ESRC Celebrating Impact Prize 2018
Frequently Asked Questions

What are the eligibility criteria?
The competition is open to all researchers supported by the ESRC and associates i.e. individuals and organisations (other than universities) that are carrying out strategic commissioned work for ESRC.

Can ESRC IAA funded projects/PIs apply?
Where applicants have had ESRC IAA funding, they must also demonstrate they are a:
- current and previous ESRC-funded researchers including ESRC centres and large investments, ESRC resources and current and previous ESRC Fellows
- current ESRC-funded doctoral students and those that have completed their ESRC doctoral studentship funding in the last three years are eligible to apply for the Outstanding Early Career Impact prize
- team entries for the Outstanding Impact categories where the lead contact and majority of the team meet the above requirements

I have received funding for an application for the ESRC Festival of Social Science. Can I apply for the Impact Prize?
You may submit to an appropriate category if you are claiming that impact (ie a positive social or economic impact) has arisen as a result of your Festival activity. In addition to being funded via the Festival applicants must also demonstrate they are a:
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- current ESRC-funded doctoral students and those that have completed their ESRC doctoral studentship funding in the last three years are eligible to apply for the Outstanding Early Career Impact prize
- team entries for the Outstanding Impact categories where the lead contact and majority of the team meet the above requirements

Does the category 'Outstanding Early Career Impact' only apply to candidates that have been awarded ESRC doctoral studentships, or are ECRs holding a different type of ESRC funding (for example, Future Research Leaders Grant) also eligible?
The category 'Outstanding Early Career Impact' does only apply to candidates who have been awarded ESRC doctoral studentships. However, ECRs holding a different type of ESRC funding are eligible to apply to the other categories. To be eligible to apply for the 'Outstanding Early Career Impact' category, you must have completed your ESRC doctoral studentship funding on or after 23 November 2013.

The application has only one lead contact name. Does this mean that if the application is successful the prize will be awarded to the named person only and not to the rest of the team?
If the application is successful, it's the lead applicant's name only that will be on the Prize and key publicity material. The lead applicant will be the primary contact for all communications, press and publicity. However, the team will be recognised in full in case studies and articles.

For the category of Impact Champion does the application have to be from an individual or can we submit a team application?
This category applies to individual ESRC funded researchers only (either self-nominated or by a third party) where they are a:

- current and previous ESRC-funded researchers including ESRC centres and large investments, ESRC resources and current and previous ESRC Fellows
- or a current ESRC-funded doctoral students and those that have completed their ESRC doctoral studentship funding on or after 23 November 2013

Can I submit multiple applications?
Yes, although you can only submit one application per category of impact, and three in total per year. Setting up an account is optional, so multiple applications can also be submitted without a login.

Can I resubmit a previously unsuccessful application?
Yes, you may resubmit on the new application form, with updated information stating how this year's application differs to your previous submission and fresh letters of support.

Several of my supporting documents are strictly 'confidential' (eg from the UK government). They are therefore not available for public usage. How would I explain this?
All information given will be shared with the reviewers, although not put into the public domain. We would not, of course, expect you to share any confidential information, but suggest that you could explain this on your application within the free text boxes, so that the reviewers will be aware of the situation.

Is it acceptable to include hyperlinks in the application?
Hyperlinks are allowable within the application, although we cannot guarantee that the reviewers will click into them. If you wish to make sure that the reviewers use the hyperlinks, we suggest that that you make a clear note of this in your application.

Who should the letters of support be addressed to?
Address your letter of support to the ESRC.

Can I upload more than one letter of support?
You may upload multiple letters of support, but please be aware that the form only allows one attachment under each section, so we would suggest merging all letters of support into a single PDF for uploading.

Alternatively, you may submit your application without the attachment and email the letters of support separately to impact@esrc.ac.uk, including your submission reference number, and we will add them to your application.

I am having problems obtaining my letters of support by the deadline. Is it acceptable to submit the application and send the letters in separately at a later date?
Please contact impact@esrc.ac.uk for further advice as soon as possible before the closing date.

I haven't received a confirmation that my application has been received?
Please check your spam folder before contacting impact@esrc.ac.uk

When is the closing date?
Completes forms must be receive **no later than 16:00 on 23 November 2017**.