



# Financial Regulations

## Applied Working Groups

We expect to fund the establishment of 4 sustainable and impactful [Applied Working Groups](#) (receiving £43,000 over 18 months) to investigate applying cultural evolution research to global challenges and societal issues. These challenges and issues may include, but are not limited to, education, health, business, politics, public policy, animal conservation and welfare.

Please note that the [John Templeton Foundation](#) does not directly fund environmental science. It is acceptable, however, to include environmental concerns as one of several case studies. Moreover, your proposal should not significantly overlap with the existing CES working group, [Evolutionary Approaches to Sustainability](#).

### Eligible Costs

The funding scheme is designed to be flexible to the needs of the Applied Working Group but has been costed with the expectation of:

- A major international 2-day workshop including travel (max. £17,500), venue hire, catering, and accommodation (max £6,000) for ~20 academics and stakeholders, which will be expected to take place by mid-June 2023
- Administrative assistance for PI/Co-Is
- Follow-on activities (e.g. smaller gatherings to progress work or discuss future activities and long-term sustainability of the group; hiring of research assistants or teaching buyout, etc.; travel and lodging costs are ineligible).
- Public engagement or impact activities (note that a page on the grant website, including a public-facing explanatory slide show/video, is funded in addition to the award).
- Dependent (e.g. children) care costs of PI/Co-Is, incurred in addition to usual care-costs, in order to undertake work away from home.

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- Consideration of the carbon footprint of proposed activities (see [Sarabipour et al. 2021](#)).
- Adhere to CES equality, diversity and inclusion principles (see Resources on [CES Activities & Policies](#)) in formulating activities.
- Attendance (funded in addition to the award for 2 group members) is expected at the CES 2024 conference (mid-September 2024, Durham, UK) and the associated [Capstone Conference](#) where you will present your work.

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- Cooperation in creating public-facing explanatory slide shows/videos (in collaboration with a design company and the Project Team).
- Cooperation in providing requested progress reports.

### Ineligible Costs

- Purchase of consumables (unless justified to specifically sustain the functioning of the Applied Working Group itself, e.g. video conferencing capabilities (like 'zoom') if free plans are insufficient). No single piece of equipment may exceed \$5,000/~£3,600 (JTF stipulation).
- Indirect costs/overheads of institutions.
- Tuition fees, general living expenses, or research expenses of postgraduate students.
- Conference attendance. Note 2 members of each Applied Working Group will be funded (in addition to the award value) to attend the 2024 CES conference and the associated [Capstone Conference](#) on 'Cultural Evolution and Global Human Futures' to network and present their work.
- The funded Applied Working Groups will receive support from our Research Communications Manager, [Bella Reichard](#) who will attend the workshops, alongside the Project Lead, [Rachel Kendal](#), to enhance their impact (e.g. website, impactful dissemination, policy briefs, infographics etc.).

Please see [Frequently Asked Questions](#) if you have a query.

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