# Behavioural Research UK Commissioning Fund: Accelerator Award

**Who should complete this form?**This form should be completed by the lead applicant applying for funding to support an Accelerator Award from the BR-UK Commissioning Fund.

* Applications must be led by a researcher based in an institution that is [eligible to receive UKRI funding](https://www.ukri.org/apply-for-funding/before-you-apply/find-out-if-you-can-apply-for-funding/#contents-list).
* Please ensure that you meet all the mandatory requirements specified in the funding opportunity.
* If you do not meet these requirements, your application will not be considered.
* Researchers in receipt of funding from the ESRC through the National Capability and Behavioural Research Investment at the time of the proposed research are not eligible for this funding.

**What is the closing date for applications?**

The closing date for applications is **4pm (BST) on 12th August 2025.**

**Can I submit a late application?**Submissions will not be accepted after the closing time and date.  

**What guidance is available to help me complete my application?**

Please read:

* [Funding Call Description](https://usher.ed.ac.uk/behavioural-research-uk/commissioning-fund-overview)
* [Frequently Asked Questions](https://usher.ed.ac.uk/behavioural-research-uk/home/commissioning-fund/FAQ)
* [UKRI Funding Guidelines](https://www.ukri.org/councils/innovate-uk/guidance-for-applicants/general-guidance/funding-rules/)

 We strongly recommend that you are familiar with BR-UK’s Statement/Policies on:

* [Open Science](https://usher.ed.ac.uk/behavioural-research-uk/open-science)
* [Equalities, Diversity, Inclusion and Intersectionality](https://usher.ed.ac.uk/behavioural-research-uk/edii/statement)
* [Code of Conduct](https://usher.ed.ac.uk/sites/default/files/2025-06/202405_OPS_Code_of_Conduct.pdf)
* [Management of Interests](https://usher.ed.ac.uk/sites/default/files/2025-06/202403_BR-UK_Gen_COI.pdf)
* [BR-UK Funding Agreement](https://usher.ed.ac.uk/behavioural-research-uk/home/commissioning-fund/awardterms) [subject to change]

BR-UK will also host two informational webinars which will provide the opportunity to ask questions about the process. Details of the dates and times of these webinars are available on the [BR-UK website](https://usher.ed.ac.uk/behavioural-research-uk/commissioning-fund-overview).

**Can BR-UK researchers guide the development of my application?**Members of the BR-UK Leadership Team can't comment on the approaches, methods or other details as this may unfairly influence the application and peer review process.  General guidance will be provided, however, if you engage members of BR-UK to assist in bid development, they will be required to declare their role and so be excluded from the Peer Review process.

**How do I submit my application?**  
Complete all the questions included in this application form on the [Qualtrics platform](https://edinburgh.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cXYxEY52mnZKRb8).  If you cannot submit electronically, please contact us at enquiries@br-uk.ac.uk in advance of the submission deadline.  
  
**Accessibility**  
If you would like an alternate version of this application form (i.e., large print or an alternative language for example) please contact enquiries@br-uk.ac.uk.  
  
**What will you do with the data I provide in this application?**  
The information that you provide in this form will be stored locally on secure servers at the University of Edinburgh.  It will be made available to those involved in the assessment and peer review of applications.  The contents will be used to assess eligibility and suitability of the proposed work with respect to the BR-UK Funding Call.  It will be reviewed internally and shall be treated confidentially. Data will be stored for up to one year for unsuccessful applications and up to five years for those selected to progress to full application.

Section 1: Lead Applicant Details

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| Full Name | Free text |

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| Administering Institution | Free text |

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| Lead Applicant Contact Email Address | Free text |

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| Please provide the name and email of a finance **and** contracting contact | Free text |

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| What is your primary discipline(s) or areas of work? | Free text |

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| Do you identify as an Early Career Researcher in line with the definition for this call? | Free text |

Section 2: Project Outline

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| Title of proposed research project |
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| Which theme does your application relate to? (Drop down list) |
| Choose an item. |

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| Proposed start date | (DD/MM/YY) |

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| Proposed duration (in months) of the project | [Numerical] |

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| Please summarise the proposed research in a way that is understandable to a general audience.  *NB: This text will be shared on the BR-UK website if your application is funded.*  (250 words max) |
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| Please provide a technical abstract that identifies the specific objectives, methodology, outcomes and relevance of your project.  (300 words max) |
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| Do you have additional team members to add to this application? | [yes/no] |

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| Please list the names, role on the project, current position and contact email address for the proposed members of your research team.  *(Add additional rows as needed)* | | | |
| Name | Organisation | Role  *(i.e., Co-I, Researcher etc]* | % FTE on Project |
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| Please provide a summary of the key skills and experience of the research team that will support the delivery of this project.  *NB: Briefly explain the role/key responsibility each member in the delivery of the project.*  (up to 750 words max) |
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| Does your team include a commercial entity? | [yes/no] |

Section 3: Project Plan

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| Provide an outline of your project plan to include reference to the following points as headers:   * **Specific Research Question**(s) being addressed * **Added Value**: How your project will add value - e.g., build understanding of an important issue and / or address a problem * **Novel**: Explain what is novel about your project * **Proposed Research Methods**that you intend to use * **Expected Deliverables and Outputs**: (i.e., workshops, reports, infographics, videos, images, publications) * **Expected Outcomes**:  Including an explanation of how these relate to and will arise from specific deliverables & outputs * **Public Engagement and/or Stakeholder Involvement**(PESI): Reference to your approach to PESI, knowledge mobilisation and impact * **Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and Intersectionality**: Address any EDII considerations as related to the proposed research and/or team composition * **Team Capability**: Indicate the strengths of any wider team members instrumental to the delivery of the proposed research.   Word limit: 1000 words |
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Section 4: Finances

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| Please provide a breakdown of the project costs. | FEC | RC |
| Directly Incurred: Staff | £ | £ |
| Directly Incurred: Consumables | £ | £ |
| Directly Incurred: Travel & Subsistence | £ | £ |
| Directly Incurred: Other Costs | £ | £ |
| Directly Allocated: Co-Investigators | £ | £ |
| Directly Allocated: Staff | £ | £ |
| Directly Allocated: Other DA Costs | £ | £ |
| Directly Allocated: Estates | £ | £ |
| Indirect costs | £ | £ |
| Exceptions | £ | £ |
| Total | £ | £ |

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| Please describe any additional funding (in resources or in kind) that will be provided by your organisation or partners to the project. |
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Section 5: Conflict of Interest Declaration

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| Have you reviewed UKRI and BR-UK Conflict of Interest Policies? |
| [yes/no] |

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| Describe any conflicts of interest which might affect your ability to do the proposed research or to share or commercialise the research outputs.  *For each conflict:*  *• explain how you and your organisation will manage the conflict*  *• explain how you will comply with your organisation’s conflict of interest requirements*  *• confirm whether the identified conflict has been disclosed to your organisation.*  If there are no issues, answer ‘not applicable’. |
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Additional Documentation

* Please include a 2-page (max) CV for the lead applicant.