

UPGro Consortium Grants: NERC application and assessment processes

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Requirements



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- **Deadline: 16:00 BST/GMT+1/UTC+1 on 19th June 2014.**
 - Submit via JeS using the call UPGro Consortium Grants JUN14.
 - Allow time to pass through your submitter pool if you have one.
 - Ensure all individuals are added as soon as possible.

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE.

Requirements (2)

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- In English and in GBP (£).
 - £1.9M at 100% FEC per consortium, start by 31st January 2015, up to four years in length.
 - Cover at least two research themes.
 - Research should be in Low Income Countries in SSA but research may be undertaken in Middle Income Countries.
 - No restrictions on where applicants are located.
 - Linkages with SSA institutions are established.
 - No studentships.
 - Applicants listed on a max of two applications.

Requirements (3)

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- 10% of budget for Pathways to Impact and for Knowledge Broker events.
 - Publications should be open access.
 - Ensure fully justify resources requested in the JoR attachment.
 - Set out how will deal with changes in global financial markets.
 - Follow guidance on page lengths for attachments and font sizes.

**The funders reserve the right to
reject applications outright if
these requirements are not met.**

Joint grants

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- Research partners should submit individual component/split/joint/child grants directly through JeS providing:
 - they meet the eligibility requirements for organisations and for individuals

AND

 - they are requesting a minimum of £65k at 100% FEC
 - If not, the options are:
 - be listed as a Col on the lead grant (preferred)

OR

 - be a contractor on the lead grant

Questions so far...

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- Eligibility of individuals is at the time of application and can't be changed during a grant.
 - RCo-Is/Researchers same institution as PI/one of the Co-Is.
 - Equivalent research experience for non-UK applicants is an equivalent to the postdoc/research length specified and must be justified.
 - Project partners might contribute into the grant but don't receive funds.
 - Sub-contractors are just a contract on the grant so receive funds for some goods/services.

Questions continued...

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- Equipment classification is item over £10,000; anything over £25,000 to include at least one quotation and RO must adhere to their procurement policies; anything over OJEU (currently £111,676) to include a business case (up to 2 sides) in advance and three quotations. The expectation is that the RO will contribute at least 50% of equipment.
 - Agreement between research partners should be in place but not submitted.
 - No set Pathways to Impact format but there is further guidance on NERC webpages.

Timetable/process

13th May: workshop

↓ Completion of proposal and submission

19th June: **deadline for submission in JeS**

↓ Office checks and peer review (3 – 6 reviewers)

14th August: PIs invited to respond to reviewers

8th September: **PI response deadline**

↓ Panel allocation

WC 20th October: Moderating Panel and **interviews**
(presentation followed by questions from the panel)

↓ PEB final decision and post meeting administration

November: grants awarded

31st January: grants started by now

Further info



Check the guidance and annexes in detail:

<http://www.nerc.ac.uk/research/funded/programmes/upgro/news/ao2014full/>

Refer to the NERC Grants Handbook:

<http://www.nerc.ac.uk/funding/application/howtoapply/forms/grantshandbook.pdf>

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Questions?