**ESRC: New Investigators**

**University of Cambridge - Internal Selection Form**

*Call Details:* [*https://esrc.ukri.org/files/funding/funding-opportunities/new-investigator-grants-call-specification1/*](https://esrc.ukri.org/files/funding/funding-opportunities/new-investigator-grants-call-specification1/)

*Please complete an online application form:* [New Investigator Grant Scheme 2021-22](https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5auDs18dQww43zM) *by* ***17:00 on Monday 15 November 2021.***

*You will be asked to upload the following:*

1. *The Research Project Proposal form on the following page*
2. *A letter of support from your Head of Department*

*The letter from the Head of Department must specify:*

1. *The department/faculty- based mentor’s name;*
2. *The name of a reviewer (does not need to be department/faculty- based)*

*Both the mentor and the reviewer will need to provide feedback on the full proposal, should the applicant be invited to proceed with the application. The review will be coordinated by the School Research Facilitator*

1. *X5 pdf report*

*The X5 pdf report should show the preliminary costing for the project, including the cost of the applicant’s salary and research assistance (if required). The X5 should not be submitted for ROO approval at this stage; the costing is for indicative purposes only, to inform the internal selection. It will be possible to modify it after the internal selection.*

**Please save all documents as PDFs with the following naming format:**

**SURNAME\_name – research proposal/HoD letter/X5 report**

**SURNAME, name**

**Research project description (maximum 1000 words)**

**to include:**

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| ***Research Proposal (c.500 words) to demonstrate:**** *Originality, potential contribution to knowledge, i.e. research excellence, including the academic potential of the applicant;*
* *Research design and methods, including, but not limited to, collaborations and multi-disciplinary/international links.*
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| ***Skills Development/Organisational Support (c.250 words) to demonstrate:**** *A proposed skills development plan;*
* *How the grant will allow the applicant to transition to an independent researcher and advance their career. Researchers more than 4 years beyond their PhD should clearly articulate why they consider themselves eligible for this scheme as an early career researcher.*
* *The appropriateness and demonstration of commitment of the proposed mentor(s);*
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| ***Knowledge Exchange and Impact Realisation Activities (c.250 words) to demonstrate:**** *Impact, outputs, and dissemination, including plans to develop knowledge exchange skills and activities to maximise the impact of the research.*
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**Please do not exceed the word limit. Any text beyond 1000 words will be deleted before the application is forwarded to the Committee.**