



UK-Chile Call for Proposals

Newton RCUK-CONICYT Broadening Impact Call 2017

Frequently Asked Questions

Below are a series of frequently asked questions for the Newton RCUK-CONICYT Broadening Impact Call 2017. Please note the numbers refer to the relevant sections in the application guidance

3.1.1 How do I know which council I should submit to?

You will be asked to indicate in your intention to submit which of the five councils (BBSRC, ESRC, EPSRC, NERC, STFC) is the lead council for your proposal. You should make this decision yourself based on the councils' remits. Please contact RCUK if you are unsure. You may be contacted by RCUK if the council you list in your intention to submit is deemed to be incorrect. Unless you are contacted, you should submit your full stage application to the Research Council you listed in your intention to submit.

3.1.2. Do I have to hold an RCUK award to be eligible to apply?

No, for this call you do not need to currently hold or have held an RCUK grant, but you must meet the relevant Research Council's eligibility requirements to be an applicant. Please see links in section 3.1 of the [application guidance](#).

3.1.3. Does my research have to be within the theme identified in the call specification?

Yes, your research does need to be within the overarching theme identified in the [call specification](#). You have flexibility within this, but you must justify how your research relates to the overarching theme. Please note that the research under this theme must focus on the interconnected nature of the nexus, and not any single sector in isolation. For example, projects focussing solely on energy technologies will not be considered.

5.1.1 Can I begin creating my project in Je-S before sending in my intention to submit?

It is advised that you begin creating your project in the Je-S system as soon as possible. This will ensure that you have enough time for the proposal to go through your research office before final submission. It is envisioned that the intention to submit and Je-S application form would be completed in conjunction with each other.

Chilean and other Latin American applicants who wish to be listed as Co-Investigators (Co-Is) are encouraged to set up a Je-S account in advance of the call opening, to speed up the process.

5.1.2 Will I receive eligibility information on my intention to submit?

This form will be used to identify assessors for your application. It is not intended to assess or comment on the eligibility of a proposal, applicant or research office, and should not affect or delay the creation and completion of your proposal on the Je-S system. You will be contacted to confirm the lead council and you will be informed if your application is deemed to not meet ODA compliance. Please note if you are not informed this does not guarantee ODA compliance for full stage.

5.2.1 I have sent in my intention to submit, can I make changes to my project?

Yes, changes can be made to your project after submitting your intention to submit. **Please note: you only need to notify RCUK if you are proposing significant changes to your project, such as change of research topic or PI.**

5.2.2 This is an RCUK led call; which council do I submit to?

Applications to this RCUK led call should be submitted to the relevant lead remit council. Applicants must identify which Research Council they consider to be the lead based on the primary subject area of their proposal. If you are unsure of which council to submit to, please contact RCUK.

5.2.3 Do I submit a separate application to CONICYT?

No, the application process is hosted by RCUK on behalf of CONICYT. After the application deadline RCUK will share the applications submitted with CONICYT.

5.2.4 Can I submit offline instead of using Je-S?

No. All applications must be submitted via the Je-S system. Proposals submitted by email will not be accepted for processing.

5.3.1 How much time will my Research Organisation (RO) need to process my application before submitting it to the Research Council?

This will depend on your Research Organisation (RO). Please contact your research office to confirm.

5.3.2 If my application does not reach RCUK by the deadline can it still be considered?

No. The Je-S System will not allow proposals to be submitted after 16:00 BST (11:00am CLT) Tuesday 3rd October 2017.

20.1.1 What should my start date be in the Je-S System?

As stated in the call text, due to the tight timescales and funding restrictions of the Newton Fund, the proposed start date on the Je-S system must be **before 14th May 2018**; the grant must **end by the 31st March 2021**.

20.2.1 Do all investigators need to be registered on the Je-S system?

Yes. For any submission through the UK Research Council online submission system, **ALL** named investigators (PIs and all Co-Is) must have a Je-S account. For this initiative, that includes all named UK and Chilean investigators and investigators from any other Latin American country.

20.2.2 How do I put the UK Principal Investigator and Co-Investigators on the Je-S form?

Please input the UK PI under the Principal Investigator and the Co-I under Co-Investigator as normal. Unlike with the Chilean Co-Is you will also need to record all the costs, including the number of hours.

20.2.3 How do I add the Chilean Principal Investigator and Co-Investigators to the Je-S form?

The Je-S form only allows there to be one Principal Investigator on a grant. Although in reality, grants under this call will have at least two PIs: one from the UK and one from Chile. For the purposes of completing the Je-S form, please enter the UK PI on to the system as the PI. Please add the Chilean PI on to the Je-S form as a Co-I, as well as any other UK, Chilean or other country Co-Is.

Please add all Chilean (and other Latin American country) Co-Is on to the form as in section 20.2.

20.3.1 Do I include my Chilean costs on the Je-S form?

No. These costs must be included within your Chilean costs proforma, please look at [Chilean costs proforma](#) for more information on the costs that can be included. The UK and Chilean costs must also be fully justified within your [Justification of Resources](#).

20.3.2 Do I include the other Latin American DAC country costs on the Je-S form?

Costs for other Latin American DAC countries should be included in the Je-S form. They must be included under Directly Incurred- other costs, using the exceptions tick box option, so that they will be paid at 100%.

20.3.3 How are grants paid?

UK Research Councils will pay the UK component of the award directly to the lead UK Organisation, which where necessary, will be responsible for disbursing the funds to other UK and other Latin American DAC country Co-Is. **Please note that RCUK will pay the costs for the other Latin American DAC country Co-Is directly to the UK Research Organisation, quarterly in arrears. It is then the UK RO's responsibility to transfer the funding to the other Latin American DAC list country RO(s).**

CONICYT will pay the Chilean part of the approved projects according to their regular procedure.

20.3.3 Can I apply for publication costs?

Publication costs are no longer awarded and should not form part of your application. This is in line with RCUK terms and conditions. These costs are available from your RO via the block grant they receive for publication costs.

20.10.1 My research involving humans will take place in Chile/another country. Should I still put it into the Je-S form?

Yes, whether the research involving humans is taking place in the UK, Chile or any other country it needs to be captured in the Je-S form.

20.11.1 My animal research will take place in Chile or another Latin American country. Should I still put it into the Je-S form?

Yes, whether the animal research is taking place in the UK, Chile or another Latin American country it needs to be captured in the Je-S form.

20.13.1 The research requiring approvals will take place in Chile, do I need to seek UK approval?

Yes, you must seek approval within the UK even if your research will take place in Chile or another Latin American country. Please indicate the approvals you have sought/will seek within your application.

20.13.2 Do you require the approvals to make funding decisions?

RCUK do not require the approvals for making a funding decision but they must be in place before the project can start.

21.1.1 Can I nominate reviewers for my application?

Yes, although we cannot guarantee that these reviewers will be used to assess your application. If you would like to nominate reviewers for your application, please include a proposal cover letter including the name, organisation and email address for each reviewer. Please do not nominate more than 3 reviewers.

21.1.2 Will I have an opportunity to respond to reviewer comments?

Yes, there will be a PI response stage. You will receive the reviews via the Je-S system and you will have 5 working days to provide a response to reviewer comments.