

## Policy through evidence: funding call

## Further information and funding criteria

Does your research influence decision-makers? Could you use extra funding by end of March 2020 to create policy-related research impact?

Research England have granted the University funding to develop research activity supporting local, regional, national and international policymakers - whether in business or not for profit organisations, local or national government, the justice system, health and education bodies, or other regulatory organisations, including international bodies such as WHO or the UN.

We have opened a rolling call for you to submit your proposals on how you could use some of this funding to support your research or knowledge exchange activities to develop and share evidence for policy change. Activities which could contribute to beneficial changes in policy will be considered.

The funding aims to encourage and support the scaling up of activity and the pursuit of new directions with attention to local challenges.

The types of activities which could be funded are:

- New research activity working in partnership with policymakers, particularly to better understand local, regional or national challenges
- Extending existing related research activity
- Facilitating the use of existing research and the exchange of knowledge between universities and policymakers
- Activity aimed at improving the dialogue between universities and policymakers
- Partnerships and collaborations aimed at supporting evidence-based policy making

Examples of some activities which might support these aims are:

- Gold Open Access for a journal article that might influence policy
- Activities to support a REF or KEF impact case study (including for REF2028)
- Holding events to bring together new or existing partners/stakeholders who would have an interest in using your research for policy change
- Developing knowledge exchange activities that might lead to policy change
- Presenting at a relevant conference

The funding must be spent by 31 March 2020 (the funder's requirement), although some activities may be delivered after this date if they have been fully paid for. We recognise that this is a challenging timetable, so funding may be used to build on activity already underway, and to build capacity for future activity.

The call will close at end of January 2020, or when all funding has been allocated, whichever is sooner. Proposals will be considered on a rolling basis, in order of submission, and we encourage you to send us your ideas before Christmas to make maximum use of this exceptional opportunity.

Please read the funding criteria over the page before submitting your proposal.

## **Funding criteria**

1. Any staff on a fixed term or permanent contract may apply
2. All spend for the Policy through evidence award must be undertaken by the 31 March 2020 (funder requirement).
3. The call will close at end of January 2020, or when all funding has been allocated, whichever is sooner.
4. Staff time is not included as a cost but must be signed off by the line manager in advance of acceptance of the grant award.
5. Payment of external academic staff time is not permissible.
6. All award holders must comply with university policies whilst applying for and carrying out research activity funded by the policy through evidence project.

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