



# Financial Regulations

## Research projects

We expect to fund four 18-month Research Projects (of up to £90,000) in each of [4 thematic areas](#) (16 awards in total). The thematic areas represent independent calls but contain many overlaps, hence cross-cutting applications will be accepted (you may indicate a primary and secondary theme when submitting your application).

### Eligible Costs

The funding scheme is designed to be flexible to the needs of the applicant and their Research Project. Examples of eligible costs include:

- Relief of the PI (and/or Co-I) of teaching/admin duties in order to undertake research (salary only, equivalent to minimum point on scale of host institution).
- Salary of the PI (and/or Co-I) if otherwise unsalaried (e.g. using the grant as a post-doctoral fellowship)
- Salary of a post-doctoral research assistant (PDRA)
- Salary of research assistants (RAs)
- Research expenses (travel, accommodation, subsistence, participant fees etc.) and equipment/facilities costs.
- Activities related to societal impact (e.g. knowledge translation and exchange activities, training etc.; note that a page on this website, including a public-facing explanatory slide show/video for each project, is funded in addition to the award)
- Dependent (e.g. children) care costs, incurred in addition to usual care-costs, in order to undertake research away from home.

### Regulations

- A maximum of 20% of the total award may be spent on research equipment (or consumables) and no single piece of equipment may exceed \$5,000/~£3,600 (JTF stipulation).
- A maximum of £7,687 of the total award may be spent on travel and accommodation (JTF stipulation)
- A maximum of 5% of the total award may be used for indirect costs/overheads of host institutions (to include office space and/or facility fees). The inclusion of overhead costs must be justified by the applicant.
- Consideration of the carbon footprint of proposed activities (see [Sarabipour et al. 2021](#)).

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- Adhere to CES equality, diversity and inclusion principles (see Resources on [CES Activities & Policies](#)) in formulating activities.
- Attendance (funded in addition to the award) is expected at the CES 2024 conference (mid-September 2024, Durham, UK) and the associated [Capstone Conference](#), where you will present your work.
- 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

- Tuition fees, general living expenses, or research expenses of postgraduate students.
- Conference attendance. Note that one member of each Research Project 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' in Durham (UK) to network and present their work. **FULL APPLICATION STAGE AMENDMENT**: you may, if under budget, include attendance at one conference where it is justified as important for the project.

### Impact supplement

Funded projects may apply for an impact supplement where impromptu opportunities for developing societal impact arise during the research. The supplement is £1,050+ per project for impact-oriented outputs such as knowledge translation and exchange activities, and learning, training and development materials. Our Research Communications Manager, [Bella Reichard](#), will be available to assist awardees in enhancing their impact (e.g. website, impactful dissemination, policy briefs, infographics etc.).

**FULL APPLICATION STAGE AMENDMENT**: you may, if you wish, pre-allocate use of the impact supplement in your budget. If you do so, please note that we are unlikely to be able to allocate additional funds for impact during your project.

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

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