

# Connected Nation Pioneers 2018 Competition

## Frequently Asked Questions

If your question is not covered here, please contact [PioneersCompetition@epsrc.ac.uk](mailto:PioneersCompetition@epsrc.ac.uk).

1. I am not EPSRC-funded, can I apply?

Yes – as long as you are registered at a UK institution you are eligible to apply.

2. If I am funded for more than 3 years, can I apply if I am in my 4th year of doctoral training?

Yes – providing you are still registered at your institution.

3. Can I apply if I have completed my 3rd year of doctoral training but am still writing up?

Yes - providing you are still registered at your institution.

4. Can my entry be considered for more than one category?

We recognise that research may cross into more than one category. Therefore, you may nominate an additional category on the Expression of Interest Smart Survey form. In this case, the judging panel consisting of representatives from the sponsors will select the most appropriate category for your entry.

5. How many people will be shortlisted at Stages 1 and 2?

There is no quota for the number of applicants to be shortlisted at each stage. Applicants will be shortlisted against their fit to the assessment criteria for each stage and successful applicants will be informed in line with the timings outlined in the call document.

6. I am an international student, am I still eligible to apply?

Yes – as long as you are registered at a UK institution you are eligible to apply.

7. I am a UK student studying abroad, am I still eligible to apply?

If you are registered at a UK institution you are still eligible to apply.

8. I do not work in ICT, Quantum Technologies, Digital Economy or Mathematical Sciences, am I still eligible to apply?

Applicants are eligible to apply so long as their research falls into the EPSRC remit and you can demonstrate its fit to the prize category descriptions. EPSRC remit covers engineering and the physical sciences - we fund research in ICT, mathematical sciences, engineering, chemistry, materials and physics.

9. I am expecting to finish my doctorate soon, am I still eligible to apply?

Students who have not yet completed their studies (i.e. passed examination/viva and submitted thesis/portfolio/equivalent) and expect to be registered as a doctoral student at a UK institution on 27 July 2018 are eligible to apply. If you expect to have completed your studies prior to 27 July 2018, you are not eligible to apply.

## Change log

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