

TRUST IDENTITY PRIVACY AND SECURITY FUNDING CALL FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

GENERAL

Q: Am I eligible to receive funding from this call?

A: A comprehensive list of those eligible to receive funding from the EPSRC (the principal funding body for this call) can be found here¹.

Q: Must my application involve non-academic (user) partners?

A: Yes.

Q: How do we define users?

A: We take a broad interpretation of users to include any potential beneficiary of your research including but not limited to businesses, 3rd sector organisations, practitioners, government and citizens.

Q: How do we define co-creation?

A: We view co-created research as that where academics and users work closely together to define the direction of research across the entire duration of a research project.

Q: What are the important dates to be aware of?

A: You must submit your full proposal by 16:00 on Tuesday 13 October 2015. To be eligible for the call, you must also complete an “Intent to Submit” form by Monday 14 September 2015. To facilitate collaboration, we are hosting an **optional** brokerage event on Thursday 03 September 2015 (see below).

INTENT TO SUBMIT

Q: What is the purpose of the “Intent to Submit” form and why are we making details of the “Intents to Submit” public?

A: We will make the Principal Investigator names, project titles and list of desired collaborators of all “Intents to Submit” publicly available. We want to do this to help discussions take place between you and other applicant groups and with potential collaborators. Collaboration is an important aspect of this call and we strongly encourage potential applicants to collaborate in identifying and submitting proposals where to do so would improve the quality of the research and that present a real opportunity for the UK to become internationally leading.

Q: Will the “Intents to Submit” be used in the assessment process?

A: No. We fully expect details in the “Intents to Submit” to change as a result of further discussions before the call closes on 13 October. Only the full proposal will be considered in the assessment

¹ <http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/funding/eligibilityforrcs/>

process. However you must complete an “Intent to Submit” form by 14 September 2015 if you wish to apply to the call. Applicants who have not completed the form will be ineligible for the Completion of an “Intent to Submit” does not bind you to submitting a full proposal and will not count towards EPSRC’s demand management policy.

SCOPE OF THE CALL

Q: What areas of research are we looking to support?

A: Please refer to the Research Themes section on page 3 of the call document, which describes in detail the areas of research that we wish to support.

Q: What is the expected grant duration and cost?

A: We are not prescriptive about grant duration and cost and leave it to you to determine, with clear justification, the appropriate amounts of time and support you need to carry out the research you propose in your grant application.

BROKERAGE EVENT

Q: What is a brokerage event?

A: The brokerage event will consist of a short briefing on the call but will primarily focus on facilitating networking between attendees (about 100 in total). We view the brokerage event as an opportunity for you to meet potential future collaborators for this or future funding opportunities and to expose your research ideas to a wider audience. Attendance at the event is entirely optional and it is at your discretion as to whether you follow up on any advice you receive or follow up with any people you meet. What occurs at the event will not form part of the assessment process.

Q: When and where will the brokerage event be and how can I register?

A: The brokerage event will be hosted at the Digital Catapult Centre² on Thursday 03 September 2015. Please register your interest here³. Please note that in anticipation of high demand, you may only receive confirmation of your place at the event a few days before 3 September.

Q: What provision is there if I can’t make the brokerage event in person?

A: We are offering the opportunity for applicant groups who cannot attend the brokerage event to submit their details (name, organisation, area of research interest relevant to the event, who do you wish to connect with), which we will make available to attendees (academics and users) on the day. Please submit your details via the registration webpage⁴.

Q: Will it count against my proposal if I cannot attend the brokerage event?

A: No. Attendance at the brokerage event is entirely optional and will not form part of the assessment process.

² <https://www.digitalcatapultcentre.org.uk/contact/>

³ <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/brokerage-event-trust-identity-privacy-and-security-funding-call-registration-18002057639>

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DELIVERY PARTNERS

Q: What is the role of PaCCS (Partnership for Conflict Crime and Security) funding?

A: The scope of the one of the Research Themes in the call, “Cybersecurity and its Economics and Human Dimensions”, reflects both the interests of the DE Theme and the Partnership for Conflict Crime and Security. Thus PaCCS may contribute up to £3 million funding on a case by case basis and will be involved in the peer review process.

Q: What is the role of the Personal Data and Trust Network?

A: The business-focused Personal Data and Trust Network want to help researchers accelerate impact from this investment through hosting and facilitating events with their members and through access to the Digital Catapult’s Trust Framework Initiative⁵. The Personal Data and Trust Network will not be directly involved in the peer review process.

ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Q: How will peer reviewers be briefed?

A: We will appropriately brief peer reviewers and panel members on the desire for interdisciplinarity and strong evidence of co-creation with user(s). **It is thus very important that you nominate 3 peer reviewers who are will most likely not be conflicted with your proposal, and we strongly encourage you to include international and industrial nominations.**

Q) What user role do we envisage?

We expect strong evidence that your research has been co-created with users and encourage you to think creatively about and request appropriate resources through the Pathways to Impact section of your proposal, where to do so will enhance the quality of your research. Examples of the types of research we are seeking can be found at <http://gow.epsrc.ac.uk/> by searching for “Research in the Wild” under “Panel Information”.

Q: What level of interdisciplinarity do we envisage?

We expect strong evidence that your research has been co-created across disciplines within and beyond engineering and physical sciences to address the challenges identified in the call document. Excellence in research is the primary criterion of assessment. We will work with the partner Research Councils in the Digital Economy Theme (AHRC and ESRC) to select peer reviewers to ensure that interdisciplinary proposals are appropriately reviewed.

Q: When will I know if my invited full proposal has been successful?

A: The outcomes will be known in March / April 2016.

Q: What is the funding available for this call and how many proposals do you hope to fund?

A: Up to £10 million in total (80% FEC) is available, which we anticipate will support up to 10 proposals depending on quality.

⁵ <http://www.digitalcatapultcentre.org.uk/open-calls/trust-framework-initiative>

CHANGE LOG

Name	Date	Version	Change
Jerome Ma	04 August 2015	1	N/A