



## **EU- India Platform for the Social Sciences and Humanities**

### **Call for collaborative research proposals**

#### **Sustainability, equity, wellbeing and cultural connections**

#### **Call Specification**

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## Summary

This call for collaborative research projects has been developed as part of the EU-India Platform (EqUIP) ([www.equipproject.eu/](http://www.equipproject.eu/)) that promotes cooperation between funding agencies to help enhance research collaboration between social science and humanities research communities in Europe and India. To inform the development of this call, six symposia were held in 2015 and 2016 bringing together researchers from India and EU countries. These have helped define common interests and research priorities to address societal challenges facing India and respective European countries as well as paving the way to address these challenges in a collaborative way. Discussions at the symposia resulted in this first call that brings together a number of social science and humanities funders in India and Europe to support excellent and innovative research into **sustainability, equity, wellbeing and cultural connections**, with the emphasis on Indian and European dimensions, in both contemporary and historical contexts. **Funders strongly encourage interdisciplinary approaches across social sciences and humanities (SSH) to address the themes of this call<sup>1</sup>**. At the same time, the call is open for other disciplines to be included in proposals, provided this is within the remit of funding agencies of respective countries, as long as their major focus remains within the remits of SSH.

Proposals are invited for collaborative research projects between applicants<sup>2</sup> based at eligible research institutions (or equivalent according to respective national rules) in **Finland, France, India, Norway, Poland, Slovenia, Switzerland and the United Kingdom**. Each proposal must comprise of a consortium of research teams<sup>3</sup> from at least **three different countries** participating in the call. Every proposal **must involve applicants from India** who are eligible for funding by the participating Indian funding agencies, one of which has to be the Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR)<sup>4</sup>. **Proposals must adhere to the national eligibility requirements outlined in Annex I.**

Proposals should be for a maximum 36 months in length. The total amount of funding available for this call is up to €5.5 million Euro. It is expected that around six proposals will be funded, subject to quality and funds available. Total amount of funding per project will be determined by the balance of countries comprising a consortium and the different national funding rules that apply.

The Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) in the UK provides secretariat functions for this call. Full proposals should be submitted via the UK Research Council Joint Electronic Submission (Je-S) System (<https://je-s.rcuk.ac.uk/>) no later than **16:00 (UK time) on 30 November 2017**. Funding decisions will be made in July 2018. Applications will be assessed in a one-stage process involving an independent international review panel. All grants are expected to start on 1 January 2019.

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<sup>1</sup> Please note that all UK components on a proposal **must** be interdisciplinary across the arts and humanities and social sciences. See Annex I for further details.

<sup>2</sup> The definition of an eligible applicant is subject to national eligibility criteria. Please refer to your country specific criteria at Annex I.

<sup>3</sup> A research team may consist of an individual researcher for some funders. Please refer to national eligibility criteria at Annex I.

<sup>4</sup> Please note that all applicants eligible for funding from the participating Indian funding agencies should comply with ICSSR's eligibility criteria.

## Call aims

The aims of this EqUIP call are to:

- Support excellent SSH research that demonstrates the potential for academic, societal and economic impact.
- Bring together the European and Indian SSH research communities around global challenges of mutual interest and importance for EqUIP partners that are of relevance to this call.
- Enhance understanding of challenges facing economic development and social welfare work jointly towards identifying solutions to these challenges.<sup>5</sup>
- Support inter-disciplinary approaches for addressing areas of sustainability, equity, wellbeing and cultural connections as well as intersections between these areas.
- Build on the relationships developed over the last two years of EqUIP, and on existing experience, to enhance trust and develop processes amongst funding organisations for multi-lateral European-Indian collaboration in the social sciences and humanities that goes beyond this call and creates a platform for lasting research collaborations.

## Thematic framework - Sustainability, equity, wellbeing and cultural connections

This call invites proposals based on strong collaborations between researchers in India and their European counterparts contributing to broad notions of sustainability, equity, wellbeing and cultural connections. Projects should make creative use of the skills and perspectives of researchers located in India and in Europe and are expected to explicitly address the added value of the India-EU collaboration and build upon mutual European and Indian learning.

The thematic framework of this first EqUIP call outlined below has deliberately been left relatively open to allow space for excellent ideas to be developed, taking account of both contemporary and historical contexts relevant to India and Europe. Funding partners recognise that, whilst being broad, these concepts are intersecting rather than discrete and proposals are not required to address all of these, however addressing the cross cutting nature of these areas is encouraged. **Funders strongly encourage inter-disciplinary approaches that cross the arts and humanities and social sciences** and are potentially open to other areas of scientific enquiry, subject to national eligibility criteria.

## Setting the scene

Despite strong economic growth in India, moving many out of absolute poverty, and declines in inequality in Europe, particularly in the second part of the twentieth century, we are currently witnessing a period of widening economic, social and cultural inequalities. At the same time, world regions are experiencing increasingly significant environmental challenges and rapid urbanisation, particularly in case of India, with implications for sustainability, prosperity, social and cultural cohesion, as well as impacts on people's lifestyles, their happiness and wellbeing. How these inequalities are shaping and have been shaped by discrimination and access to decent healthcare, education, employment, and understanding the role of cultural heritage are central to building a just and sustainable

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<sup>5</sup> Proposals which include an element to be funded by UK funding agencies will be asked to include an Overseas Development Aid statement [www.esrc.ac.uk/research/international-research/global-challenges-research-fund-gcrf/official-development-assistance-oda/](http://www.esrc.ac.uk/research/international-research/global-challenges-research-fund-gcrf/official-development-assistance-oda/)

. Please see eligibility criteria for ESRC/AHRC at Annex 1 for further details.

future based on appreciation of specific historic, cultural, political, economic and social contexts.

Attempts to interrogate, advocate for, and achieve equity and wellbeing in a sustainable way have occurred in different ways during all periods of history, and are reflected in and inspired by the arts, literature, media, education, legislation, political activism and economic models and ideologies. Practices and interventions that address equity, wellbeing, sustainability and cultural connections in diverse socio-economic, political, cultural and ecological contexts are multiple and should be approached as such. They may manifest as new forms of governance and political participation, as projects for resource conservation, sustainable livelihoods and community health. They may appear as political expression through performance traditions and as alternative artistic visions of pasts, presents and futures. They may be evidenced in alternative living away from the city or movements for new urbanisms, and as cultural, social and frugal ‘Jugaad’<sup>6</sup> innovations.

To build equitable and sustainable futures based on economic, social and cultural connections, it is also imperative to understand how the reverse experiences of marginality, exclusion and isolation have shaped the individual and group character, architecture and fate of past and present movements and projects. These experiences have also influenced everyday culture. An understanding of these experiences, expressions and aspirations can be generated through analysis of multiple sources and perspectives. These include, for example, formal and informal institutions, statistics, media (traditional and new), public spaces, languages, education, heritage, philosophy and religions.

### **Potential areas**

We invite excellent proposals addressing a variety of areas within the thematic framework outlined above; the series of symposia identified some examples of areas that might provide further guidance. These examples are indicative rather than prescriptive and applicants are not restricted to addressing topics illustrated through the examples below.

Projects submitted under this call could form comparisons across, or examine relations between different political, economic, cultural and social spaces, localities and regions, media and expressive genres, historical periods, and/or disciplinary perspectives and methodologies. We strongly encourage proposals addressing both Indian and European contexts and drawing comparisons, where appropriate, across a range of possible topics, for example:

- Current understandings of equity, growth and wellbeing in European and Indian contexts and how their relationships are projected onto the past and/or into the future.
- Roots/causes of inequalities and the ways in which inequalities inhibit individual and social prosperity.
- Relations between aspirations and practices, and future visions of sustainable wellbeing, in the context of limited resources and persisting inequalities.
- How knowledges, literatures and arts can and have contributed to the transformation of social, gender, educational and economic differences and/or inequities.

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<sup>6</sup> Social innovations can be defined as ‘new practices of action to modify living and working conditions in parts or whole of a society, if adopted, successfully implemented and utilized by individuals, groups or organisations concerned’. “Jugaad” innovations: from the Hindi, meaning finding low-cost solutions to problems in an intelligent way. See [EqUIP Reflection Paper on Sustainable Prosperity, Well-being and Innovation](#).

- How tangible and intangible heritage can help to frame sustainable and equitable futures, wellbeing and connections.
- How understandings or lack of understanding between and among linguistic and cultural communities in India and in Europe enhance or impede discourses of tolerance and justice, and how, if at all, these contribute to sustainability, wellbeing and cultural connections.
- How social justice has been perceived, conceptualised and realised, particularly in relation to understandings of modernity and new forms and trajectories of liberalism and globalism.
- How knowledge of the past, traditions, memories and heritages, can stimulate understandings of contemporary local, national, transnational and global issues pertaining to sustainability, equality and wellbeing (for example, through creative expression, and/or digital media).
- How digital technologies and digitisation strengthen or hinder social and cultural connections and community engagement and political participation.
- The changing nature of gender and inter-generational relations and other axes of marginalisation in Indian and European economic and cultural contexts, past and present.
- The effectiveness of governance and innovations around the provision of public goods, such as education and health, to foster equity and wellbeing, for example, community health initiatives, and smart health governance (national and global).
- The origins, practices and impacts of both historical and current non-violent social movements advocating sustainability, equity and wellbeing.

This list is not exhaustive and funders acknowledge that there are other relevant areas that could be explored. We remain open to new ideas and methodologies that add value to India-EU collaboration and build upon mutual European and Indian learning.

## Guidelines for applicants

The next section will provide applicants with practical guidance on how to prepare and submit their proposals. This must be read in conjunction with **Annex I** which details national eligibility rules.

**Applicants are strongly recommended to contact their national contact points before submitting their proposals (contacts details are available in Annex I).**

Who is eligible to apply?

The call is open to applications from eligible research teams irrespective of individual nationalities, eligible for funding from funders of this call. **Depending on the national eligibility rules<sup>7</sup>**, eligible applicants may come from other organisations.

Applicants may only appear on ONE application only (whether as an overall project principal investigator/project coordinator, principal investigator for a national research team, or research team member). Every must involve at least one research team from India, eligible for funding by the participating Indian funding agencies, one of which has to be ICSSR, and at least two eligible research teams from different participating European countries.

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<sup>7</sup> Please note that some funding agencies only allow applicants from eligible Research Organisations. For example, on Indian side only applicants employed in a research or academic position in a recognised research or academic institution can apply. See further details in Annex I.

It is the responsibility of potential applicants to ensure that they are eligible for funding from the relevant country funding organisation before submitting their proposals. All applicants and their institutions must fulfil national eligibility rules as set by the respective national funding agencies (see Annex 1). Any queries regarding eligibility funding rules should be directed to the relevant national agency.

Applicants must note that the national agencies retain the right to reject applications where they fail to comply with the eligibility procedures set out in their guidelines. If an application is ineligible with one national agency the whole proposal will be rejected by all the agencies concerned.

Some funders permit the inclusion of co-investigators (as individuals and/or teams) from other countries - international co-investigators. Please refer to your country specific guidance for further information.

Proposals are welcomed from any discipline or combination of disciplines from social sciences and humanities relevant to the themes of the call, subject to the remit requirements of the relevant funding organisations. Funders strongly encourage interdisciplinary approaches that cross the social sciences and humanities. We are also open for other disciplines to be included in proposals (subject to remit of funding agencies of respective countries), as long as the major focus remains within the remits of SSH.

### **Project structure**

Applicants must apply as an EU-India research project. Each project is an equitable partnership among a number of national researchers based in any of the EqUIP countries participating in the call as listed above and who are eligible for funding from the participating funding agencies. We will accept proposals that demonstrate a balanced consortium where expertise from each participating country adds value and is well represented. Specific requirements to all proposals are:

- Each project must involve **at least one** research team from India, eligible for funding by the participating Indian funding agencies, one of which has to be ICSSR, and **at least two** research teams from **different** participating European countries.
- One of the researchers should be designated as the project's overall principal investigator and project co-ordinator.
- For each national funding agency **one** of the researchers should be designated as principal investigator for each national team involved and will act as the country contact.
- There is no upper limit on the number of researchers or countries involved, although proposals will need to demonstrate how they will provide leadership and project management to a diverse group of collaborators.
- Researchers from countries other than EqUIP call-participating countries may participate in the project, where considered beneficial to the research. However no funding can be applied for them under the EqUIP call (unless otherwise stated within the individual funding organisation's eligibility criteria). A formal letter guaranteeing that these teams can cover their own funding for participating in the research project must be included as an attachment with the proposal.
- Project partners from non-academic institutions will be considered, according to national funding agencies eligibility criteria (see Annex 1). Project partners are stakeholders, for example in the public sector, policy makers, non-governmental sector, business etc, who may provide significant added value to the project from a user's perspective. They can be included in the proposal in a collaborative and

advisory capacity, with no associated costs, to help facilitate knowledge exchange and explore impact potential of the proposed research.

## Funding

The total amount of funding available for this call is approximately €5.5 million Euro. It is expected that around six proposals will be funded, subject to quality and funds available.

The call is being implemented through a coordinated funding scheme where each funding organisation funds its own national eligible research teams within an international collaborative research project. The available country contributions and the upper limits to the budgets that can be requested are listed in **Annex I**.

Funding will be awarded according to the terms and conditions of the relevant funding organisations. As such, the actual project costs that can be funded through this call will vary for researchers from different nations. Applicants should therefore thoroughly check all national regulations and rules of the funding organisation from which they are requesting funding. The complete list of EqUIP call partner funding organisations and their funding eligibility criteria can be found in **Annex I** and on the EqUIP call webpage (<http://equipproject.eu/funding-opportunities/equip-call-for-collaborative-research-on-sustainability-equity-wellbeing-and-cultural-connections/>)

Applicants will be asked to outline the resources using the template at **Annex 2**<sup>8</sup> and clearly state:

- funding requested from each partner funding organisation
- funding made available as additional resource from external or institutional funds and indicating the source of these (if applicable)

Please note that some funders will require their organisations' financial tables to be submitted **in addition** to a joint project funding request. All applicants must follow their national funding agencies' requirements at **Annex I**.

Value for money will be an evaluation criterion. Applicants should only request resources which are required to successfully deliver the proposed research project.

Please note that some partners require institutional commitments of cash and/or in-kind resources, whether from European or Indian research organisations. This should be clearly set out in letters of support submitted as proposal attachments (one letter of support per research organisation). It is the responsibility of an applicant to check if it is a requirement of their national funding agency to submit such letters of support.

Applicants should request funding from the appropriate funding organisation based on their institutional country affiliation and the remit of the funding organisation (see **Annex I** for funding organisations' eligible costs). Staff time committed to the project should reflect a balance of effort across the consortium of national teams. The funders also expect costs to accurately reflect the research effort to be carried out, and that the projects demonstrate a

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<sup>8</sup> Please note that most funding agencies will require the Principal Investigator for a National Research Team to submit their national forms at the stage of application or in case projects have been successful. Please see Annex I for further details.



true joint partnership. Funders will fund reasonable travel and staff exchange<sup>9</sup> costs in support of the collaborations.

### Application process

This is a single-stage call. Full proposals must be made to the ESRC via the Research Council Joint Electronic Submission (Je-S) System (<https://je-s.rcuk.ac.uk/>). Full proposals must be submitted **no later than 16:00 on 30 November 2017**. Please note that each applicant on a proposal must create a Je-S account to be able to submit. Applicants are advised to allow themselves sufficient time, at least four weeks before deadline, for registering on Je-S. Further information on how to create a Je-S account is provided in Je-S guidance document (<http://www.esrc.ac.uk/files/funding/funding-opportunities/equip-je-s-guidance/>).

Please consult the eligibility requirements of the relevant funding organisations before applying. All research teams are strongly advised to contact their relevant funding organisations at least four weeks before the application deadline to check the eligibility of the national teams involved.

Details about how to submit proposals in parallel to the relevant national funding organisations (if required) are provided in **Annex I**.

Please note the following:

- the overall principal investigator/project coordinator must submit ONE proposal on behalf of all the research teams in all countries
- applications must be submitted in English
- researchers can participate in ONE application only
- applications that are late, incomplete or ineligible will not be reviewed.

Only one application form per proposal may be submitted and should include all supporting documents as requested below.

- Je-S Application Form (must be based on the template)
- Case for support (ten A4 sides max)
- Project Management Plan (two A4 sides max)
- Project costs form (Annex 2)<sup>10</sup>
- Justification of resources (one A4 side max per participating country)
- Pathways to Impact (two A4 sides max)
- Data Management Plan (two A4 sides max), only when new data are planned to be generated as part of the research project.
- CV (two A4 sides max for each named researcher)
- Other attachments may be required depending on national requirements (please see Annex I for further details)

For more details about how to apply, please see the **Je-S guidance document** [www.esrc.ac.uk/funding/funding-opportunities/equip-call-for-collaborative-research-on-sustainability-equity-wellbeing-and-cultural-connections/](http://www.esrc.ac.uk/funding/funding-opportunities/equip-call-for-collaborative-research-on-sustainability-equity-wellbeing-and-cultural-connections/)

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<sup>9</sup> Please note the exception of ANR, which will not fund any staff exchange, nor scholarly visits or other travel costs unrelated to the implementation of specific elements of the project's working plan. If included in the request, costs for staff exchange or scholarly visits will be cut off any grant made.

<sup>10</sup> Also national financial budgets if required by funding agencies.

Je-S guidance document will also provide further information on each of the above headings as to what these should ideally contain.

### **Duration and start date**

Proposals should be for projects of a maximum of 36 months in length. Projects must start on 1 January 2019. All national research teams within a given project are expected to start their parts of the project at the same time.

### **Research ethics**

All proposals **must** comply with the ethics review requirements of the relevant funding organisations. Lead investigators should clarify the ethics review processes of the relevant funding organisations before applying.

### **Open access**

Proposals are encouraged to include plans for contributing to open science in accordance with Science Europe's Principles for the Transition to Open Access to Research Publications [www.scienceeurope.org/downloads/](http://www.scienceeurope.org/downloads/). National funding rules regarding funding for open access publications should be adhered to.

### **Consortium agreement**

Each project recommended for funding is strongly encouraged to have a signed consortium agreement between all partners prior to the start of the project, at least addressing the following topics:

- Internal organisation and management of the consortium
- Intellectual Property arrangements
- Settlement of internal disputes.

### **Evaluation process**

Only applications which meet all the conditions set out in this call text are eligible and will be included in the evaluation procedure.

The evaluation process involves five steps:

1. **Eligibility check:** The EqUIP call secretariat, in cooperation with participating funding organisations, will review all proposals after the deadline to ensure that they meet the formal eligibility criteria of the call (for example, date of submission; composition of the consortia in terms of participating funders and countries; inclusion of all necessary information; compliance with the budget limits, appropriate limits on proposal length) and that applicants are eligible to submit proposals according to the rules of the relevant funding organisations.
2. **Expert peer review:** Each eligible proposal will initially be reviewed, according to the criteria listed below, by at least three independent, international experts in the field of research of the proposal. The reviewers will be nominated by participating funding agencies.
3. **Applicants' responses to peer review comments:** Anonymised reviewer comments will be sent to the overall principal investigator/project coordinator for comments before the panel evaluation stage. It is expected that the anonymised reviewer comments will be sent in early/mid May 2018 and the overall principal investigator/project coordinator will have up to seven working days to respond. Funders reserve the right not to send all reviewed proposals to the panel

4. **Panel assessment:** An international review panel will be convened by funders, consisting of academic experts and practitioners. Panel members will discuss the merits of each proposal, using the review criteria as a guide and taking into account the written input from the expert peer reviewers and applicants' responses. The panel will make funding recommendations based on the quality of proposed research.
5. **Funders' forum:** After the panel meeting, representatives of the participating EqUIP funding organisations will meet to agree a final ranking list based on the recommendations of the international review panel. In determining the ranking, the guiding principle will be scholarly merit (research excellence). In the case of a tie in the overall grade, the forum may also address considerations such as institutional, disciplinary, and geographic balance with the goal of creating a 'balanced' portfolio of projects.
6. **Funding decisions and feedback:** Funding decisions will be subject to formal approval by the participating EqUIP funding organisations. Each application will receive a report comprising feedback from the panel discussion and final funding decision.

## Selection criteria

The primary selection criterion will be research excellence. It is an essential requirement of all applications that they demonstrate how the proposed collaboration will facilitate excellent research between European and Indian teams and institutions in the social sciences and humanities.

Proposals will be evaluated on the basis of the criteria below. Only those proposals which demonstrate that they meet these criteria are likely to be awarded funding.

- **Intellectual merit and innovation:** Is the proposed project addressing new questions and/or new approaches? What is the potential for the proposed activity to advance knowledge and understanding and new insights within its own field or across different fields? Are the research methods outlined in the proposal sound and relevant to achieve its objectives?
- **Relevance to aims and the thematic framework of the call:** Does the project promise to meet the overarching aims and thematic framework of the EqUIP call?
- **Quality and feasibility of the research plan:** Is the research plan well-specified and feasible?
- **Quality of the research teams:** Do applicants demonstrate a relevant research track record in their relevant fields? Does the overall principal investigator/project coordinator demonstrate the capacity to provide research leadership and experience in leading on multi-national and inter-disciplinary projects?
- **Partnership and planning:** Does the proposal describe an effective and balanced Indo-European partnership? Does the proposal convincingly demonstrate the added value of the international collaboration? Is the partnership well-coordinated and likely to extend beyond the funding period? Does the partnership have appropriate plans in place to address collaboration, data management, project planning and dissemination?
- **Knowledge exchange and impact:** Does the proposal demonstrate that this project will make impact to society and policy and/or to the pursuit of advancing academic inquiry? *Only for proposals that include UK researchers:* does the proposal demonstrate that it will promote the economic development of India?

- **Sustainability:** Where relevant, does the proposal describe the sustainability of any resulting tools or other research outcomes beyond the life of the project?
- **Value for money:** Does the project provide value for money?

### **Commissioning timetable**

- **June 2017** - Pre-announcement of the call and Partner search tool
- **w/c 4 September 2017** - Call for proposals launched and call documents published
- **30 November 2017 16:00 (UK time)** - Call closes - deadline for submitting applications
- **December 2017** - Funders' eligibility checks
- **January – April 2018** - Peer-review of applications
- **w/c 7 May 2018** - Peer review comments sent to applicants for responses
- **June 2017** - Panel meeting to evaluate proposals
- **July 2018** - Funders Forum meeting
- **Late July/August 2018** - Applicants are informed about final funding decisions
- **January 2019** - Awards commence

### **Virtual networking facility for potential applicants**

In order to assist potential applicants to network with researchers (and other potential eligible participants) in other eligible countries, we have developed the opportunity for digital networking. Applicants are invited to use Partner Search Tool (<https://ncn.gov.pl/partners/equip>), an online search facility matching potential partners with similar ideas. It gives the opportunity to express interest either in joining a research proposal or to search for partner(s) for an existing proposal. The tool allows researchers from non-participating countries to register their interests as well; however they should consult national eligibility criteria at Annex I as not all participating countries allow for costed inclusion of international partners in proposals.

### **Project monitoring**

Implementation of the projects will be monitored through mid-term progress reports of scientific progress. Financial reports must be submitted to respective national funding agencies according to their reporting requirements. Final project reports must be submitted to the ESRC at the end of the funding period. Requirements and formats for both progress and final reports will be communicated to successful projects. Additionally, national reporting procedures may apply.

### **Additional documents**

Other documents relevant to this call include:

- EqUIP call Je-S guidance [www.esrc.ac.uk/funding/funding-opportunities/equip-call-for-collaborative-research-on-sustainability-equity-wellbeing-and-cultural-connections/](http://www.esrc.ac.uk/funding/funding-opportunities/equip-call-for-collaborative-research-on-sustainability-equity-wellbeing-and-cultural-connections/)
- Annex 1: Funding organisations' eligibility criteria
- Annex 2: Project costs

### **Further information**

- EqUIP call secretariat  
Email: [equipcall@esr.c.ac.uk](mailto:equipcall@esr.c.ac.uk)



If you have any specific questions or would like further country specific information (such as, eligibility criteria), please contact your national funding agency.

For enquiries about Je-S:

- Je-S Helpdesk  
Email: [jeshelp@rcuk.ac.uk](mailto:jeshelp@rcuk.ac.uk)  
Telephone: 01793 4441646

The Je-S Helpdesk is staffed Monday to Friday 09:00 to 17:00 (excluding public and other holidays).

## Annex I: Funding organisations' proposal submission guidance and eligibility criteria

Country	Funding organisations	Contact person	Contact details
Finland	AKA - Academy of Finland (Helsinki)	Siru Oksa	<a href="mailto:siru.oksa@aka.fi">siru.oksa@aka.fi</a>
France	ANR - Agence nationale de la recherche (Paris)	Marie Fleck	<a href="mailto:marie.fleck@agencerecherche.fr">marie.fleck@agencerecherche.fr</a>
India	ICSSR (New Delhi)	Mahesh Madhukar	<a href="mailto:madhukar806@gmail.com">madhukar806@gmail.com</a>
Norway	RCN – The Research Council of Norway (Oslo)	Julie Christiansen	<a href="mailto:jc@forksningsradet.no">jc@forksningsradet.no</a>
Poland	NCN - Narodowe Centrum Nauki	Malwina Gebalska	<a href="mailto:malwina.Gebalska@ncn.gov.pl">malwina.Gebalska@ncn.gov.pl</a>
Slovenia	MIZS - The Ministry of Education, Science and Sport (Ljubljana)	Davor Kozmus	<a href="mailto:davor.kozmus@gov.si">davor.kozmus@gov.si</a>
Switzerland	SNF - Swiss National Science Foundation	Andrea Landolt	<a href="mailto:andrea.landolt@snf.ch">andrea.landolt@snf.ch</a>
UK	AHRC - The Arts and Humanities Research Council (Swindon)	Jessica Collier	<a href="mailto:equip@ahrc.ac.uk">equip@ahrc.ac.uk</a>
UK	ESRC - The Economic and Social Research Council	Tim Pank	<a href="mailto:equipcall@esrc.ac.uk">equipcall@esrc.ac.uk</a>

<b>Country/Region</b>	Finland
<b>Funding organisation</b>	<b>Academy of Finland</b> <a href="http://www.aka.fi/">http://www.aka.fi/</a>
<b>National contact person</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contact: Science Adviser Siru Oksa</li> <li>Email: <a href="mailto:siru.oksa@aka.fi">siru.oksa@aka.fi</a></li> <li>Telephone: +358295335125</li> </ul>
<b>Funding commitment</b>	500,000€
<b>Anticipated number of projects with Finnish partners</b>	Depending on the international scientific evaluation and success of Finnish participants, the Academy of Finland is prepared to fund 1-3 Finnish subgroups.
<b>Maximum funding per awarded project</b>	250,000€
<b>Who may act as Principal Investigator</b>	The leader of Finnish sub-project (the principal investigator or PI) must have a doctoral degree and be a researcher at the professor or docent level.
<b>Eligibility of costs</b>	<p>Academy Project funding is primarily intended towards the salaries of researchers who work full-time on the project and for other project costs. Academy Project funding can be used to cover both direct and indirect research costs of the research team arising from, for example, the following: working hours (salary), research, travel, national and international collaboration and mobility, preparation of international projects, and publishing (e.g. open access publishing using the golden route).</p> <p>The Academy of Finland funds international researcher mobility in research projects as a mobility allowance for mobility from Finland as part of a project's research costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>researchers with dependants €1,500/month</li> <li>researchers without dependants €1,050/month</li> <li>and as grants to non-EU researchers coming to Finland to work for periods shorter than a year.</li> </ul> <p>The funding can also cover VAT costs, but only on certain conditions; read more on our website under How to enter value added tax on the application <a href="http://www.aka.fi/en/funding/how-to-apply/application-guidelines/how-to-enter-value-added-tax-on-the-application/">www.aka.fi/en/funding/how-to-apply/application-guidelines/how-to-enter-value-added-tax-on-the-application/</a>.</p> <p>The salary costs of the PI may, under certain limitations, be incorporated into the total project costs (see below):</p> <p>I. Including PI's salary (for project management) in total project</p>

costs

The salary costs of the PI may be incorporated into the total project costs in accordance with what is stated in the research plan. For the salary costs to be eligible, the PI's tasks must be clearly specified in the research plan. The salary costs must not be significant in relation to the project's total costs. For example, a four-year research project must not include more than six months of the PI's effective working hours. This is equivalent to approximately 1.5 months a year.

### 2. Applying for funding for PI's salary (for research)

The Academy can grant a maximum of twelve months of funding towards the salary of a PI for conducting research. The funding is intended to support project implementation and is granted only for well-substantiated research-related reasons. (e.g. work abroad, return to Finland or transfer to another research organisation in Finland). The well-substantiated reasons and the PI's tasks must be clearly presented in the research plan. The funding cannot be used for this purpose unless it is mentioned in the terms and conditions included in the funding decision.

### 3. Granting salary funding to PI with no employment relationship

If the PI does not have an employment relationship with, for example, a university or research institute, they must give an account of how their salary will be covered during the funding period. Applicants must describe this at the application stage.

Retired researchers can be granted funding on the same grounds as other researchers.

### **Full cost model**

In calls implemented under the full cost model, Academy funding can be used to cover both direct project costs (for example, direct salaries) and indirect costs (for example, rents for premises). Both types of costs are covered with the same percentage. Read more on our website under Full cost model [www.aka.fi/en/funding/how-to-apply/application-guidelines/full-cost-model/](http://www.aka.fi/en/funding/how-to-apply/application-guidelines/full-cost-model/).

The Academy of Finland funding is granted under the full cost model where Academy's funding can be up to 70% of the total costs of a project. If there are no other funding sources, the site of research must cover at least 30% of the costs of a project under full costing. If there are other sources, their contributions must also pass through the books of the site of research.

The Academy of Finland requires that the site of research (for example, university) provides the research project with all necessary basic facilities. These are determined based on the nature research and are the same as those available to other research staff at the site: and laboratory premises, equipment (incl. computer equipment), and telecommunications, telephone, mailing, copying and



	<p>library services, etc.</p> <p>The Academy will fund a research project only if the application includes a commitment by the site of research. <b>The Academy will request at later stage an application with cost details to the Academy’s online service and the commitment by the site of research from the successful applicants before making the final funding decision.</b> In the application, give a cost estimate including an estimate of the annual amount of funding needed, itemised by type of expenditure. The cost estimate must be realistic and justified by type of expenditure in the research plan. The Academy allocates the funding to the researcher’s host organization (site of research). Full guidelines of the Academy Project funding are available on the Academy of Finland’s website at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://www.aka.fi/en/funding/how-to-apply/">www.aka.fi/en/funding/how-to-apply/</a></li> <li>• <a href="http://www.aka.fi/en/funding/how-to-use-the-funding/">www.aka.fi/en/funding/how-to-use-the-funding/</a></li> </ul> <p>For more information on Academy of Finland please visit <a href="http://www.aka.fi/en/applicantProposal">www.aka.fi/en/applicantProposal</a></p>
<p><b>Open Access</b></p>	<p>The Academy is committed to promoting and implementing Finland’s national Open Science and Research Roadmap 2014-2017. The goal is to make research publications, data and material, metadata and methods widely available for reuse. The principles of open science must be pursued with due attention to good scientific practice and law.</p> <p>We require that Academy-funded projects commit to open access publishing. We also require that principal investigators of Academy-funded research projects see to that the projects’ data are stored and made available through major national or international archives or storage services that are important in the fields concerned.</p> <p><a href="http://www.aka.fi/en/funding/responsible-research/open-science/researchers">www.aka.fi/en/funding/responsible-research/open-science/researchers</a></p>

<b>Country</b>	France
<b>Funding organisations</b>	ANR Agence Nationale de la Recherche <a href="http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/">www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/</a>
<b>National contact person</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contact : Marie Fleck Email : <a href="mailto:marie.fleck@agencerecherche.fr">marie.fleck@agencerecherche.fr</a> Telephone+33 01 78 09 80 06</li> <li>Pierre-Olivier PIN Email : <a href="mailto:pierre-olivier.pin@agencerecherche.fr">pierre-olivier.pin@agencerecherche.fr</a></li> </ul>
<b>Funding commitment</b>	700,000 €
<b>Anticipated number of projects with French partners</b>	The number of projects will depend on the international scientific evaluation and the funding requests.
<b>Maximum funding per awarded project</b>	175,000 € After considering the ANR financial regulation, it is strongly recommended to first calculate your budget with the help of the ANR financial document before you state the various costs in the joint budget request.
<b>Who may act as Principal Investigator</b>	Standard rules apply, please refer to the 2017 ANR financial regulations: <a href="http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/RF">www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/RF</a>  Please note that institutions funded by ANR in France should identify a lead investigator in each institution but only one of these must be identified as the country contact, to simplify communication with the call secretariat team and other national investigator teams.
<b>Eligibility of costs</b>	Standard rules apply, please refer to the 2017 ANR financial regulations: <a href="http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/RF">www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/RF</a>
<b>Additional attachments required</b>	Please make sure to submit the completed ANR Financial document through the (ESRC) Je-S system with the rest of the application documents as an additional attachment.

<b>Country</b>	India
<b>Funding organisation</b>	Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR) Indian Council for Philosophical Research (ICPR)
<b>National contact person</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contact: Mahesh Madukar Email: <a href="mailto:madhukar806@gmail.com">madhukar806@gmail.com</a></li> </ul>
<b>Funding commitment</b>	ICSSR: approximately INR 300 Lakh (INR 30,000,000); approximately 425,000 € ICPR: INR 15 Lakh (INR 1,500,000; approximately 20,000€)
<b>Anticipated number of projects with Indian partners</b>	6
<b>Maximum funding per awarded project</b>	Approx. INR 50 Lakh (INR 5,000,000) Aprx 80,000 €
<b>Who may apply</b>	<p>Applicants must be employed in a research or academic position in a recognised research or academic institution - either publicly funded university/college recognised by the UGC or a public funded research institute or ICSSR research institute. They must also hold a PhD or equivalent qualification.</p> <p>Please note that all applicants eligible for funding from the participating Indian funding agencies should comply with ICSSR's eligibility criteria.</p>
<b>Eligibility of costs</b>	Institutional overheads of 7.5% will be paid by ICSSR. Indian Institutions are expected to cover additional overhead costs. For Indian research teams funded by ICSSR, the proposal may request up to INR 15 lakhs in any one calendar year but no more than INR 50 lakhs over 30 months. It is expected that the Indian research organisations involved will also provide resources in-kind in addition to any central funding involved. A 'letter of support' will be required from Indian Institutions to be submitted with the proposal.

<b>Country</b>	Norway
<b>Funding organisation</b>	<b>The Research Council of Norway</b> <a href="http://www.forskningsradet.no">www.forskningsradet.no</a>
<b>National contact person</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contact: Julie Christiansen</li> <li>Email: <a href="mailto:jc@forskningsradet.no">jc@forskningsradet.no</a></li> <li>Telephone: +47 97128413</li> </ul>
	<p>Norwegian participation must fulfil the RCN's requirements for Researcher Projects, see <a href="http://www.forskningsradet.no/en/Researcher_project/1195592882768">http://www.forskningsradet.no/en/Researcher_project/1195592882768</a> as well as the RCN general application requirements, see <a href="http://www.forskningsradet.no/en/General_application_requirements/118415900703">http://www.forskningsradet.no/en/General_application_requirements/118415900703</a></p> <p>Norwegian applicants will not have to apply directly to the RCN at this point in time. After evaluation, if selected for funding by the EqUIP, the RCN will contact the applicant for further process. It is mandatory for funded Norwegian participants to submit a proforma application along with other mandatory attachments, to the RCN using the RCN application form. On the basis of this a national R&amp;D-contract will be signed and thereafter, funds can be released. Further instructions will be given in due time.</p>
<b>Funding commitment</b>	700,000 €
<b>Anticipated number of projects</b>	2 (with Norwegian partners)
<b>Maximum funding per awarded project</b>	The maximum funding per project is 350 000 € to be shared between participating Norwegian institutions. In case two or more Norwegian institutions are participating in one proposal the funding has to be shared between them. Two projects are expected to be covered from Norway under this call.
<b>Who may act as Principal Investigator</b>	Norwegian research institutions (university, university college, research institute or other institution at which research constitutes an important activity). For definition and specification of approved research institutions, <a href="http://www.forskningsradet.no/en/General_application_requirements/1184159007037">www.forskningsradet.no/en/General_application_requirements/1184159007037</a>

<b>Eligibility of costs</b>	<p>The total funding will not exceed 100 % of the eligible costs.</p> <p>Relevant project expenses are payroll expenses, one or more grants/fellowships, procurement of R&amp;D services, network measures, mobility, depreciation of equipment used under the project. For more information about project budgets and costs, as well as rates and models for grants and payroll expenses</p> <p><a href="http://www.forskningsradet.no/en/Project_budgets/1254007196371">www.forskningsradet.no/en/Project_budgets/1254007196371</a></p>
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<b>Country</b>	Poland
<b>Funding organisation</b>	<b>Narodowe Centrum Nauki (NCN)</b> <a href="http://www.ncn.gov.pl">www.ncn.gov.pl</a>
<b>National contact person</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wojciech Sowa Email: <a href="mailto:wojciech.sowa@ncn.gov.pl">wojciech.sowa@ncn.gov.pl</a></li> <li>• Malwina Gebalska Email: <a href="mailto:malwina.gebalska@ncn.gov.pl">malwina.gebalska@ncn.gov.pl</a></li> </ul>
<b>Funding</b>	500,000 €
<b>Anticipated number of projects with Polish partners</b>	There is no maximum funding limit per project
<b>Maximum funding per awarded project</b>	<b>Overhead costs</b> must not exceed a maximum of 40% of the total direct costs (excl. equipment) and may not be increased during the course of a research project
<b>Who may act as Principal</b>	Any researcher, with a doctoral degree, employed at a host institution in Poland.

<p><b>Eligibility of costs</b></p>	<p>Please see: <a href="https://ncn.gov.pl/sites/default/files/pliki/uchwaly-rady/2017/uchwala31_2017-zall.pdf?ncn">https://ncn.gov.pl/sites/default/files/pliki/uchwaly-rady/2017/uchwala31_2017-zall.pdf?ncn</a> (p. 5-12).</p> <p><b>Please note:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Overhead costs</b> must not exceed a maximum of 40% of the total direct costs (excl. equipment) and may not be increased during the course of a research project.</li> <li>• Administrative personnel costs and costs of organisation of conferences have to be covered from overheads.</li> <li>• If one international project includes partners from two different Polish Host Institutions, these institutions must apply as a consortium. Each Host Institution comprising the consortium has a separate budget, but the limit on the remuneration, referred to in paragraph 2.1.2 of the above mentioned document, applies to the consortium as a whole (please see UNISONO <a href="https://ncn.gov.pl/p.8-9:2.1.2.a.i.b">https://ncn.gov.pl/p.8-9:2.1.2 a) i b)</a>). Please note that Polish consortia have higher limits on the remuneration.</li> <li>• Polish applicants must register their applications in the OSF submission system <a href="https://osf.opi.org.pl/app/adm/start.do">https://osf.opi.org.pl/app/adm/start.do</a> (UNISONO application - <a href="https://ncn.gov.pl/">https://ncn.gov.pl/</a>). The application includes the following budget table: <a href="http://ncn.gov.pl/sites/default/files/pliki/UNISONO_budget_table.xlsx">http://ncn.gov.pl/sites/default/files/pliki/UNISONO_budget_table.xlsx</a>.</li> </ul> <p>Applicants are obliged to adhere to the rules included in Annex to NCN Council's Resolution on funding granted within calls for proposals for international research projects (UNISONO): <a href="https://ncn.gov.pl/">https://ncn.gov.pl/</a></p>
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Country	Slovenia
<b>Funding organisation</b>	<p><b>Ministrstvo za izobraževanje, znanost in šport (MIZS)</b></p> <p><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.mizs.gov.si">www.mizs.gov.si</a></p> <p><b>MIZS's EqUIP project webpage:</b>  <a href="http://www.mizs.gov.si/si/delovna_podrocja/direktorat_za_znanost/sektor_za_znanost/evropsko_in_mednarodno_sodelovanje/instrument_csa/equip/">www.mizs.gov.si/si/delovna_podrocja/direktorat_za_znanost/sektor_za_znanost/evropsko_in_mednarodno_sodelovanje/instrument_csa/equip/</a></p>
<b>National contact person</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contact: Davor Kozmus  Email: <a href="mailto:davor.kozmus@gov.si">davor.kozmus@gov.si</a>  Telephone: +386 1 478 4693</li> </ul>
<b>Funding commitment</b>	200,000 €
<b>Anticipated number of projects with Slovenian partners</b>	2
<b>Maximum funding per awarded project</b>	<p>The maximum funding for part where Slovenian institutions is participating is <b>100.000€</b>. In case two or more Slovenian institutions are participating in one proposal the funding has to be shared between them. Two projects are expected to be covered from Slovenia under this call.</p> <p>100% of all eligible costs will be funded for research organization (such as universities, public and private research institutes) who's financed activity is non-economic in accordance with the provisions of Community Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation (OJ EU C 198, 27. 6. 2014).</p>
<b>Who may act as Principal Investigator</b>	<p><b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution:</b> Slovenian universities or public research institutes may participate in EqUIP pilot joint call. Research organizations as defined in the national Research and Development Act (Zakon o raziskovalni in razvojni dejavnosti <a href="http://www.arrs.gov.si/sl/akti/zak-RRD-sept11.asp">www.arrs.gov.si/sl/akti/zak-RRD-sept11.asp</a>) All participating institutions have to be registered in the Slovenian Research Agency register of research institutions (Informacijski sistem o raziskovalni dejavnosti v Sloveniji – (Sicris <a href="http://www.sicris.si/public/jqm/cris.aspx?lang=slv&amp;opdescr=home&amp;opt=">www.sicris.si/public/jqm/cris.aspx?lang=slv&amp;opdescr=home&amp;opt=</a>))</p> <p><b>Eligibility of principal investigator (PI) and other research team members:</b> The project activities of the Slovenian partner has to be under the supervision of the primary investigator (PI) researcher who fulfils the requirements for project leader. Slovenian Principal Investigator (PI) are required to have in the time of the final submission of project proposal their bibliographic indicators of research success <math>\geq 100</math> (bibliografski kazalci raziskovalne uspešnosti). The criteria are determined in the Rules</p>



	<p>on Determining the Fulfilment of Conditions for a Research Project Leader (Pravilnik o kriterijih za ugotavljanje izpolnjevanja pogojev za vodjo raziskovalnega projekta - <a href="http://www.arrs.gov.si/sl/akti/prav-kriterij-vodja-rp-avg16.asp">www.arrs.gov.si/sl/akti/prav-kriterij-vodja-rp-avg16.asp</a>). All participating researchers have to be registered in the Slovenian Research Agency register of researchers (Sicris <a href="http://www.sicris.si/public/jqm/cris.aspx?lang=slv&amp;opdescr=home&amp;opt=">www.sicris.si/public/jqm/cris.aspx?lang=slv&amp;opdescr=home&amp;opt=</a>) and must have available research hours.</p>
<p><b>Eligibility of costs</b></p>	<p>Personnel costs - Salary (plača)  Salary taxes and social &amp; health security (prispevki delodajalca)  Material costs (materialni stroški, blago, potni stroški, organizacija dogodkov in storitve)  Amortisation (amortizacija opreme)  Source: Slovenian Research Agency (ARRS): <i>Cena ekvivalenta polne zaposlitve za leto / Raziskovalni projekti:</i>  <a href="http://www.arrs.gov.si/sl/progproj/cena/">www.arrs.gov.si/sl/progproj/cena/</a></p> <p>Overheads up to 20% of all realised eligible costs.</p> <p>VAT is not an eligible cost in case the institute can reclaim VAT from the Slovenian tax authorities in conformity with Slovenian tax regulation.</p>
<p><b>Other national requirements</b></p>	<p>What kind of documentation do I need to submit <b>before the closing of the call</b>?</p> <p>Before the official closing of the call it is highly recommended that Slovenian PIs contact MIZS, as the proposed budget for Slovenian participants will be checked by MIZS prior the official online submission. Slovenian participants are therefore requested to submit their <b>draft EqUIP financial budget template</b> to MIZS together with the national financial plan.</p> <p>Furthermore, each Slovenian PIs must submit a <u>formal commitment letter</u> signed by the proper authority from their institution (rector of the university or director of the institute). Original signed letter must be sent by post. Template of formal commitment letter, national budget table and other instructions will be provided on MIZS website:  <a href="http://www.mizs.gov.si/si/delovna_podrocja/direktorat_za_znanost/sektor_za_znanost/evropsko_in_mednarodno_sodelovanje/instrument_cs_a/equip/">www.mizs.gov.si/si/delovna_podrocja/direktorat_za_znanost/sektor_za_znanost/evropsko_in_mednarodno_sodelovanje/instrument_cs_a/equip/</a></p> <p>National contracting negotiations will commence after the projects are selected for funding on the level of the transnational call. National documentation with a statement regarding the agreed starting date of the transnational project signed by the transnational project coordinator will be a prerequisite for signing the contract on national level.</p>

<b>Country</b>	Switzerland
<b>Funding organisation</b>	<b>Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)</b> <a href="http://www.snf.ch">http://www.snf.ch</a>
<b>National contact person</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contact: Andrea Landolt Email: <a href="mailto:andrea.landolt@snf.ch">andrea.landolt@snf.ch</a> Telephone: +41(0)31 308 24 09</li> </ul>
<b>Funding commitment</b>	810,000 €, approximately CHF 1 million
<b>Anticipated number of projects with Finnish partners</b>	4 projects (depending on the international scientific evaluation and success of Swiss participants)
<b>Maximum funding per awarded project</b>	203,000 €, approximately CHF 250,000
<b>Who may act as Principal Investigator and further applicants</b>	<p>Swiss applicants are advised to check with the respective National Contact Points the eligibility as to who may apply and what costs are eligible before a consortium submits the complete application.</p> <p>Swiss applicants requesting funding must meet the eligibility requirements of the SNSF. The SNSF Funding Regulations <a href="http://www.snf.ch/">www.snf.ch/</a>, the General implementation regulations <a href="http://www.snf.ch/">www.snf.ch/</a>, and the Regulations on Project Funding <a href="http://www.snf.ch/">www.snf.ch/</a>, are applicable or applicable mutatis mutandis.</p> <p>Applicants must have obtained a doctorate four years before the submission date of the application. Applicants without a doctorate must generally have completed three plus four years of research work as their main source of income since obtaining their higher education degree (the first three years will be regarded as equivalent to a doctorate).</p> <p>Applicants must be able to show that they are employed at least 50% for the duration of the project at a research institution eligible for research funding from the SNSF.</p>

<p><b>Eligibility of costs</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Salaries</b> of scientific and technical employees.</li> <li>• <b>Material costs</b> are eligible for funding if they are directly linked to the research project, in particular material of enduring value, the cost of expendable items, field expenses travel or expenses of third parties.</li> <li>• The costs for <b>using infrastructures</b> directly linked to the execution of the funded project.</li> <li>• Costs for scientific <b>open access e-publications</b>.</li> <li>• Costs for <b>granting access to research data</b> (Open Research Data).</li> <li>• Organisation and travel costs for conducting <b>conferences and workshops</b> in the context of the SNSF-funded research project are eligible.</li> <li>• Costs of <b>collaboration activities</b> directly linked to the research project.</li> </ul> <p>Grants will be managed according to standard SNSF rules; reporting requirements duplicating those of the JFS will not be enforced.</p>
<p><b>Submission</b></p>	<p>Swiss applicants must also submit an application via the online submission system mySNF <a href="http://www.mysnf.ch/">www.mysnf.ch/</a> for the same deadlines as the consortium applications are submitted. This application includes administrative data (for example, basic data, Swiss budget etc.) as well as a Data Management Plan (more information here - <a href="http://www.snf.ch/en/theSNSF/research-policies/open_research_data/Pages/data-management-plan-dmp-guidelines-for-researchers.aspx">www.snf.ch/en/theSNSF/research-policies/open_research_data/Pages/data-management-plan-dmp-guidelines-for-researchers.aspx</a>).</p> <p>Please select the “Programmes/EqUIP” funding instrument.</p>
<p><b>Additional Information</b></p>	<p>Please note that partners in a country participating in the EqUIP call cannot be declared as project partners in the sense of article 11.2 of the SNSF Funding Regulations - <a href="http://www.snf.ch/">www.snf.ch/</a></p> <p>They should be declared as consortium partner instead and apply for their funding at their respective research funding organisation.</p> <p>During the submission and running time of an EqUIP project, grantees may receive grants from all SNSF funding schemes.</p>

Country	United Kingdom
<b>Funding organisations</b>	<p>Two funding agencies from the UK are collaborating to jointly fund projects through the EU-India Platform (EqUIP) call on Sustainability, equity, wellbeing and cultural connections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) <a href="http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/">www.ahrc.ac.uk/</a></li> <li>• The Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) <a href="http://www.esrc.ac.uk/">www.esrc.ac.uk/</a></li> </ul>
<b>National contact person</b>	<p>For all general enquiries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Email: <a href="mailto:equip@esrc.ac.uk">equip@esrc.ac.uk</a></li> </ul> <p>For science or innovation queries within the remit of a single UK funder please contact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>AHRC</b> Jessica Collier Email: <a href="mailto:equip@ahrc.ac.uk">equip@ahrc.ac.uk</a> Telephone: +44 (0)1793 6076</li> <li>• <b>ESRC</b> Tim Pank or Sean Nolan Email: <a href="mailto:equip@esrc.ac.uk">equip@esrc.ac.uk</a> Telephone: +44 (0) 1793 413174 or +44 (0) 1793 413152</li> </ul>
<b>Funding</b>	1.7 M€, approximately £1.5m
<b>Anticipated number of projects with UK partners</b>	4-5
<b>Inter-disciplinary requirement</b>	<p>As well as being encouraged across projects, all UK components on a proposal <b>must be interdisciplinary across the arts and humanities and social sciences</b>. Although, as noted in the call document, the research team can consist of an individual researcher or group of researchers, it is unlikely that the UK component will consist of an individual researcher taking into account the inter-disciplinary requirement. The inter-disciplinary nature of the UK component must be clearly articulated in proposals.</p>
<b>Maximum funding per awarded project</b>	<p>£350,000, approximately 400,000€ (at 100% Full Economic Costs (fEC)). Research Councils will fund 80% of this amount.</p> <p>The UK component for any consortium project must not exceed more than 50% of the overall contribution to the consortia project.</p>

<p><b>ODA Compliance</b></p>	<p>The UK funders contribution to this call is being funded through the Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF). All UK proposals to this call must therefore meet the eligibility requirements of GCRF in addition to the general call requirements as set out in the main Call for Proposals.</p> <p>GCRF forms part of the UK's Official Development Assistance (ODA) commitment, which focuses on outcomes that promote the long-term sustainable growth of countries on the OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC) list (<a href="http://www.oecd.org/dac/stats/daclist.htm">www.oecd.org/dac/stats/daclist.htm</a>).</p> <p>All proposals which have a UK research team must add an additional attachment of up to one page of A4 that makes a clear case for how they comply with ODA guidelines.. When applying to this call it is important applicants take time to consider whether or not their proposal is ODA-compliant. In order to be considered eligible for funding, all proposals must demonstrate that their main objective is the promotion of the economic development and welfare of countries on the DAC list.</p> <p>Further general advice on ODA and links to useful sources are provided on the ESRC website: <a href="http://www.esrc.ac.uk/research/international-research/global-challenges-research-fund-gcrf/official-development-assistance-oda/">www.esrc.ac.uk/research/international-research/global-challenges-research-fund-gcrf/official-development-assistance-oda/</a>.</p> <p>UK component on a proposal will be required to submit a separate attachment outlining how the proposed research comply with ODA guidance. Further information on the attachment can be found in Je-S guidance.</p>
<p><b>Who may act as Principal Investigator</b></p> <p><b>Eligibility of other applicants</b></p>	<p>Any researchers based in eligible Research Organisation in the UK can be an overall Principal Investigator/project coordinator or principal investigator for a national team.</p> <p>All UK academic investigators (whether principal or co-investigators) must be associated with an eligible Research Organisation.</p> <p>Please note that ESRC allows for business, third sector or government body co-investigators can also be included. Applicants are encouraged to consult guidance on Inclusion of UK business, third sector or government body co-investigators on ESRC proposals <a href="http://www.esrc.ac.uk/files/funding/guidance-for-applicants/inclusion-of-uk-business-third-sector-or-government-body-co-investigators-on-esrc-proposals/">www.esrc.ac.uk/files/funding/guidance-for-applicants/inclusion-of-uk-business-third-sector-or-government-body-co-investigators-on-esrc-proposals/</a> for further information.</p>

<b>Eligibility of costs</b>	<p>The payment of Awards to the Beneficiary shall be made in accordance with the standard terms and conditions of the ESRC/AHRC.</p> <p><b>"Eligible Costs"</b> shall be limited to the Full Economic Costs of a <b>Project</b>, as per the <b>Research Council</b> standard terms and conditions. Guidance can be found on <b>Je-S</b>, and in the <b>TRAC Guidance</b>.</p>
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	<p>Applicants must take account of the percentages at which the UK agencies fund research. The ESRC/AHRC will only provide funding for 80% of the Full Economic Cost (FEC) of research, and applicants should consult the ESRC Research Funding Guide <a href="http://www.esrc.ac.uk/files/funding/guidance-for-applicants/research-funding-guide/">www.esrc.ac.uk/files/funding/guidance-for-applicants/research-funding-guide/</a> and AHRC Research Funding Guide <a href="http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/documents/guides/research-funding-guide/">www.ahrc.ac.uk/documents/guides/research-funding-guide/</a> for more information on this. The 80% cost must be included in the budget table.</p> <p>Estates and Indirect costs must be combined and entered into the overhead category of the budget table. We strongly advise that you keep a record of the budget using directly allocated, directly incurred and indirect headings.</p> <p>International co-investigators (based outside the UK) are not eligible for funding in this call, apart from Indian Researchers in the Social Sciences and Humanities whose research is not covered by an Indian partner but who otherwise meet the eligibility criteria, i.e. are employed by a recognised research or academic institution and have a PhD or equivalent qualification. The costs associated with international co-investigators in the UK element of the project must not exceed 30% of the funding sought from AHRC/ESRC (at 100% full Economic Cost). Please consult the ESRC International Co-Investigator policy <a href="http://www.esrc.ac.uk/funding/guidance-for-applicants/inclusion-of-international-co-investigators-on-proposals/">www.esrc.ac.uk/funding/guidance-for-applicants/inclusion-of-international-co-investigators-on-proposals/</a> and AHRC International Co-Investigator Policy - <a href="http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/funding/internationalfunding/ahrcfunding/internationalcoinvestigator/">www.ahrc.ac.uk/funding/internationalfunding/ahrcfunding/internationalcoinvestigator/</a></p> <p><b>It is strongly advisable to discuss your plans for including International Co-Investigator in your proposals with AHRC and/or ESRC National contact person prior to submission.</b></p>
<p><b>Submission of financial and progress reports at the national level (in addition to the</b></p>	<p>The UK funding agencies use ‘Researchfish’, a research outcomes collection and evaluation system, to collect information on the inputs, activities, outputs and outcomes that have resulted from the research that they fund. Award holders will be expected to provide information through this system during the course of the award. More information on the required information is available here - <a href="http://www.researchfish.com/questions">www.researchfish.com/questions</a></p>
<p><b>Grant-linked Studentships</b></p>	<p><b>Please note</b> that no grant-associated doctoral studentships linked to a UK team will be funded under this call. If graduate students are employed as Research Assistants, please make their role in the project clear within the proposal.</p>

<b>Additional attachments required</b>	<p>All proposals which have a UK research team must add an additional attachment of up to <b>one page of A4</b> that makes a clear case for how they comply with <b>ODA guidelines</b>.</p> <p>The following questions should be addressed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Which country/countries on the DAC list (<a href="http://www.oecd.org/">www.oecd.org/</a>) will directly benefit from this proposal?</li><li>2. How is your proposal directly and primarily relevant to the development challenges of these countries?</li><li>3. How do you expect that the outcome of your proposed activities will promote the economic development and welfare of a country or countries on the DAC list?</li></ol>
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## Annex 2: Project Costs

Applicants should complete and submit **one** funding request template per project. Please note that some funders require an additional budget request to be submitted; for further information on individual funders' requirements, please refer to Annex I.

Name/Organisation <sup>11</sup>	Country/ Funding Agency	Costs (EUR)									Additional funding from external and/or institutional sources
		Personnel	Equipment	Consumables	Travel and Meeting costs	Dissemination and KE Costs	Outsourcing	Other costs (please specify)	Overheads (if applicable)	Total	
Project Overall Principal Investigator: <i>Name/Organisation</i>											
Principal Investigator for a National Research Team: <i>Name/Organisation</i>											
Principal Investigator for a National Research Team: <i>Name/Organisation</i>											
<b>Total funding</b>											

*Please insert additional rows if necessary. Please use the Justification of resources attachment to provide further details on requested funding.*

<sup>11</sup> Only one Project Overall Investigator per project. The number of Principal Investigators for a National Research team must correspond with the number of participating countries in a project (minimum three countries).

**Personnel** should comprise all staff related costs (including RAs, PhD students, administrative personnel) such as gross salary and all additional taxes, social insurance payments, etc.

**Equipment** is material used for the project that exceeds €10,000. Equipment/material with a cost below this should be listed under “Other costs”. Costs related to collection (for example, survey) of data should be mentioned here, if over €10,000.

**Travel and meeting costs** also include subsistence costs as well as other costs necessary for the organisation of the project for example, hiring venues, catering, etc).

**Consumables** are goods that must be replaced regularly (for example, office supplies).

**Dissemination and Knowledge Exchange costs** may include both costs for scientific publications (for example, Open Access publications) and other dissemination materials (e.g. reports, leaflets, websites, etc), events, exhibitions or other knowledge exchange activities targeting users and the general audience.

**Overheads** are all eligible costs which cannot be identified as being directly allocated to the project but which can be justified in line with the National Eligibility Rules. They usually comprise costs connected with infrastructures and the general operation of the organisation such as rental or depreciation of buildings, water/gas/electricity, maintenance, insurance, supplies and petty office equipment, communication and connection costs, postage, etc. and costs connected with horizontal services such as administrative and financial management, human resources, training, legal advice, documentation, etc. Please refer to the national eligibility rules.

**Other costs** should list any other costs that cannot be categorized in the above sections. Depending on the requirements of their agency and in order to be consistent with the amounts stated in their national funding files, applicants may need to state and specify diverse type of costs in this category.