FAQs

Call for research: links between modern slavery and wider laws and policies

Q: *What is a PI?*
A: A PI is the Principal Investigator, the academic lead of the project.

Q: *To what extent does a third sector organisation have to be involved in a project?*
A: The extent of a third sector organisation's involvement will depend on the nature and methodology of the project. Partners need to be involved in a way that is appropriate to the project but the relationship should be collaborative. You can see how NGOs have been involved with other projects on our website.

Q: *Does the third sector organisation have to be based in the UK?*
A: Third sector organisations do not have to be based in the UK, they can be internationally based.

Q: *How many third sector organisations can be included?*
A: There isn't a formal limit to the number of third sector organisations that can be included. However, there is a budgetary limit in that third sector organisations, in total, cannot take up more than 30% of the budget. Please consider this limit when deciding how many third sector organisations to involve.

Q: *Does the partner need to be a registered charity, or could they be, for example, a sex worker collective?*
A: The PEC encourages non-academic partners; broader than NGOs. Please refer to UKRI guidance as to whether the specific organisation would be eligible to receive funding under this call. If it is unclear from this guidance, please get in touch at office@modernslaverypec.org and we will help to find an answer for your specific question.

Q: *Can the application include more than one academic institution?*
A: Yes, an application can be made up of a number of academic institutions and we expect collaboration on this funding call.

Q: *Do the academic institutions need to be based in the UK?*
A: The academic institutions do not need to be based in the UK, other than the host organisations. Please note that organisations not based in the UK would be included in the 30% threshold for international organisations (and NGOs) in the budget.

Q: *As the emphasis of the call is on the impact of policy on safeguarding against modern slavery and how modern slavery risks can be reduced, does this preclude research that would look at the impact of policy on survivors of modern slavery and their treatment once identified?*
A: No, the call doesn't preclude this. The call document includes a statement on projects exploring experiences of the treatment of modern slavery.

Q: *Are AHRC the main funder for this call? As UKRI have also included ESRC on the funding call advertisement.*
A: Yes, AHRC are the main funders for this call. ESRC are close partners with the PEC who advise on our work, but they are not funding these projects.

Q: *Will co-creation include the voice of those with lived experience already connected to the PEC throughout this process?*
A: The PEC has included a person with lived experience throughout the creation of this call and are very keen to include survivor voices in outputs. This is something that we look to have ingrained throughout the EOI and application stage as well as throughout the project.

Q: *Is there a word count on the full report?*
A: The word count for the full report is 10,000 words, and the word count for the research summary is 2,500 words.

Q: *On the EOI does the PEC want letters of support, or statements of intent, from project partners and collaborators?*
A: Currently, there isn't a space to include this on the EOI so the PEC would not expect this. We understand that the initial stage of these projects may include deciding who the partners and collaborators would be, which would be subject to change, though we recommend including who the potential partners could be.

Q: *Details of NGO partners will need to be included within the EOI, but to what extent do all project partners need to be solidified at this stage? (e.g. professionals from relevant areas such as businesses, government agencies, international organisations)*
A: We don't expect projects to be fully formed at EOI stage. We recommend putting the partners you have spoken to in the EOI, though having these partnerships in place is not part of the EOI stage.

Q: *As a non HEI, IRO or third sector organisation, what would be the most effective way to get involved with a project, or the funding call?*
A: We would recommend joining the Modern Slavery PEC's Google Group to connect with potential partners. The link to the Google Group is here.

Q: *What is the PEC looking for regarding criminal justice and modern slavery? (e.g. examples have been given in regard to drug policies, is this the PEC's preferred area of investigation?)*
A: The PEC does not have a preferred area of investigation. The reference to criminal justice regarding drug policies was an example given in respect to 'county lines' and the intersect between drug policies and modern slavery.

Q: *Does survivor involvement need to be included in this funding call?*
A: The PEC expects to see an element of survivor involvement in this research as one of our guiding principles for research. What this looks like in practice depends on the makeup of the project and its design. Please visit PEC's project section of the website for a selection of survivor involvement in recent research.

Q: *What is the PEC looking for in relation to labour market research?*
A: The PEC is not able to comment on what specific proposals should focus on. Areas covered in the webinar were just examples based on our research consultation but we encourage applicants to explore other areas.

Q: *When suggesting an alternative area, should the justification be included in 500 words of question 3, or is there a separate word count available for this?*
A: The justification should be included in the 500 words of question 3 of the proposal.

Q: *Should survivor involvement be limited to those formally identified as a victim of slavery and/or trafficking via the NRM, or could it be understood more broadly? (e.g. as those who have experienced exploitation)*
A: The PEC wouldn't expect it to be limited in this sense. The PEC has seen survivor involvement used in a number of different ways, and this would depend on what would be the most effective in relation to the context of the project.