Quick Reference

Please note that you must read the full Call document for guidance before submitting your application

An opportunity to join the EPSRC RISE cohort: Develop your communications and engagement skills

Call type: Call for participants to attend training

Closing date: Wednesday 31 October 2018 at 16:00

Funding Available: This is not a call for funding.

How to apply: Single stage application process and these will not be processed through Je-S. Applicants should complete the application form through the SmartSurvey link on the bottom of the webpage and attach the signed and dated Self Declaration at the end of the survey.

Assessment Process: Applications will be considered by an expert panel made up of members from the RISE cohort, resulting in a rank-ordered list based on the success criteria.

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Related themes: All Themes

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Summary
EPSRC is offering a ‘Public Affairs and Media Training’ opportunity for EPSRC supported researchers. This opportunity is open to researchers who are interested in policy and evidence based decision making and keen to acquire new communications skills. Any applicant who considers they would benefit from this training, and is supported by EPSRC, is eligible to apply.

Background
The RISE campaign was launched as part of EPSRC’s 20th Anniversary celebrations in 2014 with the aim to raise the profile of EPSRC-supported scientists and engineers across the career spectrum, and across EPSRC’s whole remit, so that they are recognised and valued by business, government and the public as the current and future leaders of engineering and science. Following on from the success of RISE (https://epsrc.ukri.org/skills/riise/) we have developed RISE: Making Connections to provide the opportunity for EPSRC researchers to make connections across a range of stakeholders to help promote engineering and physical sciences to a wider audience including parliamentarians government departments, academia, industry, and the public.

Funding available
This is not a call for funding, applications are for attendance to public affairs and media training. There are 15 places available on this training course.

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 individuals 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 https://epsrc.ukri.org/funding/equalitydiversity/ for further information.
Eligibility
EPSRC supported researchers from any level including academics, research staff, students etc.

How to apply
Via SmartSurvey at the bottom of the webpage (https://epsrc.ukri.org/funding/calls/risemakingconnections2018/) and attach the signed and dated Self Declaration at the end of the survey.

Guidance on writing an application
Applications must be submitted through Smart Survey. However, for ease of reference please see below the fields that require completion below;

1) Please explain in no more than 150 words why you are applying for this training
2) Please give an example, in no more than 250 words, of an event or activity where you have used a range of communications skills – who was the audience, what worked well and why?
3) Please explain in no more than 250 words how you will apply the training and develop your networks

Assessment

Assessment process
Given that there is no financial associated reward the applications will be going straight to panel and there will be no right to reply stage. The reason for the short application deadline is to align with Parliamentary schedules. Applicants will be notified of the outcomes by mid-November.

Assessment criteria
- Applicant demonstrates excellent communication and interpersonal skills and aspires to develop these across a broad range of stakeholders and apply these, in particular, to government and parliament audiences
- Applicant demonstrates the potential and aptitude to act as an advocate for the Engineering and Physical Sciences and/or a particular field of research
- Applicant shows how they will apply the training to their own area of research
- Applicant demonstrates how they will utilise the training to develop networks and make new connections
Feedback
Given the short deadline for applications, due to the schedule of parliament, we will not be able to offer feedback. Applicants who are not shortlisted will receive information on where they may further their interest in public affairs.

Moving forward
Successful applicants will receive:

- Public Affairs training which will cover Academic Research in Parliament and Engaging with Select Committees
- Media Training will include presenting evidence to a parliamentary select committee, networking with potential industrial and academic partners, and engaging with the public
- Details of further activities to take place subsequent to the training will be provided following shortlisting

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