

Humanities RSS Major Funding Briefing: Economic and Social Research Council

REMIT AND SCOPE

To be eligible at least 50 per cent of the proposed programme of research must be within the ESRC remit.

Primary areas	Requiring a primary research topic
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demography and human geography• Development Studies• Economics• Education• Environmental planning• Social anthropology• Social policy• Social work	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Economic and social history• Linguistics• Management and business studies• Psychology• Sociology• Law and legal studies• Social statistics, methods and computing

Further information is available here: [Is my research suitable for ESRC funding?](#)

RESEARCH THEMES AND ACTIVITIES

The ESRC's Strategic Plan 2015 identifies its three strategic priorities:

- [Economic Performance and Sustainable Growth](#)
- [Influencing Behaviour and Informing Interventions](#)
- [A Vibrant and Fair Society](#)

In addition the ESRC Delivery Plan highlights seven areas where it will focus funding in 2015-16:

Big Data | Business Innovation | Social Science of Environmental Change | Urban transformation | Education | Europe

USEFUL LINKS

General Overview

[ESRC – What we do](#)

[Strategic Plan 2015](#)

[Delivery Plan – 2015-16](#)

[ESRC Funding Guide](#)

Funding Opportunities

[Latest funding information](#)

Application preparation

[The Joint Electronic Submissions \(Je-S\) website](#)

General Enquires

[ESRC Contact Details](#)

Support from the Humanities Research Support Service

[Contact your local Research Support Services Team](#)

[Faculty of Humanities, Research Support Services – Handbook 2014-15](#)

MAJOR FUNDING SCHEMES

[Research Grants Scheme](#) functions with no restrictions of deadlines and topics but must be within the ESRC's remit. Proposals should be at least £200K and can be up to £2M.

[Centres and Large Grants competition](#). This competition awards between £2M-£10M, requiring high commitment from the director and the institution. Applicants respond to specific topics and call specifications and there is the possibility of an Open Theme too. Annual deadlines apply, next call expected later 2015.

[Future Research Leaders](#). The scheme targets early career researchers and runs on an annual basis, it also allows themes related to other disciplines outside the ESRC remit.

[Research Seminars Competition](#): Discussing possible future projects and organising a work plan for future research.