

Quick Reference

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End Use Energy Demand Technology call

Call type: Invitation for proposals

Closing date: 23 October 2018

Funding Available: Up to £10 million of EPSRC funding is available for this call. EPSRC expect to fund 5-8 projects.

How to apply: This is a single stage submission. Applicants should submit full proposals through the Je-S system.

Assessment Process: Expert peer review followed by prioritisation panel.

Key Dates:

Activity	Date
Deadline for Full Proposals	16:00 on 23 October 2018
Prioritisation Panel	February 2019
Funding decision	February 2019
Grant start date	March 2019

Additional information: All applications should involve a member of staff who is directly linked to the CREDS centre. Applications must demonstrate how the proposed research is complementary to the aims and strategy of the centre and clearly address the goals of the UK Research and Innovation Energy program: <https://epsrc.ukri.org/research/ourportfolio/themes/energy/programme/>

All applications should comprise research that falls within the remit of EPSRC, and specifically in the Energy Efficiency research area: <https://epsrc.ukri.org/research/ourportfolio/researchareas/energyefficiency/>

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Summary

The UK Research and Innovation Energy Programme, primarily via EPSRC and ESRC, have now funded the Centre for research in Energy Demand solutions (CREDS) as part of the second phase of strategy to support the broad community of researchers and innovators in energy demand in the UK.

EPSRC is looking to fund research proposals concerning end use energy demand, investing an additional £10 million in research projects aligned to, but not duplicating, the aims and objectives of CREDS. Proposals are invited from applicants which show a clear complementarity to the centre and should include at least one investigator with direct links to the centre.

Proposals will be subject to peer review followed by a prioritisation panel to decide funding. Strategic input from the Leader of CREDS, Professor Nick Eyre, will be taken at the prioritisation panel, but will not form part of the assessment of quality of the proposals.

Background

End Use Energy Demand definition:

Energy efficiency measures, reduction in demand for energy, and reduction in demand for energy services / mobility - all of which will contribute to reducing carbon emissions from energy use. It includes research in the context of the built environment, transport, heat, industrial processes and products. The research is interdisciplinary in nature covering socio-technical and techno-economic approaches including energy efficient technologies, materials, design, deployment, markets, policy, regulation, organisational aspects and decisions and behaviours of individual institutions and actors.

Reducing energy demand has been recognised in the as the most effective intervention to meet 2050 greenhouse gas emission targets while other approaches focus on supply.

EPSRC Balancing Capability

To maintain the UK's global research standing in light of increasing international competition and with limited funding available, EPSRC focus our investments to remain internationally leading in areas that are of long-term strategic importance to the UK. Balancing capability's goal was to align our portfolio to areas of UK strength and national importance.

Having grown the EUED portfolio during the last Delivery Plan period, the research area will now establish a sustainable critical mass activity. EPSRC intends to maintain this level over the next delivery plan period. It was noted that the areas of transport energy demand and non-domestic buildings energy demand should become more integrated into critical mass activities within the portfolio. Research on heat is an important cross-cutting theme within the portfolio and the integrated approach to this theme should continue. In order to build a sustainable community of researchers the EPSRC will build both studentship funding and support for research leaders in energy demand research. For more information about EPSRC's portfolio and strategies, see our website: <https://epsrc.ukri.org/research/ourportfolio/>

EUED Phase 1:

As a direct response to the International Review of Energy 2010 outcomes, in 2011 EPSRC and ESRC launched a call to joint-fund a series of centres focused on multidisciplinary energy demand reduction research. These centres would also act as a vehicle to build research capacity in the area. The following six Centres were funded and formed the base for the RCUK EUED Programme:

i-STUTE (Warwick) - The interdisciplinary centre for Storage, Transformation and Upgrading of Thermal Energy is dedicated to examining the potential for energy use reduction in heating and cooling.

DEMAND (Lancaster) - The DEMAND Centre tackles the fundamental question of what energy is for. Achieving greater energy efficiency is important, but the trend is often towards more resource intensive standards of comfort, convenience and speed.

CIE-MAP (Leeds) - Centre for Industrial Energy, Materials and Product, Working closely with government and industry, the Centre for Industrial Energy, Materials

and Products conducts research to identify all the opportunities along the product supply chain that ultimately deliver a reduction in industrial energy use.

CSEF (Brunel) - The aim of the Centre is to carry out fundamental research into innovative technologies and approaches for energy demand reduction in food chains.

CIED (Sussex) - The Centre on Innovation and Energy Demand seeks to develop a socio-technical understanding of the emergence, diffusion and impact of low energy innovations.

CUK CEE (UCL) - UCL-Energy has focused the RCUK centre on an energy epidemiological approach that looks to re-interpret the health sciences research structure.

EUED Phase 2:

EPSRC and ESRC recognise the value and importance of continued multidisciplinary research in this area. The six current centres are due to finish during 2018. The UK Research and Innovation Energy Programme, primarily via EPSRC and ESRC, have now funded the Centre for research in Energy Demand solutions (CREDS) to form the next part of the EUED program. This has been designed to be an inclusive centre for energy demand research, a National Centre which acts as a focal point for the UK's EUED research designed to take into account the whole picture of activity. This is headed by the Centre Champion, Professor Nick Eyre, who will act as thought leader, flag bearer, and strategy owner for the community.

Through this call EPSRC will fulfil the next stage of phase 2, investing an additional £10 million in research projects aligned to, but not duplicating, the aims and objectives of CREDS.

Funding available

EPSRC have £10 million available for this call. We will aim to fund 5-8 research grants for four years.

All applications should involve a member of staff who is directly linked to the CREDS centre. Applications must demonstrate how the proposed research is complementary to the aims and strategy of the centre and clearly address the goals of the UK Research and Innovation Energy program:

<https://epsrc.ukri.org/research/ourportfolio/themes/energy/programme/>

All applications should comprise research that falls within the remit of EPSRC, and specifically in the Energy Efficiency research area:

<https://epsrc.ukri.org/research/ourportfolio/researchareas/energyefficiency/>

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

The long term strength of the UK research base depends on harnessing all the available talent and the Research Councils have together developed the ambitious UK Research and Innovation Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan (<https://www.ukri.org/files/legacy/skills/action-plan-edi-2016/>).

In line with the UK Research and Innovation Diversity Principles, EPSRC expects that equality and diversity is embedded at all levels and in all aspects of research

practice. We are committed to supporting the research community in the diverse ways a research career can be built with our investments. This includes career breaks, support for people with caring responsibilities, flexible working and alternative working patterns. With this in mind, we welcome applications from academics who job share, have a part-time contract, need flexible working arrangements or those currently committed to other longer, large existing grants. Please see our Equality and Diversity webpages at <https://epsrc.ukri.org/funding/equalitydiversity/> for further information.

Equipment

For information on support for equipment on research grants please see the EPSRC website (<https://epsrc.ukri.org/research/facilities/equipment/process/researchgrants/>).

We would not expect applications to this call to request individual items of equipment over £138,000k.

Smaller items of equipment (individually under £10,000) should be in the Directly Incurred - Other Costs heading.

Applicants should look to make the best use of existing equipment and facilities, including those funded under other UK Research and Innovation schemes. These should be highlighted as appropriate.

For more information on equipment funding, please see: <https://epsrc.ukri.org/research/facilities/equipment/>

Eligibility

Please ensure sufficient time to create Je-S accounts for Investigators who do not currently have one.

For information on the eligibility of organisations and individuals to receive EPSRC funding, see the EPSRC Funding Guide: <https://epsrc.ukri.org/funding/howtoapply/fundingguide/>

A list of eligible organisations to apply to EPSRC is provided at: <https://www.ukri.org/funding/how-to-apply/eligibility/>

All applications should include a Co-investigator who is a member of the CREDS centre or are otherwise directly affiliated with the centre.

How to apply

Submitting an application

You should prepare and submit your proposal using the Research Councils' Joint electronic Submission (Je-S) System (<https://je-s.rcuk.ac.uk/>).

When adding a new proposal, you should select:

- Council 'EPSRC'
- Document type 'Standard Proposal'
- Scheme 'Standard'

- On the Project Details page you should select the 'Energy Demand Technologies' call.

Note that clicking 'submit document' on your proposal form in Je-S initially submits the proposal to your host organisation's administration, not to EPSRC. Please allow sufficient time for your organisation's submission process between submitting your proposal to them and the call closing date. EPSRC must receive your application by **16:00 on 23rd October 2018**.

Guidance on the types of support that may be sought and advice on the completion of the research proposal forms are given on the EPSRC website (<https://epsrc.ukri.org/funding/howtoapply/>) which should be consulted when preparing all proposals.

Guidance on writing an application

Applications must be made through Je-S. As well as the Je-S form, the following documents should be submitted:

- Case for Support: should be up to eight pages in total, to include:
 - Up to two-page track record, which should detail the relevant expertise that each investigator will bring to the research
 - Description of the proposed research focus and how this fits the aim and scope of the call. Please see the 'Assessment criteria'. This should include a clear statement of the proposal's vision, and how each strand of activity complements this vision. It should detail how the proposed research will align to the strategy of the CREDS centre, solving the energy trilemma and realising the EPSRC balancing capability strategy for Energy efficiency: <https://epsrc.ukri.org/research/ourportfolio/researchareas/energyefficiency/>
- Pathways to Impact: should be up to two pages and is primarily for detailing the activities which will help develop potential economic and societal impacts. Please detail how the proposed research project will be managed to engage beneficiaries and increase the likelihood of impacts. More information on preparing the impact plan and on impact can be found on the EPSRC website at: <https://epsrc.ukri.org/funding/howtoapply/preparing/impactguidance/>
- Justification of resources: should be up to two pages. This should be a narrative description of the need for the resources requested.
- Work plan: should be up to one page. It is not expected that this will be a Gantt chart for the whole time of the project, but should include a comprehensive plan for the start of the project and then refer to the management strategy to give appropriate milestones for when important decisions on the direction of the research will be taken. For advice on writing proposals see: <https://epsrc.ukri.org/funding/howtoapply/preparing/>
- Project partner letters of support - where appropriate, should detail how the partner is contributing to the project and a quantification of the value of this support. It is not expected that the CREDS centre will provide a

letter of support as details of the alignment to the centre should be included in the case for support.

- Letters of support- will only be expected in exceptional circumstances where a partner cannot be listed as a project partner, but could provide information directly pertinent to the execution of the workplan (e.g. subcontractors).
- Cover letter- an optional attachment which is not seen by peer reviewers. Please highlight any information which may be pertinent to the processing and peer review of the proposal.

Applicants should use the Ethical Information section on the Je-S form to demonstrate to peer reviewers that they have fully considered any ethical issues concerning the material they intend to use, the nature and choice, current public perceptions and attitudes towards the subject matter or research area. EPSRC will not fund a project if it believes that there are ethical concerns that have been overlooked or not appropriately accounted for. All relevant parts of the Ethical Information section must be completed. If the research will involve human participation or the use of animals covered by the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 it is recommended that applicants pay particular attention to the guidance highlighted below. EPSRC reserves the right to reject applications prior to peer review if the Ethical Information sections are not completed correctly.

Further guidance on completing the Je-S form can be found at <https://je-s.rcuk.ac.uk/Handbook/pages/GuidanceonCompletingaStandardG/EthicalInformation.htm>. Other relevant guidance includes: EPSRC's policy on animal use in research (<https://epsrc.ukri.org/about/standards/animalresearchpolicy/>) and the Responsible Innovation Framework (<https://epsrc.ukri.org/research/framework/>).

Please note that on submission to EPSRC **all** non-PDF documents uploaded onto Je-S are converted to PDF, the use of non-standard fonts may result in errors or font conversion, which could affect the overall length of the document.

For advice on writing proposals see:

<https://epsrc.ukri.org/funding/howtoapply/preparing/>

User Engagement Strategy

Successful applicants will be required to develop and execute a strategy for engaging with potential users of the research funded in the project (resources for this activity can be requested as part of the Pathways to Impact and must be justified in the application). This strategy should be reviewed and updated regularly as part of the formal management of the grant.

The strategy should cover:

- how and when potential users have been / will be identified;
- what form the engagement will take;
- what steps will be taken to ensure that outputs of the research are made available to potential users;

- suitable metrics for determining the success of the strategy in delivering value to users.

Assessment

Assessment process

Applications received under this Call will be assessed by peer review followed by ranking at a prioritisation panel. All applicants whose applications are accepted for peer review will be offered a chance to provide a response to reviewers prior to the panel. (see: <https://epsrc.ukri.org/funding/assessmentprocess/overview/>)

Strategic input from the Leader of CREDS, Professor Nick Eyre, will be taken at the prioritisation panel, where he will provide a contextual briefing and be available for the panel to ask questions regarding CREDS centre strategy. He will not form part of the assessment of individual proposals, nor will he be asked to comment on specific proposals.

Assessment criteria

Applications will be assessed against our standard criteria the definitions of which can be found here:

<https://epsrc.ukri.org/funding/assessmentprocess/review/formsandguidancenotes/standardcalls/>

Quality/excellence (primary criterion)

Reviewers are asked to comment on the degree of research excellence of the proposal making reference to:

- (1) The novelty, relationship to the context, and timeliness;
- (2) The ambition, adventure, and transformative aspects identified;
- (3) The appropriateness of the proposed methodology

Importance (secondary major criterion)

How the research:

- (1) Contributes to, or helps maintain the health of other disciplines contributes to addressing key UK societal challenges and/or contributes to future UK economic success and development of emerging industry(s);
- (2) Meets national needs by establishing/maintaining a unique world leading activity;
- (3) Complements other UK research funded in the area, including any relationship to the EPSRC portfolio will be addressed.

Pathways to Impact (secondary criterion)

Reviewers will comment on the pathway to impact identified for this work particularly:

- (1) How complete and realistic are the impacts identified for this work;

- (2) The effectiveness of the activities identified to help realise these impacts, including the resources requested for this purpose;
- (3) The relevance and appropriateness of any beneficiaries or collaborators.

Applicant (secondary criterion)

Reviewers will comment on the applicants' ability to deliver the proposed project making reference to:

- (1) Appropriateness of the track record of the applicant(s);
- (2) Balance of skills of the project team, including academic partners.

Resources and Management (secondary criterion)

Reviewers will comment on the effectiveness of the proposed planning and management and on whether the requested resources are appropriate and have been fully justified.

Proposal Assessment (secondary major criterion)

Reviewers will be asked to comment on how the research complements other UK research funded in the area, including any relationship to the EPSRC portfolio. Specifically applicants should address how the proposed research advances the state of the art in End use energy demand, advances the EPSRC Balancing capability strategy for Energy Efficiency and aligns with the strategy and mission of the CREDS centre.

Guidance for reviewers

Information about the EPSRC peer review process and guidance for reviewers can be found at: <https://epsrc.ukri.org/funding/assessmentprocess/review/>

Guidance for reviewing standard grants can be found here:

<https://epsrc.ukri.org/funding/assessmentprocess/review/formsandguidancenotes/standardgrants/>

In addition to that guidance, reviewers should comment on how the proposed research advances the state of the art in End use energy demand, advances the EPSRC Balancing capability strategy for Energy Efficiency and aligns with the strategy and mission of the CREDS centre.

Additional grant conditions (AGCs)

Grants will be subject to the standard RCUK grant conditions however the following additional grant conditions will be added to this call:

AGC1: Grants awarded through this call for proposals must be aligned to the strategy of the CREDS hub. As such they will be asked to provide annual reports and otherwise feed into and the advisory and strategic governance of the CREDS centre and must be prepared for a representative to attend meetings of the centre as required on no more than a six monthly basis.

Moving forward

Submissions to this call will count towards the Repeatedly Unsuccessful Applicants Policy. Further information about the policy can be found at: <https://epsrc.ukri.org/funding/howtoapply/basics/resubpol/rua/>

Key dates

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*EPSRC aims to adhere to the key dates as published, however there may be exceptions where the panel meeting may have to change due to panel member availability.

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Change log

Name	Date	Version	Change
James Dracott	30/08/2018	1	N/A

Appendices (includes Attachment Checklist and Fund Headings)

Je-S attachments Check List

Standard:

Attachment Type	Maximum Page length	Mandatory/Optional	Extra Guidance
Case for Support	8 pages	M	Comprising up to two A4 sides for a track record, and six A4 sides describing proposed research and its context.

Pathways to Impact	2 pages	M	
Workplan	1 page	M	
Justification for Resources	2 pages	M	
CVs	2 pages each	As Required by EPSRC	For named and visiting researchers, and researcher co-investigators only.
Project Partner Letters of Support	No page limits	As Required by EPSRC	Must be included from all named project partners. Must be on headed paper, and be signed and dated within six months of the proposal submission date.
Letters of Support	No page limits	As Required by EPSRC	In exceptional circumstances a maximum of three letters can be submitted.
Equipment Quotes	No page limits	As required by EPSRC	
Proposal Cover Letter	No page limit	Optional	The cover letter can be used to highlight any important information to EPSRC. This attachment type is not seen by reviewers or panel members.
Other	No Page limit	As required by EPSRC	

Please ensure you adhere to the above attachment requirements when submitting your proposal. Any missing, over length or unnecessary attachments may result in your proposal being rejected.