20 **Who can be a team member? Who a cooperation partner? What are rights and duties attached to these roles?**
For further details on roles of the various project participants refer to the [ORA Call 6 Specification](#) document on page 3.

8.21 **Does this scheme/ESRC pay Directly Incurred teaching replacement costs for Main Applicant or PI or CO-Is?**
Please check national financial rules for details.
DFG specific: Yes, according to DFG guidelines PIs and Co-Is could apply for replacement funds. This request needs to be very well justified in the proposal.
ANR specific: Not allowed.
SSHRC specific: Not allowed. However, co-applicants from eligible not-for-profit organizations may request a salary research allowance to partially release them from duties to their organization.

8.22 **What are the chances (percentages) for moving from outline to full proposal (i.e. being short-listed)?**
Please refer to question 7.1 in the FAQ document.

8.23 **Question on the outline and full proposals: will stage 2 reviewers and panel members have access to the outline proposal materials as well?**
Please refer to the Call Specification and Je-S Guidance for Applicants documents for further details. In a short summary, Outline stage panel will only review outline stage proposals and accompanied attachments. Full stage peer reviewers and panel members will only have access to the full stage proposals, relevant attachments as well as outline stage Case for Support.

8.24 **If an involved person has affiliations at multiple countries, what should guide the decision which country to represent?**
This should be decision of the project partners and the person’s best fit to the project itself.

8.25 **What amount of networking is fundable (provided there will be a substantive research focus)?**
Please check national rules. Please note that partners would not fund any networking activity on its own. It has necessarily to be connected to a research project.

8.26 **I am also wondering how pathway to impact will be evaluated in each funder?**
Impact summary will be addressed by the independent panel members according to the specific assessment criteria for the outline and full stages.
8.27 How can a proposal be ineligible with one national agency, since there will be one integrated proposal? And if that happens, can the project still run? Proposals are deemed as one project, therefore if one aspect of the proposal is ineligible – according to general rules and / or according to national agencies rules - then the whole proposal will be deemed ineligible and rejected.

8.28 Can you say a little bit more about the reviewers? Will they be chosen based on competences regarding methods, countries, or topics? Probably not all reviewers know all methods, are familiar with national contexts or topics. The composition of the panels and peer reviewers pools is a joint effort of all ORA 6 partners. Each national partner will provide reviewers with relevant expertise to cover interdisciplinary and multiple research areas and methods.

8.29 How is collaboration assessed? What models of collaboration are prioritized? Models of collaboration should match the nature and requirements of the respective project. Collaboration plans should be clearly outlined and needs to be essential to creating scientific added value through the entire research team.

8.30 So as the French financial information is a required attachment for the full proposal, the French part needs to be submitted first? No, the Principal Investigator requesting funds from ANR is only required to complete the French administrative and financial information first in order to download the administrative and financial document in PDF which must be submitted by the Main Applicant with the Full proposal in Je-S. You can then proceed to submit the rest of the French application in line with the deadline of the 18th September.

8.31 Do the national requirements apply only if the specific nation is the main applicant? For instance, if a project is submitted by a French main applicant, the ANR specifications will apply, not the DFG ones, is that correct? No, the national requirements apply to each individual component of the proposal, it is not just for the Main Applicant.

8.32 What happens if one of the PI moves to a different country during the project, in such a way that there are only two PI's in GER/FRA/UK/CAN left? This is a post-ORA query, these will be assessed on a case by case basis if necessary. SSHRC Specific: If the Canadian PI moves to a different country or otherwise fails to maintain eligibility throughout the duration of the grant, a co-applicant can take the PI role, after being approved by SSHRC.

8.33 What is an "associated studentship"? Is this a PhD student? An associated studentship is a student who has been added to a proposal to add value to the proposed research, whilst providing a clear opportunity for a distinct and independent course of enquiry for the student.

8.34 Can PI/CI be non-tenured research staff? PI and Co-I's should have relevant expertise, knowledge and research project management skills to be able to successfully deliver the project. The strengths and weaknesses of the team as a whole will be assessed by the panel members, though this clearly would include the leadership role of the PI. If the proposed PI or CoI is the most appropriate person for the job, then clearly they should be the PI/CoI and their status shouldn’t matter. However,
please check national requirements do not preclude the participation of no tenured track Pi/Co-Is.

8.35 Does the study have to be replicated in each of the participating countries or can there be different aspects of the common project be examined in the countries? 
There are no specific requirements in terms of split of tasks between partners, providing that the project is coherent and international research is scientifically and clearly justified. There could be some studies which are harder to replicate in some countries due to cultural considerations.

8.36 Can each country applicant request separate amounts per year or must everyone be classified under the $400,000 limit? 
Each participating country must include their budget for the entire length of their project. Each participating country can incur up to the maximum allowable for that country in the project.

8.37 Is there a total number of proposals ORA is likely to fund? And are smaller proposals encouraged or is the focus on fewer larger proposals? 
We cannot confirm how many proposals we expect to fund as this is depending on the quality of proposals received and outcomes of the commissioning process. We do not have a preference on application size providing applications comply with the minimum and maximum allowable budget and duration set out in the call specification.

8.38 What is the overall available budget from the ESRC for this 2019 call? 
The total budget from the ESRC is around £5.5 million. ESRC will seek to up to £600,000 at 100% fEC (£480,000 at 80% fEC) with a minimum of £200,000 (100% fEC) per project.

8.39 How related each project across the different countries needs to be? 
Applicants collaborating in one proposal should address common scientific core objectives and then organise their collaboration in a scientifically coherent and meaningful way.

8.40 Is the positioning within Social Sciences dependent on the research topic or the departmental positioning of the PI/CIs? 
The topic of the proposal will determine its positioning within social sciences fields.

8.41 Is there going to be another call next year? 
This is still subject to discussion between ORA partners in the future.

8.42 In regard to partnership, do applicants from each country need a non-academic partner? 
No, it is not mandatory to include non-academic partners in a project.

8.43 In the presenters' view, how is a successful ORA project different from a European funded multicentre project in social sciences? 
There are no differences. ORA offers an additional opportunity of funding thanks to the cooperation of some national agencies.

8.44 Do all participants need to be named at the time of application? Or just the PI? 
Yes, all participants need to be included in the ‘Full list of project participants’ form and
submitted at outline and full proposal stages.

8.45 Do we need to demonstrate a history of collaborations between the partners? Or can the partnership for this specific work can be ad-hoc?
ORA 6 proposals are welcome to develop new partnerships. However, you are well advised if you are able to give some indications of previous successful joint research activities. Is there a preferred/expected methodology (qualitative, quantitative, mixed-method)? The methodology should be adequate to the research idea and the planned research programme.

8.46 Does there have to be a pledge of support by the research institution the PI comes from?
No, the organisations are not required to provide letters of support. However, it is expected that the organisation is in agreement with the applicant to support them throughout the lifetime of the project.

8.47 If the main PI is contributing in another project as a co-investigator, is it possible to submit a proposal here as a PI?
No, applicants cannot be named in any other proposals for ORA in the current round. Any proposal where an applicant is named more than once will make both proposals ineligible and they will both be rejected.

8.48 If the PI submitted in a previous round but with a different project would this be considered a resubmission?
Please refer to each country’s specific resubmission policy, for ESRC please refer to the ESRC resubmission policy.

8.49 Do you include all the international partners (PIs, co-PIs) on ESRC/Je-S even if they are NOT costed on ESRC but on their national agencies (and other way round)?
All participants and partners must be included in the ‘Full list of project participants’ form and costed appropriately in the Total budget and a short summary of costs (Word, 78Kb) and National Financial Forms.

8.50 Will the Je-S form and case for support for outline proposal be made available to the reviewers at the full proposal stage? In another words, do we need to repeat what’s in outline proposal in the full proposal?
No, only the full stage documents will be available for assessment by the full stage panel. Additionally, the Case for Support from the outline stage will be made available to assessors at the full stage.

8.51 If only part of the proposal has been submitted to ESRC before, does it still count as a resubmission?
Yes, please refer to our ESRC resubmission policy.

8.52 Do you advise that we should involve ECRs in our application as Co-I?
ECRs are welcomed as Co-I. The composition of the project team is to be designed and agreed by the project partners taking into account the right level of expertise and knowledge required to its successful delivery.
9 Webinar session at 3.00pm

9.1 Are international exchanges (workshops, conferences) promoted, expected, required? If there is an open access requirement, can that be factored into the budget?
Yes, the international collaboration is invited but would depend on the nature of the project. Open Access should be factored in the budget as advised by the national partners.

9.2 If we have collaborators from non-participant countries, who will be contributing through model design and testing, co-authored publications, participation in workshops, etc, how do we communicate this support?
Researchers/ academic/ non-academic partners must be included in the project participants attachment.

9.3 Are law and finance economics generally included in social sciences?
Yes. Please refer to the ORA 6 partners' national requirements and their respective merits.

9.4 My partners include non-university based orgs, community groups, NGOs etc? Is this call open to community based participatory research projects? Nat the budget include significant expenditures in countries beyond the home countries of the applicant and co-applicants, (the four main countries)? Researchers from other countries may be included as long as they bring the relevant funding with them, or are eligible for funding under one of the subscribing agencies' rules.

9.5 Will NL be part of the call next year?
We have not had any discussions around the potential for an ORA call 7 as of yet, therefore we cannot confirm is NL will be part of the next call.

9.6 Would projects with partners from all 4 countries be evaluated more favourably than proposals with partners from 3 countries?
No, proposals will not be more favourable depending on the number of participating countries involved. However, proposals that do not contain at least 3 of the participating countries will be ineligible.

9.7 Can postdocs be listed officially as either a PI/Co-I/team member?
PI and Co-I's should have relevant expertise, knowledge and research project management skills to be able to successfully delivery the project. The strengths and weaknesses of the team as a whole will be assessed by the panel members, though this clearly would include the leadership role of the PI. If the proposed PI or Col is the most appropriate person for the job, then clearly they should be the PI/Col and their status shouldn't matter.
SSHRC specific: Postdocs are not eligible as PIs/applicants in ORA 6. They can be co-applicants or collaborators.

9.8 One possible Co-I for this application has an affiliation to a research centre based in one of the four countries listed in the call (UK) but her main affiliation is to a university not in one of these four countries (Switzerland). Can she still be a Co-I?
Yes. If the proposed PI or Col is the most appropriate person for the job, then clearly they should be the PI/Col and their status shouldn’t matter.
9.9 Are international exchanges (workshops, conferences) promoted, expected, required?
Yes, the international collaboration is invited but would depend on the nature of the project.

9.10 If there is an open access requirement, can that be factored into the budget?
Open Access should be factored in the budget as advised by the national partners.

9.11 What if a proposal gets rejected for one Partner, but not for the other two, do the other two get funded?
No, proposals are reviewed collectively, if one part of the project is unsuccessful or ineligible this will deem the entire project as unsuccessful or ineligible.

9.12 Your presentation gives the impression that the Japanese component should not be mentioned in the case for support (but only in the JP summary). Did I understand correctly?
If an ORA project has an associate partner from Japan, the Main Applicant will indicate this by ticking the 4 box provided in the Project Participants attachment. For these projects an annex of no more than one page should also be added to both the Outline and the Full proposals. The annex should be exactly the same documents for Outline and Full proposals and include the following: a) information on the Japanese participants and b) a summary of the proposed research.

9.13 Are there any official minimum professional profile requirements to be a suitable PI?
PI and Co-Is should have relevant expertise, knowledge and research project management skills to be able to successfully deliver the project. The strengths and weaknesses of the team as a whole will be assessed by the panel members, though this clearly would include the leadership role of the PI. If the proposed PI or CoI is the most appropriate person for the job, then clearly they should be the PI/CoI and their status shouldn’t matter.

9.14 If you are proposing some international collaborative events/sessions then how do you cost that out in your budget — by the country hosting the event and/or divide the cost by 3 (if 3 countries participating) and then budget into each of the country budgets?
You can choose the way how you budget joint events, either ways are possible.

9.15 Do the ANR & DFG parallel submissions have the same deadline as the Je-S main application?
No, the ANR and DFG submission deadline is 18 September 17:00 pm (CEST)

9.16 Does this mean that the outline cannot be edited after submission also?
Once you have submitted the outline proposal or the full proposal via Je-S you will no longer be able to edit them.

9.17 Why do we need to submit 5 days before the deadline?
This is not a strict deadline, it is more of a guideline to give you sufficient time to submit both outline and full before the deadline and in a good time to address any potential issues with the submission.
9.18 Could you indicate an English version of the Japanese website call please? There is an option on the Japanese website to convert the page to English. Further details can be found on website: https://www.jsps.go.jp/j-bottom/02_f_sinsei.html

9.19 In your notes from ORA 5, proposals were judged by different disciplinary panels. Will this happen again this time, and if so, what are the disciplinary groupings of these panels? Yes, this is correct. The disciplinary split of the outline panels will be decided upon recipient of all proposals.

9.20 Will you be enforcing a strict restriction on font size for attachments within Je-S as NERC does? Yes, font sizes will need to comply with the standard ESRC guidelines.

9.21 What about the issue that my French collaborator's university is closed during August? We have set the deadline for September to allow additional time for organisations that might be closed over the summer period. We will not extend the deadline or re-open the call for those who did not meet the 11th September.

9.22 If the Main Applicant's institution is not registered, does the Main Applicant do the self-registration or should it be an administrator at the institution? How does the institution "see" the application? What are the obligations of the Main Applicant's institution? If the main applicant's organisation is not registered, either the nominated PI or any admin staff at the organisation can register on Je-S via the self-registration for organisations link. The organisations obligations depend on the registration they have in the Je-S system.

9.23 Does this proposed research has to be conducted in the participating countries or can be different? No, the research can be conducted in different than ORA 6 participating countries.

9.24 Case for support is 6 pages or 4/10 pages? For the outline the case for support is 4 pages, for the full it is 10.

9.25 Is the restriction that unsuccessful proposals cannot be resubmitted based on the main applicant (what if it was a previous revised Canadian unsuccessful submission of one of the Co-Is)? The resubmission policy refers to each PI and Co-I, not just the main applicant.

9.26 To confirm: you can change attachments submitted at Outline stage (except for the CfS) after the Outline bid has been submitted, so long as it is BEFORE the final submission deadline? Once you have submitted the outline form, you can no longer change it or the attachments submitted against it. However, providing you have not submitted the full proposal, you can change the attachments you upload from the outline to the full form. For example, if you add more to the Case for Support after submitting the outline, you can include the updated version with the full proposal.

9.27 Does the 10% success rate refer to the percentage of proposals submitted or proposals that are eligible for review?
The 10% success rate refers to the proposals that have been successful in previous rounds, however this is an estimate figure.

9.28 Can you share examples of filled in “project participant attachment” and “total budget … attachment” documents later on?
These attachment templates are both available on the ORA 6 Call page.

9.29 You imply that success rates are lower at the competition expands. What was the success rate in the previous (5th) competition specifically?
The 10% success rate refers to the proposals that have been successful in previous rounds, however this is an estimate figure. For further details on previous rounds please refer to answer on questions 7.1 in the FAQs.

9.30 Can you clarify what you mean by thorough costing checks entails?
As part of the cost checks the partners will analyse the breakdown of the resources required to undertake the research project and investigate them whether they are appropriate and fully justified.

9.31 Can several institutions in a particular country apply together or can only one institution per country apply?
Yes, there is no restriction on how many organisations per country can apply for ORA 6.

9.32 Does the MA have to be the most senior or experienced of the PIs, or it does not matter?
No, the Main Applicant does not need to be the most senior or experiences PI. However, they will be responsible for submitting the outline and full and will be our main point of contact for the proposals.

9.33 What is the weight on feasibility, capability or challenge?
Please do refer to section 8 for assessment criteria, pages 12-15. There is no differential weight of criteria or sub-criteria in the assessment.

9.34 Will the reviewers be a mix of experts from all 4 countries?
Yes, the reviewers will be specifically selected to cover a range of disciplines, the reviewers will be sourced from the funders’ countries. However reviewers from alternative non-ORA countries may also be approached.

9.35 Are companies or public institutions totally excluded from the submission?
Please check national eligibility criteria for participating countries.

9.36 Does the Generation of a publicly available database Count as a positive in Terms of scientific contribution or not for ORA?
In order to be considered as a research proposal, the project cannot only be based on the constitution of a database. This constitution of database will only be possible if integrated in a clear and well-defined research proposal that will be realised in the 24 to 36 months-timeframe of ORA projects.

9.37 Should it be only research or it needs to have some kind of intervention or application or something in all three countries?
The proposal should be fundamental research and can include an application or intervention.
9.38 At the time of application, can the co-i be someone with no academic affiliation? 
Please do check ORA Partners national requirements.

9.39 If a group of PIs form those countries undertook a field study in a country other than those four, would the field partner who organise the logistics and surveying in the field be eligible for ORA funding? I am just wondering how PIs from the eligible countries might be able to lead fieldwork (such as data collection in Global South countries) without funding from ORA. 
See question 8.12.

9.40 Can one name on the application, as Co-I (for the UK), someone who does not have an academic position (but will be hired as a postdoc if the grant were successful)? If not, what about if the person has some kind of affiliation with a UK university, even if not a position? 
Please do check ORA Partners national requirements.

9.41 Have the applicants shown relevant and sound preliminary work and related previous publications of high quality? Have there already been joint projects”? The project we were thinking of submitting involves colleagues in Canada and Germany and whilst we know them and have written chapters in the same books we haven’t actually researched with them yet. Would this make our project ineligible or would ORA fund new collaborations? 
This is allowed as ORA 6 would welcome new collaborations established as part of a project.

9.42 Question re. remit: Does the remit check for ESRC also cover the remit check for the other applicant partners (SSHRC and DFG)? Or does this need to happen individually in all national organizations? 
Yes, the remit checks will be taking place by individual national partners in line with their national rules.

9.43 ORA is open to fundamental research. However, the ESRC typically places a very strong emphasis on impact and user engagement, while this is somewhat less the case for the DfG and ANR. What will be the balance between the academic value of the proposals and their impact in the review and evaluation? Would you expect, for example, user steering committees? 
The proposal should be fundamental research and can include an application or intervention.

9.44 Documents mention building on prior work with the international partners can you say more about this? 
It is generally recognized that international partnership building can take time; if the partnership is already somewhat established, this could be considered an asset in getting projects off the ground in a timely manner.

10 Partners specific questions

10.1 ANR specific questions
10.1.1 Is ‘Sciences Po Paris’ deemed a public research and teaching institution or equivalent?
Yes, Sciences Po Paris is considered as a “public research and teaching institution” and is eligible for ORA VI.

10.1.2 The ANR requirement for partners to be public researcher and teaching institutions, is that just for the French partners or UK/ German too?
This rule of eligibility and requirement is specific to ANR and is only intended for partners requesting ANR funds. Other partners should check the eligibility rules of the agency from which they are requesting funding.

10.1.3 The French ANR have a later deadline of the 18th?
The Principal Investigator requesting funds from ANR need to fill out their administrative and financial data on the ANR website before the deadline on 11th September and to download them as a PDF document. This document will then have to be transmitted to the Main Applicant in order to enable him to upload it on the Je-S website with the whole application before the final deadline of 11th September. Partners requesting funds from ANR will have to upload the full application on the ANR submission website before 18th September.

10.1.4 My French ANR collaborator has told me that French PI’s can only submit one ANR application per year, does the ORA related submission count against that one application per year rule? He would not be the main applicant, but would be the French PI.
As an international and multilateral call for proposals, ORA VI is not subject to this ANR rule of eligibility and allows partners requesting funds from ANR the submission by principal investigators or co-investigators who have submitted a proposal as principal investigators or co-investigators in other ANR calls for proposals. However, proposals submitted to ORA VI have to be unique and to differ from (any) other proposal (-s) submitted in other calls for proposals.

10.1.5 About the ANR application, is it true that all applicants or co-applicants have to be continuing, tenured members of staff (these are few and far between in France).
Principal Investigators and Co-Investigators requesting funds from ANR do not have to have a continuing, tenured track position in order to apply to ORA VI. In case of doubt, candidates are encouraged to contact their institutions and ANR national contact points.

10.1.6 The ANR requirement for partners to be public research and teaching institutions, is that just for French partners, or UK/German too?
See answer to question 2 above.

10.2 DFG specific questions

10.2.1 Even though there is not upper level for DFG - is there an ‘inofficial’ cap? I suppose it should not be much more than the French and British budget?
Requested budgets must calculated according to the requirements set by the planned research programme. There is not an “inofficial” cap on the DFG project budget. However, the substantial contributions of the different partners involved in a proposal must match at a reasonable level and be justified by a sensible split of the overall research programme.
10.2.2 Could you please explain again what the additional examination panel is for DFG applicants?
There is not any additional examination panel on the DFG side. As it applies for all participating agencies in the ORA call, there is a supervisory decision making body that is entitled to decide finally upon each funding recommendation.

10.2.3 Can the German partner use for his project part, sections of a resubmitted proposal, if this partner is collaborating with UK which does not allow resubmission?
The DFG allows the revision and resubmission of previously rejected proposals. British applicants need to contact the ESRC for clarification for the British part of the proposal.

10.3 SSHRC specific questions

10.3.1 SSHRC only allow one application per year – is the ORA an exception to their regular funding programs?
SSHRC’s regulations do not limit the amount of applications by a given individual in a given year, as long as the research project is not identical to the others and there is no overlap in the funding or activities from one project to another. Please see SSHRC’s multiple applications rule: http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/policies-politiques/multiple_apps-demandes_multiples-eng.aspx. You may apply to the ORA call and to any other funding opportunity at SSHRC provided that these conditions are met.

10.3.2 Is it possible for a SSHRC chair able to submit a project?
Assuming that this is a Canada Research Chair, yes, it is possible for a CRC to submit a project to ORA. Please refer to the Tri-Agencies in the case where their regulations may differ.

10.3.3 In the UK social sciences research can cover 'softer' aspects of health related research, e.g. the ESRC will fund research around dementia and QoL etc. Is this the perspective of the SSHRC too? Their website isn't very clear about their position.
SSHRC will apply its subject matter eligibility policy to this initiative. Please see the policy here: http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/apply-demande/background-renseignements/selecting_agency-choisir_organisme_subventionnaire-eng.aspx. Potential applicants are free to submit a one page summary to a program officer for their preliminary assessment.
Please note that this preliminary assessment does not constitute a decision. Final eligibility can only be determined upon receiving the complete application.

10.3.4 Can a participant from France be in the Humanities if the PI from Canada in SSHRC?
Canadian-based researchers from humanities and social sciences are eligible to apply. To determine whether or not a France-based researcher is eligible to apply, please contact ANR.

10.3.5 If the UK partner is the Main Applicant, what does the Canadian PI ('Applicant') have to submit to the Canadian funder? The same material? Do Canadians not need to submit a separate proposal?
No, Canadian applicants do not need to submit their Outline and Full proposals to SSHRC. Canadian PIs (applicants) must submit, by email, before the deadline, the document Terms and
Conditions for Applying for SSHRC Funds. More information about specific requirements for Canadian-based researchers can be found in the SSHRC National Addendum.

10.3.6 Which Research Office signs off on the SSHRCC terms and conditions the office of the lead project or the Canadian Co-I?
The Research Grants Office of the Principal Investigator (applicant) for Canada should sign off on the SSHRC terms and conditions. Canadian-based co-investigators in ORA projects play the role of co-applicants in SSHRC terminology. The RGO at the co-applicant’s institution does not need to sign off on the terms and conditions document.

10.3.7 The discipline spreads are different in different countries. For example SSHRCC will welcome archaeology but not history of science but ESRC will not usually support archaeology but would support HoS. How strict is the rule that disciplinary work be anchored in precisely that national funding council? Proposals may involve any of the disciplines, thematic areas or approaches eligible for SSHRC funding (please see Subject Matter Eligibility for more information.) However, the disciplinary coverage varies according to the involvement of the national agencies. Applicants who are uncertain of whether their proposal would be eligible should contact the relevant national agencies for clarification.