

Guidance: Expression of Interest (max. 1-2 pages)

Page size is A4, and all margins (top, bottom, left, right) should be at least 15 mm (not including any footers or headers). Minimum font size allowed is 11 points.

References should be listed at the end and do not count towards the page limit.

Figures and or images can be included and do not count towards the page limit. Figures and or images should be for illustrative purposes only and are not a way to overcome the page limit.

Applicants are encouraged to look at the assessment criteria for the individual scheme in which they are interested to ensure all the necessary elements are addressed.

Summary

Applicants must provide a short summary of their project suitable for a general audience. The summary should stand alone and clearly describe the context and challenges address by the project. It should also describe the project's aims and objectives as well as any potential applications and benefits.

Research proposal - Vision

Applicants must explain the overarching research goal/vision, describing the proposed work in the context of the state of the art of the field. Applicants should explain the extent to which the proposed work is ambitious and has the potential to advance current understanding, generate new knowledge, thinking or discovery within or beyond the field or area. Applicants should also address the timelessness and relevance of their proposed research project.

Objectives and Methodology - Approach

Applicants must explain how they have designed their work, including describing the quality and pertinence of the objectives, and the overall methodology(ies). Applicants should explain how the objectives and methods will help deliver the overarching research goal. Applicants should also comprehensively identify any risks to delivery and provide details of how they will be managed.

Outputs and Impact

Applicants must provide a narrative explaining how the project's results are expected to make a difference in terms of impact¹ beyond the immediate scope and duration of the project. Applicants should focus on the outputs and benefits that would make the most significant and direct contribution. Applicants should identify those that will most likely benefit (beneficiaries) from the proposed project.

¹ Impacts of the project may be:

- **Scientific:** e.g. contributes to specific scientific advances, reinforce scientific equipment and instruments etc.
- **Societal:** e.g. addresses UK policy priorities, global challenges, reduced emissions, etc.
- **Economic/technological:** e.g. brings new products, services to market, contribute to standards' setting, etc.