

The QSR International Research Grant for Early Career Researchers - Application Guidelines

Are you an Early Career Researcher with a project that shows promise and a contribution to knowledge? You could be eligible for US\$25,000 in funding over two years as part of the QSR Research Grant for Early Career Researchers.

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Eligible Applicants

To be eligible for the grant, you must be a social scientist, health researcher or humanities scholar who has been awarded a PhD in 2013-2020, with an appointment at an institution of higher education and research. The grant of US\$25,000 is intended to provide either partial relief from teaching duties and associated academic administration for a term/semester and/or research expenses over a two-year period.

To be eligible to apply, you must have:

- Been awarded your doctorate in 2013 to 2020
- An academic appointment at an institution of higher education; if you do not have a permanent contract, your contract should cover the duration of the project (1 May 2022 - 30 April 2024)
- A proposal for a qualitative or mixed method research project
- The support of your university
- Research that has involved the use of NVivo for at least part of the data analysis

Please note that applicants can only submit one proposal. It is possible to apply jointly with a colleague, but they also have to satisfy the eligibility criteria above.

Eligible Research

Eligible research is innovative research that involves the collection and analysis of qualitative data. Innovation may be in new forms of data collection through innovative forms of data analysis and output. Your research needs to involve the use of NVivo in at least part of the analysis. Projects can range across the breadth of the social science disciplines, health research, humanities and interdisciplinary research fields.

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Expenses related to or support for conferences or travel to conferences
- Projects relating to work done primarily for commercial objectives and those funded by a contracting agency (e.g., government or business)
- Collection or preparation of material primarily intended for personal classroom needs or teaching material
- Research by trainees to meet degree or course requirements
- Salary or honorarium for the applicants
- Any indirect costs

Important Information About Your Application

Your submitted application will be read by academic evaluators who are not necessarily subject specialists. Applicants need to bear this in mind when completing their application. Applications must be in English and will be assessed based on the intended project (70%) and the applicant (30%).

Your completed application should include:

- An abstract (300 words) of the research's aims, methodology, contribution to knowledge, and value to QSR International
- A completed Research Project Proposal form (1750 words in total, not including abstract; 250 words per section). The research proposal should be double spaced (including figures, diagrams, and tables) and should contain the following sections, each worth 10% of the total assessment when reviewed:
 - The Research Idea
 - Background
 - The Project Description
 - Methodology
 - Contribution to Knowledge
 - Innovation

- Work plan and Knowledge Translation Plan
- A budget with a breakdown of all costs
- A curriculum vitae with a complete list of publications
- Letter from the institutional official who manages grants
- An academic reference

About Your Academic Reference

Your academic reference must be from a recognized scholar in your field of study and should include:

- The applicant's status (personal academic reference)
- The research proposed (a brief statement of how it meets funders' criteria)
- Why the research would not be funded by existing resources

Institutional Approval

You must confirm that your home institution is aware of your application and you should provide the contact details of a relevant Administrative Officer. Should your application progress, this Administrative Officer will be asked to confirm on behalf of your department and institution that:

- If replacement costs are requested for a term, you will be in receipt of your normal salary during the tenure of the reward and the institution will provide cover for any teaching or other commitments
- Acknowledgment that neither QSR International nor the Early Career Research Grant will be liable (i.e. charged) for any indirect costs (overhead and handling fees) associated with the execution of the work described in the application

Successful Candidate Requirements

If you are successful in being awarded the QSR Research Grant for Early Career Researchers, please be aware of your following commitments.

You will be expected to:

- Write 2 x blog posts about your progress, for the NVivo website
- Participate in 2 x NVivo Podcast interviews. The first interview will take place during the first year of the grant period, with the second interview taking place at the end of your research
- Participate in 1 x NVivo webinar, taking place one year after the grant has been awarded
- Present conference papers, including the presentation of a paper at the NVivo Conference held in September (approximate) each year
- Provide a plan for the dissemination of the outcomes of the research
- Ensure that all papers and presentations cite QSR International as sponsor of the research

Reporting Requirements

The successful applicant must submit a brief report (maximum 2 pages) every 6 months throughout the term of the award. The report should indicate what work was accomplished as a result of the award, when it was accomplished, and what publications/performances/exhibitions were completed or are expected to be completed as a result of that work. The report should also outline the progress of the project to which the funding was granted and confirm the purposes for which the funds were used. Failure to submit biannual reports may result in withdrawal of support from QSR International.

Applicants must submit a brief final report (maximum 4 pages) within 3 months following completion of the award. The report must indicate the value of this award, trainee involvement (if applicable), and what publications/performances/exhibitions were completed or are expected as a result of that work. The report must also outline the progress of the project to which the funding was granted and confirm the purposes for which the funds were used.

Second Tier Awards

There may be some applications which are very good but not successful. They will not receive a cash prize but are eligible for goods in kind at our discretion.

Application Deadline

Applications will be accepted from 19 July - 30 November 2021. Submissions must be through our application platform and in by 11:00PM EST on 30 November 2021. Click the link in the 'Apply Now' button below. We recommend that you do not wait until the last day to submit.

Proposals will be reviewed and assessed by an academic committee. We will be matching reviewers to applications as much as we can according to discipline and methods. They will be looking for the following:

- A clearly stated and realistic research idea and budget
- An appropriate relevant review of the literature supporting the significance of the research proposal
- A research design that is appropriate for the stated aims
- A detailed realistic plan for data collection and analysis
- The kinds of output planned for the research results
- Extra points will be awarded if the proposal is innovative in terms of any of the following - the subject of research, the research design, the data collection method, the analysis process or the output

Successful applicant(s) will be notified by 25 March 2022.

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