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International Centre-to-Centre Research Collaborations

Call type: Invitation for outlines

Closing date: Tuesday 08 September 2020 at 16:00

Funding Available: Up to £15 million is available from EPSRC for this call. We aim to fund 10-15 research consortia through this activity, with projects to start from summer 2021 onwards.

How to apply: Two stage process: Outlines followed by invited Full proposals.

Assessment Process: Outlines will be assessed by a peer review panel, invited full proposals will undergo postal peer review, followed by a prioritisation panel, resulting in a rank-order list.

Key Dates*:

EPSRC is aware that the COVID-19 pandemic is having an impact on the research community's ability to respond to funding opportunities, amongst other activities. As such the planned deadline for this call has been extended from July to early September and we will continue to review the call deadline regularly over the coming months.

Activity	Date
Webinar	Early June 2020**
Deadline for Outline proposals	16:00 8 September 2020
Outline panel meeting(s)	October 2020
Deadline for full proposals	16:00 3 February 2021
Grant start date	From July 2021

*For a full list of key dates please refer to the Key Dates section at the end of this document

**Information on the timings and format of the Webinar will be provided on both the calls webpage and events page on the website at least two weeks before the event is to take place. The outputs of the webinar will be made available in written form.

Additional information:

- Standard EPSRC eligibility requirements apply to this activity for individual UK investigators and research organisations. However, additional restrictions apply in terms of research consortium eligibility. Please see the main call text for details. Please also note that UK applicants may only be named as Investigator (either Principal or Co-Investigator) on one proposal to this call.
- Only one application form should be submitted for each bid. Joint proposals on separate Je-S forms will not be accepted.

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Summary

This call is the second round of a new EPSRC funding initiative which aims to provide opportunities for leading UK research groups to work in partnership with the best international researchers, with projects to start from summer 2021 onwards.

Up to £15 million is available for this call, and we aim to support 10-15 research consortia for projects of 3-5 years' duration. To be eligible, applicant teams must hold at least one strategic research grant from EPSRC or a portfolio of EPSRC grants of at least £3 million (with exceptions for some of the fundamental areas of research within EPSRC's remit), in each case with grant end dates after 8 September 2020. Full details of the eligibility requirements are given in the

Eligibility section below. Please also note that UK applicants may only be named as Investigator (either Principal or Co-Investigator) on one proposal to this call.

We will consider proposals to collaborate with academic partners based in any country outside the UK.

This call will operate through a two-stage assessment process, with the deadline for outline proposals on 8 September 2020.

Background

Research is of course an international endeavour and many challenges that we face are global. As well as maintaining the strength of UK research, we want UK researchers to be able to work with the best collaborators around the world. This call is the second round of a new EPSRC funding initiative which aims to provide opportunities for leading UK research groups to work in partnership with the best international researchers. The objectives of this call are:

- i. To enable high-profile, best-with-best international collaborations focused on excellent research with impact
- ii. To contribute to EPSRC strategy by supporting high-quality research collaborations which align with our research area strategies and address the priorities related to Delivery Plan objectives
<https://www.epsrc.ac.uk/research/ourportfolio/researchareas/>
<https://epsrc.ukri.org/about/plans/dp2019/>
- iii. To further the UK's strategic needs in international science and innovation partnerships.

For this call we will consider proposals to collaborate with academic partners based in any country outside the UK. Partners may potentially be based in a low- or middle-income country. However, given the funding opportunities that have been available through the Newton Fund and Global Challenges Research Fund we do not expect proposals through this call to focus on research primarily relevant to the economic development and welfare of developing nations, i.e., to be compliant with Official Development Assistance guidelines. Otherwise the topic of research is open, subject to being predominantly in EPSRC remit. Partnerships may be proposed to work with one or more overseas research organisations (including universities, public sector research organisations and publicly funded research institutes) in one or more countries.

If you have any doubts on these points please contact EPSRC before applying. Proposals not meeting these requirements in the judgement of EPSRC staff will be rejected without recourse to peer review.

We are open to proposals either to develop new international collaborations or build on existing relationships.

Industry engagement is strongly encouraged where appropriate, applicants are encouraged to engage with their strategic partners and co-develop ideas early in the process that meet the call aspirations.

For more information about EPSRC's portfolio and strategies, see our website: <https://epsrc.ukri.org/research/ourportfolio/>

Funding available

Up to £15 million is available from EPSRC for this call. We aim to fund 10-15 research consortia through this activity for projects of 3-5 years' duration. Proposals may consist of a single research project or a suite of related research activities in a defined research topic.

In terms of staff resource, we expect at least two full-time equivalent postdoctoral research staff to be requested on each proposal. PhD studentships may not be included in the costs sought from EPSRC.

We would expect to see funding requests to support travel, subsistence and consumables for the UK Investigators and research staff to visit or have extended work placements to a partner's laboratory overseas and/or for resources to enable different approaches to building and sustaining collaborations, which reduce the need to travel. We would expect the budget requested for the travel or alternative resources to be sufficient to support the collaboration between the centres.

Support may also be requested for visits by overseas partners to the UK of up to 12 months per individual. The application may include estates and indirect costs for any visiting researcher, regardless of whether the support being requested includes a salary contribution or is only travel and subsistence.

Support for the proposed international collaboration is subject to standard EPSRC funding rules. International Co-Investigators may not be requested in this call.

Each proposed overseas partner organisation, which may be a university, public sector research organisation or publicly funded research institute, should be listed in the Je-S form as a Project Partner. A letter of support from the overseas partner organisations is not required at the outline stage of this call. However the partners' estimated financial contribution to the research consortium should be given in the form as cash/in-kind contributions as appropriate and a short description of types of costs that the international partner's planned financial contribution will cover (e.g. staff costs, travel, laboratory access) should be included in the Justification of Resources. No funding from EPSRC is available for the overseas partners other than as described above. If the overseas partners are applying or plan to apply for funding in parallel to enable their participation in the consortium this should be specified in the proposal cover letter. See **How to apply** below.

Further guidance on the types of support that may be sought from EPSRC is given on the EPSRC website (<https://epsrc.ukri.org/funding/applicationprocess/>) which should be consulted when preparing all proposals.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

The long term strength of the UK research base depends on harnessing all the available talent. EPSRC expects that equality and diversity is embedded at all levels and in all aspects of research practice and funding policy. We are committed to supporting the research community, offering a range of flexible options which allow applicants to design a package that fits their research goals, career and personal circumstances. 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, or need flexible working arrangements.

Information on support available on EPSRC grants for people with caring responsibilities is available here:

<https://epsrc.ukri.org/funding/applicationprocess/basics/caringresponsibilities/>.

Peer review is central to EPSRC funding decisions, we require expert advice and robust decision-making processes for all EPSRC funding initiatives. We are committed to ensuring that fairness is fully reflected in all our funding processes by advancing policy which supports equality, diversity and inclusion. Please see our Equality and Diversity webpages

<https://epsrc.ukri.org/funding/equalitydiversity/> for further information.

Responsible Innovation

EPSRC is fully committed to develop and promote responsible innovation. Research has the ability to not only produce understanding, knowledge and value, but also unintended consequences, questions, ethical dilemmas and, at times, unexpected social transformations. We recognise that we have a duty of care to promote approaches to responsible innovation that will initiate ongoing reflection about the potential ethical and societal implications of the research that we sponsor and to encourage our research community to do likewise.

Responsible innovation creates spaces and processes to explore innovation and its consequences in an open, inclusive and timely way, going beyond consideration of ethics, public engagement, risk and regulation. Innovation is a collective responsibility, where funders, researchers, interested and affected parties, including the public, all have an important role to play. Applicants are expected to work within the EPSRC Framework for Responsible Innovation given on the EPSRC website (<https://epsrc.ukri.org/research/framework/>). A source of information and advice for UK researchers engaged in international research collaboration is Trusted Research (<https://www.cpni.gov.uk/trusted-research>).

Guidance on Journal-based metrics

As part of our commitment to support the recommendations and principles set out by the San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA; <https://sfdora.org/read/>), UKRI reviewers and panel members are advised not to use journal-based metrics, such as journal impact factors, as a surrogate measure of the quality of individual research articles, to assess an investigator's contributions, or to make funding decisions.

The content of a paper is more important than publication metrics, or the identity of the journal, in which it was published, especially for early-stage researchers. Reviewers and panel members are encouraged to consider the value and impact of all research outputs (including datasets, software, inventions, patents, preprints, other commercial activities, etc.) in addition to research publications. We advise our peer reviewers and panel members to consider a broad range of impact measures including qualitative indicators of research impact, such as influence on policy and practice.

Equipment

Equipment over £10,000 in value (inc. vat) is not available through this call. Smaller items of equipment (individually under £10,000) should be in the Directly Incurred - Other Costs heading.

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

Eligibility

Standard EPSRC eligibility requirements apply for research organisations in this activity. For information on the eligibility of organisations and individuals to receive EPSRC funding, see the EPSRC Funding Guide:
<https://www.epsrc.ac.uk/funding/howtoapply/fundingguide/>

We anticipate a high level of interest in this funding activity; consequently we are applying additional eligibility criteria. Applicant consortia must satisfy one or both of the following requirements (A and/or B) to be eligible to apply through this call. You must also satisfy the general eligibility requirements.

- A. The applicant consortium must hold at least one current EPSRC strategic research grants as listed below. This grant must have an end date after 8 September 2020 to qualify.

In order to satisfy the eligibility criterion, the Principal Investigator (PI) of the existing strategic investment must be named as an Investigator on the centre-to-centre proposal but does not need to be the PI.

We particularly welcome applications from diverse research consortia and the inclusion of early career researchers. We expect the majority of the applicant team to be Investigators on the existing strategic research grant(s), but not necessarily all the Investigators.

The list of research investments considered to satisfy this criterion (A) is as follows (in alphabetical order):

- i. BBSRC-EPSRC synthetic biology research centres
- ii. Cancer Research UK-EPSRC cancer imaging research centres
- iii. Centre for Energy Systems Integration
- iv. Centre for power electronics
- v. Cyber security of the internet of things hub (PETRAS)
- vi. Engineering grand challenge research consortia
- vii. EPSRC-DSTL university defence research collaborations
- viii. Frontier engineering awards
- ix. Future Manufacturing Research Hubs
- x. GCHQ-EPSRC cyber security research institutes
- xi. Healthcare technologies interdisciplinary research collaborations (IRCs)
- xii. High-end computing consortia
- xiii. Innovation and Knowledge Centres
- xiv. Mathematics in healthcare centres
- xv. MRC-EPSRC molecular pathology nodes
- xvi. Next stage digital economy hubs/centres

- xvii. Programme grants
- xviii. Prosperity partnerships
- xix. Quantum technology hubs
- xx. SUPERGEN hubs
- xxi. TRANSCEND: Transformative Science and Engineering for Nuclear Decommissioning
- xxii. UK Carbon Capture and Storage Research Centre 2017
- xxiii. UK Catalysis Hub
- xxiv. UK Centre for Research on Energy Demand
- xxv. UK Energy Research Centre
- xxvi. UK research centre in non-destructive evaluation
- xxvii. Wellcome Trust-EPSC medical research centres

In cases where an investment on the list above consists of more than one large-scale grant (>£2 million) with different PIs and distinct objectives, the group of investigators on each separate grant may submit a proposal to this call if desired.

Smaller component grants (less than £2M) of a larger centre or similar investment do not qualify under this criterion but may be included in the qualifying portfolio under criterion B below.

- B. Applicant consortia must collectively hold a research portfolio of at least £3 million of current EPSRC research grants. Each of these grants must have an end date after 08 September 2020. EPSRC particularly welcome applications from diverse research consortia and the inclusion of early career researchers. Not every proposed Investigator is required to hold a current EPSRC grant, but we expect the majority of the applicant team to be Investigators on one or more of the existing grants cited.

Exceptions: We are aware that in some of the fundamental areas of research within EPSRC's remit grant values are typically significantly lower and grants are comprised of smaller teams, meaning some potential applicants within those areas may struggle to meet the £3 million portfolio requirement. We are therefore willing to consider exceptions where consortia have a significant EPSRC grants portfolio for their area, if they can provide evidence of prior collaboration (e.g. through joint publications). Consortia working in these areas must confirm eligibility with the EPSRC prior to outline submission by emailing the EPSRC International Team (see Contacts section for details).

General Eligibility Requirements

A track record of the core applicant team working together is required and will be assessed at both outline and full proposal stages. See Assessment criteria below.

Any individual grant may only be cited against one proposal through this call. Linked grants (parent and child grants) which make up a single research project count as one grant.

The following grants will not qualify to satisfy either A or B:

- i. Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund awards
- ii. Strategic Priorities Fund awards
- iii. Capital equipment grants, including institute capital funding
- iv. Centres for Doctoral Training

- v. Doctoral Training Partnerships
- vi. Training and Skills Hubs
- vii. Fellowships
- viii. Impact Acceleration Accounts
- ix. Institutional sponsorship awards and other institutional block grants
- x. Networks and Network Plus grants
- xi. Platform grants
- xii. Workshops

Applicant teams may be based in a single discipline or multi-disciplinary, as long as they satisfy one of the criteria above. We are open to proposals in any area of research predominantly in EPSRC's remit. We welcome the inclusion of early career researchers in applicant consortia and diverse research consortia, as long as one of the eligibility criteria A or B are satisfied by the team overall.

Please also note that UK applicants may only be named as Investigator (either Principal or Co-Investigator) on one proposal to this call.

Standard EPSRC Resubmission rules apply to this call

<https://epsrc.ukri.org/funding/applicationprocess/basics/resubpol/>

Current International Centre to Centre grant holders are only eligible to apply through this call where the research challenges to be addressed are significantly different to their current grant. As such it is expected that they will satisfy the eligibility criteria based on a different grant or set of grants and be working with different international partners.

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/applicationprocess/fundingguide/>

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

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/>).

Although proposals may be multi-institutional, only one application form should be submitted for each bid. Single-form applications are required in order to facilitate integration across the UK research partners. **Joint proposals on separate Je-S forms will not be accepted.**

The lead institution must be based in the UK and must be eligible to hold EPSRC grants.

When adding a new proposal, you should select:

- Council 'EPSRC'
- Document type 'Outline Proposal'
- Scheme 'EPSRC Outline'
- On the Project Details page, you should select the 'International Centre to Centre 2020 Outlines' 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 Tuesday 08 September 2020.

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/applicationprocess/>) which should be consulted when preparing all proposals.

Full proposals invited following a successful outline stage must have the 'Related Grant' field completed in Je-S. Please use the option 'Successful Outline'.

Guidance on writing an application

Outline applications must include the following components:

- A. Case for support (up to six sides of A4 in total), including:
 - a. Track record of the applicants (up to two sides of A4). This section should include the track record of the overseas academic partners.
 - b. Description of the proposed research (up to four sides of A4). The case for support should focus on the additionality of the proposed partnership, and what this grant would enable which would not otherwise be feasible. The case for support should also describe in brief the whole planned research project/programme, including the contribution of the overseas partners. Make sure you address all the assessment criteria, see Assessment Criteria section.
- B. Justification of resources (up to two sides of A4)
 - a. In addition to the justification for the UK resources, a short description should be provided of types of costs that the international partner's planned financial contribution will cover (e.g. staff costs, travel, laboratory access).
- C. Proposal cover letter (up to two sides of A4)
 - a. The proposal cover letter should be used to detail which eligibility criterion is fulfilled and through which EPSRC grants, in a table using the following format and completing the information in each column:

EPSRC Grant Reference Number	Principal Investigator name	Holding research organisation	Grant type (e.g. Programme Grant)	EPSRC grant value	Grant end date

- b. If the overseas partners are applying for or plan to apply for funding in parallel to enable their participation in the consortium this should also be specified in the proposal cover letter. Further details are not required at the outline stage but will be required at the full proposal stage.
- c. If the required information is not included in the cover letter the outline proposal will be rejected without consideration by the shortlisting panel.

The Je-S form should list each overseas partner organisation as a Project Partner, giving their estimated financial contribution to the proposed research project as cash/in-kind contributions as appropriate. The named contact on the Je-S form should be the lead Investigator from that research organisation. Outlines with no appropriate overseas partner listed as Project Partner will not be considered.

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://www.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/>

Assessment

Assessment process

Outlines will be considered by a peer review panel; invited full proposals will undergo postal peer review, followed by a prioritisation panel, resulting in a rank-ordered list.

At the shortlisting and funding prioritisation panel meetings proposals may be grouped by topic and ranked on separate lists, as required. If there is significant demand, then we may group the applications by topic and run two or more prioritisation panels. The panels will assess the proposals against the assessment criteria described below.

In the event of this call being substantially oversubscribed as to be unmanageable, EPSRC reserve the right to modify the assessment process.

Assessment criteria

Outline stage

A. Fit to the call (primary criterion)

- a. Added value to the UK research base of the proposed research partnership;
- b. Unique features of the joint research team;
- c. Timeliness of proposed partnership;
- d. Track record of UK applicant team working together

B. Quality (primary criterion)

Please comment on the degree of research excellence of the proposal, making reference to:

- a. Novelty, relationship to the research context, timeliness and relevance to identified stakeholders;
- b. Ambition, adventure, and transformative aspects or potential outcomes;
- c. Suitability of the proposed methodology and the appropriateness of the approach to achieving impact.

C. Importance (secondary major criterion)

Comment on the national importance of the research. How the research:

- a. Contributes to, or helps maintain the health of other disciplines, address contributing to addressing key UK societal challenges, and/or contributes to future UK economic success and development of emerging industry(s);
- b. Meets national needs by establishing/maintaining a unique world leading activity;

- c. Complements other UK research funded in the area, including any relationship to EPSRC portfolio.

D. Applicant and Partnerships (secondary criterion)

Please comment on the applicant's ability to deliver the proposed project, making reference to:

- a. Appropriateness of the track record of the applicant(s)
- b. Balance of skills of the proposed project team, including collaborators;

E. Resources and management (secondary criterion)

Please comment on the effectiveness of the proposed planning and management and on whether the requested resources are appropriate and have been fully justified,

- a. Any equipment requested, or the viability of the arrangements described to access equipment needed for this project, and particularly on any university or third-party contribution;
- b. Any resources requested for activities to either increase impact for public engagement or to support responsible innovation. We reserve the right to apply additional shortlisting criteria in the event of the call being so substantially oversubscribed as to be unmanageable as initially planned.

Full proposal stage

A. Quality (primary criterion)

Please comment on the degree of research excellence of the proposal, making reference to:

- a. Novelty, relationship to the research context, timeliness and relevance to identified stakeholders;
- b. Ambition, adventure, and transformative aspects or potential outcomes;
- c. Suitability of the proposed methodology and the appropriateness of the approach to achieving impact.

B. Importance (secondary major criterion)

Comment on the national importance of the research. How the research:

- a. Contributes to, or helps maintain the health of other disciplines, address contributing to addressing key UK societal challenges, and/or contributes to future UK economic success and development of emerging industry(s);
- b. Meets national needs by establishing/maintaining a unique world leading activity;

- c. Complements other UK research funded in the area, including any relationship to EPSRC portfolio.

C. Applicant and Partnerships (secondary criterion)

Please comment on the applicant's ability to deliver the proposed project, making reference to:

- a. Appropriateness of the track record of the applicant(s)
- b. Balance of skills of the proposed project team, including collaborators;

D. Resources and management (secondary criterion)

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

- a. Any equipment requested, or the viability of the arrangements described to access equipment needed for this project, and particularly on any university or third-party contribution;
- b. Any resources requested for activities to either increase impact for public engagement or to support responsible innovation. We reserve the right to apply additional shortlisting criteria in the event of the call being so substantially oversubscribed as to be unmanageable as initially planned.

E. Fit to the call (secondary criterion)

- a. Added value to the UK research base of the proposed research partnership;
- b. Unique features of the joint research team;
- c. Appropriateness and timeliness of proposed international partnership;
- d. Track record of UK applicant team working together

Feedback

Feedback will not be provided on unsuccessful outline proposals.

Grant additional conditions (GACs)

Grants will be subject to the standard UK Research and Innovation grant conditions however the following additional grant condition will be added to this call:

RGAC 1: Withdrawal of Funding

If the overseas partners' funding to collaborate on this grant is either not agreed by the relevant funding agency or is withdrawn after the project has started,

UKRI-EP SRC reserves the right to terminate the UKRI-EP SRC grant. This is in line with UKRI Research Grant condition RGC 14 Status.

Moving forward

Decisions on the outline stage will be released in October 2020, at which point shortlisted consortia will be invited to submit a full proposal. Full proposals will undergo postal peer review followed by prioritisation panel, resulting in a rank-ordered list. Additional guidance on the full proposal stage will be provided for shortlisted teams and reviewers on the website in October 2020.

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/>

If you are currently restricted under the Repeatedly Unsuccessful Applicants Policy, you may submit unlimited outlines to other EPSRC calls in addition to the one outline you can submit to this call but you will only be able to submit one full proposal (as PI or Co-I) during the 12-month restricted period.

Key dates

Activity	Date*
Call for proposals issued	05 May 2020
Webinar	Early June 2020**
Deadline for Outline proposals	16:00 8 September 2020
Outline panel meeting(s)	October 2020
Invitation to submit full proposal issued	October 2020
Deadline for full proposals	16:00 3 February 2021
Full proposal panel meeting(s)	May 2021
Grant start date	From July 2021

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

**Information on the timings and format of the Webinar will be provided on both the calls webpage and events page on the website at least two weeks before the event is to take place. The outputs of the webinar will be made available in written form.

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Please contact your university research office for help and advice on writing your proposal and allow enough time before the closing date for your organisation's submission process.

Change log

Name	Date	Version	Change
Clare Williamson	30/04/20	1	N/A

Appendices (includes Attachment Checklist and Fund Headings)

Je-S attachments Check List

Outline:

Attachment Type	Maximum Page length	Mandatory/Optional	Extra Guidance
Case for Support	Six pages	Mandatory	Comprising up to two sides of A4 for the applicant team track record, and four sides of A4 describing the proposed research and its context. The case for support at the outline stage should focus on the added value of the proposed partnership.
Justification for Resources	Two pages	Mandatory	In addition to the justification for the UK resources, a short description should be provided of types of costs that the international partner's planned financial contribution will cover (e.g. staff costs, travel, laboratory access).

Proposal Cover Letter	Two pages	Mandatory	The cover letter should be used to identify the EPSRC grants cited to satisfy the applicant eligibility criteria. The letter must include a table listing the qualifying grant(s) as described in the main text.
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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.