

Call for Proposals

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Open Research Area for the Social Sciences (ORA)

Sixth Call for Proposals 2019/2020

The sixth round of ORA is based on an agreement between the Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR; France), the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG; Germany), the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC; UK) and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC; Canada).

In order to strengthen international cooperation in the field of social sciences, wishing to fund high quality scientific research within their own countries, and aware that some of the best research can be delivered by working with the best researchers internationally, ANR, DFG, ESRC and SSHRC are launching a sixth ORA call for proposals in order to fund the best joint research projects in social sciences. The scheme will provide funding for integrated projects by researchers coming from at least three of the four subscribing countries – in any combination of three or more countries. Please note that the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO; Netherlands) will not be participating in this sixth ORA Call.

Proposals may be submitted in any area of the social sciences. However, the disciplinary coverage varies according to the involvement of the national agencies. Applicants who are uncertain of whether their proposal would be eligible should contact the relevant national agencies for clarification.

There is again a special opportunity for cooperation with projects in Japan. With the aim to strengthen cooperation between researchers in Japan and ORA partners, the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) as the national funding organisation of Japan renews the funding scheme to support projects which are associated with ORA.

This call will follow a two-stage procedure consisting of an outline proposal and a full proposal. Applicants who are successful at outline will automatically progress to full stage. Unlike the previous round, applicants will be invited to submit outline and full proposals at the same time, rather than waiting for the results of the outline stage.

Funding will be distributed among the national agencies according to the place of work of the researchers, and according to the funding rules of each agency.

How to Apply

ESRC is the coordinating agency for this round. All proposals for this call will be submitted through the ESRC's Joint Electronic Submissions system (Je-S). For detailed guidance on how to submit proposals please refer to the ORA sixth call Je-S Guidance for Applicants.

Deadline for the submission of proposals is **16.00 (UK time) on 11 September 2019**. Proposals submitted after the deadline will not be accepted. Electronic acknowledgement will be sent to the Main Applicant and the submitting organisation.

Applicants requesting funding from DFG are required to also submit their proposal to elan. **Deadline for the submission in elan is 18 September 2019**.

Webinar for potential applicants

We will hold a webinar for potential applicants to this call on **3 July 2019**, which we strongly encourage you to attend. The webinar will be open to participants from around the world, and will provide information and guidance from the funders on the requirements of the call as well as an opportunity for questions and answers. To allow for different time zones we will be holding two identical webinars at 10.00 (UK time) and 15.00 (UK time), which will each last approximately one hour.

Spaces will be limited, so we encourage you to register your interest early to avoid disappointment. When registering your interest please indicate whether you wish to join the morning or afternoon webinar, and we would ask those in UK and European time zones to be flexible where possible. Registration for the webinars will close on **21 June 2019**.

Further Information

The complete call documents can be found on the ESRC homepage (call secretariat):
<https://esrc.ukri.org/funding/funding-opportunities/open-research-area-ora-for-the-social-sciences-2019>

If you have any queries relating to the Je-S System the Je-S Helpdesk can be contacted by e-mail jeshelp@je-s.ukri.org or phone +44 1793 44 4164; the Helpdesk is staffed Monday to Thursday 8.30–17.00, Friday 8.30–16.30 (UK time).

All other queries relating to this call should be directed to the call secretariat, phone +44 1793 413 128/150, oraqueries@esrc.ukri.org

For further information about the Japanese call see the JSPS homepage:
www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-bottom/01_d_outline.html

For further information about NWO see:
www.nwo.nl/onderzoek-en-resultaten/programmas/magw/open-research-area-plus (in Dutch)
www.nwo.nl/en/research-and-results/programmes/magw/open-research-area-plus (in English)

Information on previous calls is available on the DFG homepage:
www.dfg.de/ora

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