

## **ESRC International Co-Investigators Policy Frequently asked Questions**

### **Is the International Co-Investigators Policy a separate call?**

No. It is intended to be a simple and straightforward mechanism to allow researchers from any country to be included on almost any ESRC proposal with a UK principle investigator (PI) and, rather than a call of its own, is applied as an enhancement of existing calls.

### **Which ESRC calls accept International CO-Investigators?**

You can include International Co-Investigators on almost any ESRC research call, including the Research Grants Scheme. For directive mode calls, please check the specific call guidance for information on International Co-Investigators. If you are in doubt, please contact the ESRC Office.

### **Can I include International Co-Investigators from any country?**

Yes. An academic researcher (ie those holding a PhD or equivalent qualification, or higher) from an established international research organisation of comparable standing to an ESRC-recognised UK research organisation will be eligible.

### **What is the funding limit for International Co-Investigators?**

Up to 30 per cent of the 100 per cent full Economic Cost (fEC) of the grant may be allocated. This will be checked during processing, and any applications where this limit is exceeded will be returned. Occasionally, where international collaboration is at the core of the call, the ESRC may raise the funding limit for international co-investigators. This will be made clear in the call specification and guidance.

### **Can an overseas Research Assistant be included on a grant application?**

Yes. In cases where a Research Assistant is recruited and employed by a UK-based institution but based overseas, costs will be paid at 80 per cent fEC. Where a Research Assistant is locally recruited and employed by an overseas institution to support the international co-investigator, these costs will be paid at 100 per cent.

### **Can salary costs for International Co-Investigators be included on the grant?**

Under most circumstances the ESRC will not fund salary costs for international co-investigators, however there are circumstances in which they will be considered. Please consult the guidance for further explanation.