

National Research Centre on Privacy, Harm Reduction and Adversarial Influence Online (REPHRAIN)

Call for applications to Researcher-in-Residence programme (Academic Fellow)

Call overview

We are offering funding opportunities via our Researcher-in-Residence programme and invite proposals from researchers who wish to join REPHRAIN, the UKRI funded Research Centre on Privacy, Harm Reduction and Adversarial Influence Online as a REPHRAIN Academic Fellow. The programme aims to cultivate and provide a public space to maximise collaboration with the wider community and to offer an environment for mutual engagement and learning. The remit of the programme is to host researchers from the wider UK/international community in its touchdown space in Bristol and its partner organisations (current Government restrictions pending) to enable access to the Centre's facilities, including datasets and testbed, and for the Centre to benefit in return from proposal outputs.

Details

Researchers in Computer Science, International Relations, Law, Psychology, Management, Design, Digital Humanities, Public Policy, Political Science, Criminology and Sociology have teamed up to lead an £8.6 million three-year UKRI Research Centre of Excellence focussed on the protection of citizens online. [REPHRAIN](#) is led by the University of Bristol (Director, Prof Awais Rashid) with co-investigators from UCL (Deputy Director, Prof Madeline Carr), Bath, King's College London and Edinburgh. REPHRAIN is designed to build and lead the UK's world-leading interdisciplinary community on this mission and provide a clear single front door to engage and build capacity with government, industry and citizens.

Call details

We expect to fund up to 20 Researchers-in-Residence as part of this programme with an indicative maximum funding of £15,000 at 100% Full Economic Cost (fEC) per UK based researcher time. International researchers are also welcome to apply but please note that travel costs only can be funded through the programme. This is an open, rolling call and submissions will be welcome until **31 March 2023**. All funded projects must be completed, with all deliverables, by **30 June 2023**. Proposals should be submitted at <https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=rephrainrir1> and will go through a standard peer review process. Decisions on funding will be notified within 1 month from submission.

Call topics

Since its launch, the Centre team has been engaging in a series of scoping activities – involving consultation workshops as well as literature reviews with the aim of identifying priority research areas. This call for Researchers-in-Residence is for projects that relate to [REPHRAIN's missions and research challenges](#) plus the additional themes identified with the REPHRAIN [Strategic Funding call](#) and REPHRAIN [scoping document](#).

Funding

UK based HEI researchers should cost their projects using the same process as they would cost a UKRI grant at 100% fEC. The Researcher-in-Residence programme will contribute at 80% fEC. All costs should be inclusive of VAT and/or any other applicable tax. The duration of work proposed under this Call should not last more than 12 months and should run between **05 July 2021** and **30 June 2023**. REPHRAIN will not reimburse costs associated with the development or submission of a proposal.

Proposals should be costed and approved by the applicant's organisation before submission.

Submission

Submissions should be made on an individual basis (i.e. one single researcher). Please submit the proposal as a single PDF using the form and upload system at:

<https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=rephrainrir1> . If you do not already have an EasyChair account you will need to set one up [here](#). If you already have an account, you should be able to access the REPHRAIN RIR submission page using your current credentials. Please ensure you select the role of author before submitting your proposal.

Submissions should not exceed four pages plus short CVs, comprising:

- 1) The research challenge to be addressed and its alignment with REPHRAIN's missions and RIEI (Responsible Inclusive Ethical Innovation) approach (1 page max)
- 2) Interdisciplinarity objectives (1 page max)
- 3) Proposed methodology (½ page max)
- 4) Proposed outcomes (deliverables with timescales) and potential for integration with the REPHRAIN toolbox (1 page max)
- 5) Financial summary (divided into directly incurred and allocated staff costs, travel, subsistence and other costs, estates and indirect costs. (½ page max). The costs should be in sufficient detail to allow for value for money judgements to be made.

Please attach a short (2 page) CV at the end of the proposal. Please ensure the proposal and CV are merged as one single PDF. A submission template can be found on the REPHRAIN website.

All documents must be completed in single-spaced typescript in Arial pt 11 or other sans serif typeface of equivalent size, with margins of at least 2cm. Arial narrow and Calibri are not allowable font types and page limits must not be exceeded. Each section listed above (1-5) should be clearly labelled.

Eligibility

The Call is open to researchers from UK and international Higher Education Institutions who can demonstrate a capability to deliver a high-quality programme of research. We strongly encourage applications from researchers in all disciplines and encourage proposals that are interdisciplinary and involve strong engagement and partnerships with non-academic stakeholders.

Assessment

All proposals will be reviewed by at least two expert peer reviewers, and then evaluated by the REPHRAIN Executive Team. Applications that are not submitted in the format requested above, or that are outside of the scope of this call, may be rejected without recourse to peer review.

Criteria

Submissions will be scored by peer reviews across the following domains:

- 1) Understanding of the challenge and its national importance
- 2) Quality and rigour of methodology
- 3) Responsible innovation
- 4) Potential impact and integration with the REPHRAIN toolbox
- 5) Value for money and deliverability
- 6) Track record and interdisciplinarity of researcher

Grant conditions

Successful applicants will receive an offer letter that will outline the terms of the sub-contract with REPHRAIN. These are standard UKRI terms and conditions, but with some minor amendments related to the source of funding and relationship with the REPHRAIN research centre.

Applicants should make sure that these terms are acceptable to their organisation before applying for funding. The terms are not negotiable. Copies of the contract are available [here](#).

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

The long-term strength of the UK research base depends on harnessing all the available talent and the Research Councils together developed the ambitious UKRI Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan. In line with the [UKRI's policies on equality, diversity and inclusion](#), we expect that equality, diversity, and inclusion are embedded at all levels and in all aspects of applicants' research proposals.

We are committed to supporting the research community in the diverse ways a research career can be built. Therefore, we welcome applications from researchers who job share, have a part-time contract, need flexible working arrangements or those currently committed to other longer, large existing grants.