

# Expressions of Interest - Proposals for Research Projects

## Project Proposal Template

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At the application stage, applicants are advised to prepare proposals using the following template. Some Calls for Proposals may have specific requirements, which will be described in the Call Document.

**Project Title:** An initial working title should be provided and should describe the focus and purpose of your project.

**Submitting Organisation/Department:** List department and organisation of each member of the research project team.

**Principal Investigator/Co-Investigator(s):** Provide details of name, position and academic credentials of each member of the research project team. A brief biography of their knowledge and experience may be provided (up to 150 words per team member).

**Aims:** Describe what the projects aims to find out. How does your project fill a gap or add to the existing body of knowledge?

**Objectives:** List the main objectives of the proposed research in order of priority.

**Summary:** Describe the proposed research in simple terms in a way that could be publicised to a general audience (up to 500 words). Note that this summary will be automatically published on UKADs website in the event that a grant is awarded. Provide a plain English summary of the proposed work, explaining: the context of the research, its aims and objectives, and its potential applications and benefits. The summary should be written in a style that is accessible to a variety of readers, including the general public. In the event of a proposal subsequently being approved, UKAD may use this summary for general publicity purposes and as a basis for answering enquiries from the media and others about the purpose of the research.

**Scientific Merit:** Describe who will benefit from the research. Describe the significance of the research to the fight against doping in sport, specifically in relation to doping prevention and education. Describe how the anticipated outcomes will advance the knowledge base and how the outcomes can be implemented in practice with the groups studied in your research.

**Proposal Outline:** This section must contain detail relating to the following sub-headings:

**Current knowledge/Background (Literature Review/Previous Studies that Support this Proposal):** Provide a critical review of the relevant literature related to the topic of your research, clearly connecting previous finding or conclusions with the need for the proposed project. Please focus on primary sources and current literature. Indicate how you perceive the proposed project will improve, increase or complement current knowledge in this area. Drawing on the literature (or your own ideas), provide a conceptual or theoretical framework for your project. You may include references to primary sources either as footnotes here or in a references section at the end of the document.

**Research Design/Approach:** Outline the conceptual framework and rationale for the chosen approach. How will your research design and methods allow you to test your hypotheses? For both qualitative and quantitative research, please provide details of populations to be sampled, sample sizes and recruiting methods. Please include the inclusion/exclusion criteria for the sample. For quantitative research, please provide a power estimate for your sample size with respect to testing significance. If working with partner organisations for access to sample participants, please attach letters from those organisations confirming such access (if available). Where established inventories are used (e.g., attitude scales; personality appraisals; etc.), please provide evidence of their validity and reliability. Include details of pilot testing if applicable. You may submit additional supporting documentation, such as questionnaires, interview protocols, in the additional documents section.

**Hypotheses:** Please state specific hypotheses if appropriate to your research design. These should be based on the literature review and relate to your overall objectives and specific research questions. Where possible, state directional hypotheses. Please state Not Applicable if no specific hypotheses are appropriate to your research design.

**Proposed project start date/duration:** The proposed start date and duration must be provided. Please ensure that the proposed start date is realistic, taking account of the period required by UKAD to process the proposal (as published by UKAD) and that required to recruit staff. Provide the proposed duration of the grant in months, checking (with UKADs relevant information/Call Document) that it complies with the terms of the selected type of proposal, where relevant. A Gantt chart of work packages/stages of the project with estimated time frames is highly recommended. The duration of the project should not be extended to include final report writing-up time.

**Resource summary:** Financial estimates, including the costs of a Principal Investigator's time in writing up of the final report may be included in the proposal.

**Ethics:** State whether appropriate ethical approval is required for the project and whether you have an application in process or whether it has already been granted. State the organisation with whom ethics approval is sought from/granted by.

**Additional Documents:** Include any further documents relevant to the proposal, such as a copy of proposed questionnaire, interview protocol, consent form, ethics approval, pilot study report etc.

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