Grants Academy: Call Insight session
UKRI Transforming UK Food systems for health and environment

(EoI deadline 22 April 2021)
Format

• Introduction to the call and review of call remit (Dr Juliette Snow, BDO SMMSN, R&I)

• Call assessment criteria (Dr Andrew Phillips BDO, SBS, R&I)

• UKRI perspective and background to the call (*Professor Paul Haggarty, Director of Research, Rowett Institute*)

• How to apply (Dr Andrew Phillips)

• Q&A
Expression of interest: transforming UK food systems for health and environment

Opportunity status: Open

Funders: Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC), Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), Medical Research Council (MRC), Natural Environment Research Council (NERC), Innovate UK

Co-funders: Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), Public Health England (PHE), Food Standards Agency (FSA)

Funding type: Grant

Total fund: £14,000,000

Award range: £250,000 - £2,000,000

Publication date: 2 February 2021

Opening date: 2 February 2021

Closing date: 22 April 2021 16:00 UK time

Timeline:

- 2 February 2021: Opening date
- 22 April 2021: Closing date
- Summer 2021: Invitation to full proposal stage
- Autumn 2021: Full stage deadline
- April 2022: Spend start

Related content
Broad remit:

• If we put healthy people and a healthy natural environment at the heart of the food system:
  - what would we eat?
  - how would we encourage people to eat it?
  - where would that food come from? (what would we grow & manufacture in the UK; what would we need import?)

• In delivering this transformed food system, what interventions would be needed across government, business and civil society?

• Increase research base – with new partnerships and expertise.
Broad remit:

• Proposals can include complex interactions between health, environment, economic and behavioural factors across the food system, while taking into account wider needs for different groups in society.

• Particularly encourage action-focussed research, e.g. interventions or trials, and research exploring the impact of interventions and research methodologies designed to enable and strengthen participation and action from citizens, where they might lead to food system transformation in the near to medium term.
Proposals must:

• Integrate social and natural sciences;

• Collaborate with at least one stakeholder from government, business or civil society;

• Address UK government priorities.

and

Address aspects of both:
- production, processing, manufacturing or food environments and
- healthier diets or consumption

• Can be led by any discipline
3 Themes:

1. Transforming food environments
   (inc. physical, socio-economic and cultural context e.g. retail, marketing procurement, online, & regulation)

2. Sustainable nutrition across the food system
   To increase nutritional value in food system (soils, farming and fishing, food processing, manufacturing, retail and consumption)

3. Food imports and domestic production
   Post-Covid and EU – opportunities to transform UK production & imports towards healthier diets and sustainability.
Online portal https://ukrifoodsystems2.meeting-mojo.com (access via UKRI website)

- Pre-recorded webinar
- Zoom Speed Networking Workshops (18th Feb & 2nd March)
- Live Q&A sessions (26th Feb, 12th March, 26th March, 9th April)
Assessment Criteria

• Research Excellence
• Transformative Potential*
• Environmental, health, economic and social impact*
• Ability to deliver and leadership quality

*will take in to account amount of funding requested.

UKRI will also assess for portfolio spread.
How to apply

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• JeS submission – inc. resources requested
• 4 page Case for Support – follow call guidance
• CVs PI and Cols
• Evidence of stakeholder support – inc co-design.

Invitation to full stage – summer 2021

Full stage - deadline autumn 2021

Grant start – April 2022