

Grants Assessment Panel Member Appointments 2021

ESRC is now inviting applications from academics suitably experienced in the social sciences to act as members of our Grant Assessment Panels (GAPs).

About ESRC

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About the Panels

Our Grant Assessment Panels (GAPs) assess proposals for three key responsive mode schemes: Research Grants, New Investigator Grants and the Secondary Data Analysis Initiative (SDAI).

There are currently three Panels (A-C) organised around a cluster of disciplines with a fourth panel (Panel D) that considers proposals submitted to the Secondary Data Analysis Initiative (SDAI). Between them the Panels cover the whole of ESRC's disciplinary remit. Please see disciplines covered by each Panel here: [Responsive mode grant assessment process - Economic and Social Research Council \(ukri.org\)](#)

GAPs consist of a predominantly academic membership which is drawn from all areas of the social sciences, representing a broad range of expertise, skills and approaches. However, in addition to academic members GAPs also include experienced people from across the, public, business and civil society sectors to help ensure ESRC funds high quality research with academic, economic and societal impact.

GAPs also have an opportunity to feed into and learn about ESRC policy development. The ESRC Grants Delivery Group (GDG) considers the funding recommendations from the GAPs on behalf of the ESRC Council and makes the final funding decisions, subject to

available budget. The GDG is chaired by an ESRC Council member. Its other members include the chairs of each of the four GAPs.

Vacancies

We are currently looking for applications specifically in the following disciplinary areas. We have provided details of essential sub-disciplinary focus or breadth of expertise and other desirable expertise:

Psychology (Panel A)

- Essential: Should have broad expertise in the area of Developmental Psychology including lifespan development
- Desirable: Expertise in atypical development and in the areas of social behaviour, social participation, and health (including mental health)

Psychology (Panel A)

- Essential: Should have broad expertise in the area of Social Psychology
- Desirable: Expertise in research in the areas of: attitudes, violence and aggression, prosocial behaviour, prejudice and discrimination and/or group behaviour

Education (Panel B)

- Essential: Should have broad expertise in the area of Education

Linguistics (Panel B)

- Essential: Should have broad expertise in the area of Linguistics
- Desirable: Expertise in language acquisition

Socio-Legal Studies (Panel B)

- Essential: Should have broad expertise in the area of Socio-Legal Studies
- Desirable: Expertise in criminal justice

Sociology (Panel B)

- Essential: Should have broad expertise in the area of Sociology
- Desirable: Expertise in the area(s) of sociological causes of crime

Economics (Panel C)

- Essential: Should have expertise across the area of macroeconomics
- Desirable: Specific expertise in macroeconomic theory, fiscal policy or international trade.

Management and Business Studies (Panel C)

- Essential: Should have expertise across the area management and business studies
- Desirable: Specific expertise in productivity, growth and/or innovation

Role of Members

Members of the GAPs are expected to read and comment on an average of 30 research proposals per annum and to meet three times a year (in March, July and November) to make funding recommendations.

Person Requirements and Eligibility

Appointments to Grant Assessment Panels are made on merit. All applicants must be able to satisfy the person specification. Applications are welcomed irrespective of age, disability, sex, gender identity, race, religion or sexual orientation and ESRC will seek to ensure that the membership of its panels demonstrates a suitable balance wherever possible.

Applications are welcome from academics that can demonstrate:

- a strong research track record in their field;
- longstanding experience of peer review;
- knowledge and experience of working across disciplinary boundaries;
- an appreciation of international collaborative research and agendas;
- an understanding of knowledge exchange and research impact;
- an appreciation of the value and use of different methodological approaches.

Note: All applicants are expected to have previously been involved in some form of peer review for UKRI.

As a Council we endeavour to ensure that there is a broad institutional representation across the Panels and for this reason, when applying, we would ask candidates to look at Appendix I to this document (below), which identifies Research Organisations already represented on GAP.

Time Commitment

It is essential that applicants should be able to commit the required time and attention to the role, and should have secured Head of Department approval before applying.

GAP members are expected to commit around three working days per year to panel business, in addition to attending GAP meetings (three one-day meetings per year/one two-day meeting every other year).

The dates of the 2021/22 GAP meetings are Thursday 4 November 2021 and Thursday 17 March 2022. Further dates will be confirmed. Meetings are normally held in Swindon.

Appointments will run from 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2023. A further one to two years term may be served by mutual agreement.

Conflicts of Interest

Once appointed, all members of our GAPs are required to declare any private, professional or commercial interests that might conflict with the interests of the ESRC, or which might be perceived by others as creating a conflict of interest.

Payment

Members are paid an attendance fee per meeting to recognise their contribution. Travel and subsistence expenses will also be reimbursed.

Members will be refunded all reasonable expenses incurred in connection with ESRC business. Further information and guidance for members of ESRC's Council, committees, networks and panels are available on ESRC website: <https://esrc.ukri.org/about-us/governance-and-structure/>

How to apply

Applications should be submitted using the online form no later than **17.00 on 7th May 2021**. A short curriculum vitae (no longer than 2 A4 pages) should also be included. Paper applications will not be accepted. All applicants will receive acknowledgement of their submission.

Applications will be shortlisted internally by a panel of senior officers. Final decisions will be made in conjunction with the GDG. The successful candidates will be informed about the outcome of the process in the week commencing 21st June 2021 .

Successful applicants will be expected to be available for an induction session on the **9th September 2021 in Swindon** or via Zoom.

Application and process queries

For further information on the appointments process or what the role entails, please contact:

Email: grants@esrc.ukri.org

APPENDIX I

Membership of the ESRC Grant Assessment Panels

Panel A

Professor Thomas Ormerod (Chair)	University of Sussex
Two Academic Vacancies	
One User Vacancy	
Professor Louise Waite (Vice Chair)	University of Leeds
Professor Thom Baguley	Nottingham Trent University
Professor Stefan Bouzarovski	University of Manchester
Professor Mitchell Callan	University of Bath
Dr Siobhan Campbell	Non-academic member
Dr Heather Flowe	University of Birmingham
Professor Rachel Franklin	Newcastle University
Professor Gareth Gaskell	University of York
Dr Jessica Horst	University of Sussex
Professor Ade Kearns	University of Glasgow
Dr Paul Litchfield	Non-academic member
Professor Martin Pickering	University of Edinburgh
Professor Anna Whittaker	University of Stirling

Panel B

Professor Svenja Adolphs (Chair)	University of Nottingham
Four Academic Vacancies	
One User Vacancy	
Professor Paul Baker	Lancaster University
Dr Tommaso Ciarli	University of Sussex
Ms Anita Dockley	Non-academic member
Professor John Downey	Loughborough University
Mr James Fletcher	Non-academic member
Professor Jacqui Gabb	Open University
Professor Trevor Gale	University of Glasgow
Dr Derek Kirton	University of Kent
Professor John Morison	Queen's University, Belfast
Dr Beng Huat See	Durham University
Professor Dale Southerton	University of Bristol

Panel C

Professor Kevin Schurer (Chair)	University of Leicester
Two Academic Vacancies	
One User Vacancy	
Professor Athina Vlachantoni (Vice Chair)	University of Southampton
Professor Clare Anderson	University of Leicester
Professor David Abbott	University of Bristol
Dr Pardip Bans	Non-academic member
Professor Sarah Bracking	Kings College, University of London
Professor Michael Bruter	London School of Economics & Political Science
Dr Anna Dickson	Non-academic member
Dr Peggy Froerer	Brunel University
Professor Oliver James	University of Exeter
Professor Melanie Jones	Cardiff University
Professor Paul Mizen	University of Nottingham
Professor Sabina Siebert	University of Glasgow
Professor Stefan Wolff	University of Birmingham

Panel D

Vacancy (Chair)	
Professor Mark Hamer (Vice Chair)	University College London
Professor Susan Harkness	University of Bristol
Dr Ellen Flint	Non-academic member
Dr Kahryn Hughes	University of Leeds
Professor Simonetta Longhi	University of Reading
Dame Jil Matheson	Non-academic member
Professor Rosie Meek	Royal Holloway, University of London
Professor Paul Montgomery	University of Birmingham
Mr Giles Pavey	Non-academic member
Professor Jamie Pearce	University of Edinburgh
Dr Darja Reuschke	University of Southampton
Dr Nadia Siddiqui	Durham University