

UK in a Changing Europe - Commissioning Fund

The ESRC initiative on the [UK in a Changing Europe](#) aims to promote high quality social scientific research into the nature of the relationship between the UK and the EU, with a particular emphasis on making the findings of this research easily available to non-academic stakeholders. Its ambition is to become an authoritative source of expertise recognised by all sides in the debate over the UK's relationship with the EU. Through funding academics of the highest calibre, and producing research findings in ways that are easily accessible to non-academic audiences, its ambition is to establish itself as an irreplaceable source of research based knowledge on the UK-EU relationship. Individual awards of up to a maximum of £9,999 will be made from the fund.

Purpose of the commissioning fund

The commissioning fund has been created to ensure that funding is available in a timely manner for applicants interested particularly in pursuing dissemination and impact focused activities related to the overall aims of the initiative. The purpose of the fund is to enable UK RO-based academics to make the findings of social science research available in an accessible form to key stakeholder groups including the public. The kinds of activities covered under the scheme include, but are not confined to:

- Knowledge exchange activities for hard to reach audiences
- Public engagement events and opportunities
- The synthesis of existing research findings and dissemination to appropriate audiences
- The production and sharing of policy briefs presenting the findings of academic research in a timely manner to stakeholders
- The holding of briefings or workshops bringing together academics and non-academic stakeholders, including the public.

All events and outputs arising from these awards must be made available for inclusion on the [initiative's website](#) and award holders are required to work closely with the initiative director, Professor Menon to ensure maximum impact can be achieved from these awards. In addition the award holder will be expected to contribute regularly to the initiative website (the Knowledge Forum) and to provide blogs and, where appropriate, longer contributions related to the activities undertaken in order to maintain its relevance and topicality.

Costs

These awards will be paid at 100 per cent. They do not attract indirect and estate costs. These awards will not attract Full Economic Costs. Applicants may claim staff time, travel and subsistence, dissemination and knowledge exchange activities. It is possible to hire a research assistant to help support these activities. A maximum of £9,999 is available for each award.

Application process

Those wishing to apply for funding under the scheme should provide a short (no more than two pages) outline of the work they wish to undertake. This should explain how it will contribute to the scope of this initiative, its' proposed activities and its anticipated outcomes. A detailed breakdown and justification of costings of the proposed activities should also be included (in addition to the outline). It is important to include the proposed start and end date of the award and the name of the applicant and institution.

For this round of the commissioning fund we particularly welcome applications addressing the following areas:

- British party politics and the European Union
- British public opinion and the European Union
- The economic implications of Brexit
- Implications for the devolved countries
- Budgetary implications of Brexit
- Politics in and attitudes of other states
- Constitutional and legal aspects of Brexit
- Alternatives to membership

This call will close on Thursday 4th August 2016.

It is expected that we will fund up to ten proposals in this round.

All applications will be considered by a number of academic and non-academic experts and decisions made taking into account the quality, potential for impact of applications, and their fit with the remit of the initiative. Decisions on successful applications will be made by the end of August 2016. All applications should be sent to Research Director, Professor Anand Menon esrceurope@kcl.ac.uk. Contracts with the successful applicants will be issued by the ESRC.

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