

UK in a Changing Europe Small Grant Fund

UK in a Changing Europe (UKICE) is funded by UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) and hosted by King's College London. Led by Professor Anand Menon and supported by an in-house team, UKICE works with its team of Senior Fellows and numerous other academics to promote high quality, timely and accessible social science research. We provide a platform allowing academics across the UK and beyond to ensure their research reaches a wider audience.

Our work explores the numerous domestic challenges confronting the UK, its evolving relationship with the European Union, and its place in the world. Within these three broad themes, our research draws on social science experts on politics, society, economics, and law.

Nature and purpose

UKICE has funding available to support small-scale research projects that help enhance its profile and contribute to its overall mission of enhancing impact and engagement. The fund's purpose is to provide support for academics to make social science research findings available to key stakeholder groups. A range of activities can be covered under this scheme. They include, but are not confined to, original social science research including survey research, data collection and research staff time, briefings or workshops that bring together academics and non-academic stakeholders, and the production of policy briefs intended to present the findings of academic research. Key outputs of all projects should be designed for and made available via UKICE's website. Funding is intended to support small scale projects, of a maximum 6- month duration. We expect that projects will start no later than February 2024. This call will be run on a bi-annual basis, each call addressing different themes.

The full economic cost of your project must not exceed £30,000. The ESRC will fund 80% of the full economic cost. Information on eligible costs is detailed in the [ESRC Research Funding Guide](#). Applicants must be based at a Research Organisation eligible to receive UK Research and Innovation funding. Projects may include non-academic partners.

Current call

For this current call, we are particularly interested in receiving applications that address the broad theme of the UK economy. Suggested topics include, but are not limited to:

- The economic impacts of Brexit, including the impact of post-Brexit changes to the UK's trade, regulation, and immigration regimes/policies.
- Fiscal and macroeconomic policy/policy frameworks.
- Recent developments in the labour market and the benefit system.

- Comparative economic performance of the UK and EU/G7 states.
- Politics of economic policy.
- Economics of climate policy.

Application process

Those wishing to apply should provide a short (maximum two A4 pages) outline of the work they wish to undertake, as well as an explanation of how it would contribute to the work of UKICE. The proposal should also include a separate one-page justification of resources, along with a detailed costing of the proposed activities. Applicants should seek institutional approval before applying to this scheme.

The selection panel will consider the academic quality of applications, their fit within the themes of this call and the potential impact of the work being proposed. Applications must demonstrate clear additionality beyond the activities of existing funded research. Value for money will be a key criterion.

The deadline for applications is the **5th of November 2023**. Decisions on successful applications will be made within one month of the call deadline.

This fund is supported by the Economic and Social Research Council (part of UK Research and Innovation) and is being administered by King's College London (KCL). Successful proposals will be sub-contracted by KCL.

All applications should be sent to Annie-Rose Nicholas: annie-rose.nicholas@ukandeu.ac.uk.

If you are interested in applying and would like to discuss this further, do feel free to contact Professor Anand Menon: anand.menon@ukandeu.ac.uk.