

FAQs

Prosperity Partnerships: EPSRC, Business and Universities – Fourth Call

Is there some leeway allowed for upward/downward revision of the total costs?

The ask on EPSRC's matched contribution cannot increase by more than 10%. However, moving costs around to ensure the science can be delivered in the best way possible is not an issue. We recognise that things will change between a 6-page outline-proposal and a full proposal, and as the peer reviewers will be focussing on the appropriateness of the proposal to deliver its vision and ambition, this adjustment of funds is appropriate.

Is it the 80% fEC or 100% fEC project budget that can increase / decrease by 10% at the full stage application compared with the outline stage proposal?

The 10% allowable margin of change refers to the EPSRC contribution, ie the 80% fEC.

Who are we required to upload CVs for?

CVs are *required* for any named PDRAs, whether they are from the academic partner or from the business team. PIs and Co-Is, for both businesses and HEIs within the partnerships, have already been assessed at outline/interview stage – hence their CVs are *optional*.

Can we utilise more than 20% of the auditable cash transfer towards fully-funded studentships?

The fully-funded studentships can't be more than 20% of the *overall* matching industry cash contribution, but can be more than 20% of the auditable cash transfer. The overall industry matching contribution is made up of the cash transfer plus any of the other "eligible cash contributions" listed in the call document.

In the Letter of Support to be provided by the Industrial Partner(s) does a detailed breakdown of the contribution need to be provided or just the total overall contribution?

The purpose of letters of support is to demonstrate that the business partners' commitment is both strong and genuine. There is no need for a breakdown of costs in the letter of support and an overall contribution will be sufficient. The reviewers will be checking to see if there is genuine buy-in and co-delivery from the business partners.

Do we enter only the EPSRC funded costs or all costs including that funded by business partners on Je-S?

Please enter all costs in the submission.

Can we include the researchers at the business partner in the track-record section of Case for Support? Would you expect their names to also appear on the Je-S form submission?

It is not necessary to include their names on the JeS form, but please do include them in the Case for Support.