

# Behavioural Research UK Commissioning Fund

## 2026 ACCELERATOR APPLICATION FORM

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## Section 1: General Guidance

### 1. 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](#).
- Please ensure that you meet all the mandatory requirements specified in the funding opportunity.
- Applications must start before 1<sup>st</sup> February 2027 and be for a duration of 18 months or less.
- 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.

### 2. When is the closing date for applications?

The closing date for applications is **4pm (BST) on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2026**. Applications will not be accepted after this time.

### 3. What guidance is available to help me complete my application?

Please read:

- [Funding Call Description](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [UKRI Funding Guidelines](#)

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

- [Open Science](#)
- [Equalities, Diversity, Inclusion and Intersectionality](#)
- [Code of Conduct](#)
- [Management of Interests](#)

### 4. How will you blind my application?

Please refer to the full list of Frequently Asked Questions for further details of our blinding process. Your application may be blinded by our administration team prior to the initial peer review process.

### 5. May I include a commercial partner in my application?

Applications that include partners from any discipline and sector are welcome. Please note that commercial partners will be subject to checks related to the Subsidy Control Act 2022 and the administering institution will be required to maintain appropriate records of compliance with the relevant subsidy control regime.

**6. How do I submit my application?**

Complete all the questions included in this application form and email to: [enquiries@br-uk.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@br-uk.ac.uk) in advance of the submission deadline. You may submit either a Word or PDF version of the form. Please note that incomplete forms will not pass triage and so will not progress to peer review.

**7. What additional documents are needed?**

Please make sure to include a short 2-page CV. You should embed any tables, figures or legends within the document but ensure that you do not exceed more than 1 page. Letters of support may also be included in your application and are particularly encouraged where in-kind resources are promised to support your application.

**8. 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](mailto:enquiries@br-uk.ac.uk).

**9. What will BR-UK 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.

**10. What else should I know?**

Please make sure that the financial calculations included in your application have been checked by the relevant department within your institution and that you have followed all internal procedures prior to submission of this application. This is to ensure there are no contractual delays should your application be successful. Applications without institutional approval will not be accepted.

**11. Who can I contact if I have questions?**

Please submit any requests for clarification by email to [enquiries@be-uk.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@be-uk.ac.uk) with the subject title "COMMISSIONING FUND 2026" at least one week prior to the deadline to ensure a response within a helpful timeframe.

## Section 2: Lead Applicant Details

### 2.1 Full Name

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### 2.2 Administering Institution

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### 2.3 Lead Applicant Contact Email Address

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### 2.4 What is your primary discipline(s) or areas of work?

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### 2.5 Do you identify as an Early Career Researcher in line with the definition for this call?

- Yes  
 No

### 2.6 Please confirm that the financial request for this application has been reviewed and authorised by your internal research management office.

- Yes  
 No

### 2.7 Please provide the name and email of your institution's finance and contracting contact for this application

Name	
Role	
Email Address	

*This section of the application form will be redacted during the peer review process.*

## Section 3: Project Outline

**3.1 Title of proposed research project**

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**3.2 Which theme does your application relate to? (Drop down list)**

Choose an item.

**3.3 Proposed start date**

(DD/MM/YY)

**3.4 Proposed duration (in months) of the project**

[Numerical]

**3.5 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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**3.6 Please provide a technical abstract that identifies the specific objectives, methodology, outcomes and relevance of your project.**

*(300 words max)*

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## Section 4: Research Team

**4.1 Do you have additional team members to add to this application?**  Yes  No

**4.2 Please list the names, role on the project and current position for the proposed members of your research team that will be funded through this award.**

*(Include yourself if claiming salary from the award and add additional rows as needed)*

Name	Organisation	Role (i.e., Co-I, Researcher)	% FTE	Duration

**4.3 Please list the names, role on the project and current position for any in kind personnel not requesting funding via this award.**

*(Add additional rows as needed)*

Name	Organisation	Role (i.e., Co-I, Researcher)	% FTE	Duration

**4.4 Does your team include a commercial entity?**  Yes  No

**4.5 If yes, please provide the legal name and address of the partner and explain their role within the project.**

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## Section 5: Project Plan

**5.1 What is the research question being addressed?**

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**5.2 How will your project add value?**

*(300 words max)*

*e.g how will it build an understanding of an important issue and/or address a problem related to the theme of the funding call?*

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**5.3 Please explain what is novel about your project.**

*(300 words max)*

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**5.4 Please explain the research methods that you propose to use.**

*(500 words max)*

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**5.5 Please list the expected deliverables and outputs from this work.**

*(i.e., workshops, reports, infographics, videos, images, publications)*

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**5.6 Please explain the outcomes you expect to achieve including an explanation of how these relate to, and will arise from, the deliverables listed above.**

*(300 words max)*

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**5.7 Please provide a summary of the key skills and experience of the research team that will deliver the project.**

*NB: Briefly explain the role/key responsibility each member in the delivery of the project. Indicate the strengths of any wider team members instrumental to the delivery of the proposed research.*

*(up to 750 words max)*

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## Section 6: Engagement & Dissemination

**6.1 Please explain how you will engage with those who may be interested in, or affected by, your research and/or its outputs.**

*(300 words*

*max)*

**6.2 Please explain how you will disseminate your findings and maximise the impact of this research.**

*(300 words max)*

## Section 7: Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and Intersectionality

**Outline any EDII considerations as related to the proposed research and/or team composition and how you will address these.** *(300 words max)*

## Section 8: Finances

<b>8.1 Please provide a breakdown of the project costs.</b>	<b>FEC</b>	<b>RC</b>
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 (100% RC)	£	£
<b>Total</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>

**NB: Please refer to the UKRI funding rules to ensure you categorise your costs appropriately.**

Please also ensure your figures tally correctly. All costs in the Research Contribution (RC) column should be 80% of the Full Economic Cost (FEC) unless they are Exceptions costs.

**8.2a Please provide a detailed justification for the requested resources.**

**8.2b Please provide the contact details for the person who has authorised your application and reviewed these costs.**

**8.3 Please describe any additional funding that will be provided by your organisation or partners to support the delivery of this project.**

*NB: You may not include the 20% funding which your Institution must contribute as part of the FEC model within this section.*

## Section 9: Conflict of Interest

**9.1 Please confirm that you have read and understood the UKRI and BR-UK Conflict of Interest policies.**

- Yes, I have  
 No, I have not

**9.2 Do you have any circumstances that may be perceived to be a conflict to declare?**

- Yes  
 No  
 Unsure

**9.3 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.

## Section 10: Sustainability

**Outline any specific sustainability considerations relevant to your application**

*NB: Please do not replicate your institution's generic statement or approaches in this area. We are interested in the specifics of your research only.*

## Section 11: Appendix

*You may use this section to add any tables, figures or references to support your application. This must not exceed one page. [You may delete this text]*