



Modern slavery in the UK and wider laws and policies

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Summary

Funds available

Total fund available: £1,250,000 at 100% fEC

Maximum amount per application: £250,000 at 100% fEC

Funders involved

AHRC, Modern Slavery and Human Rights Policy and Evidence Centre (Modern Slavery PEC), ESRC

Links to apply

Stage one expression of interest: <https://modernslaverypec.submit.com/show/7>

Stage two: Je-S link to be circulated with Stage One outcomes

Key Dates

Event	Date	Time
Stage-one, expression of interest, opening date	11/10/2021	12:00
Call webinar	21/10/2021	12:30
Stage-one, expression of interest, closing date	12/11/2021	16:00
Stage-two opening date	Early December	
Stage-two closing date	Details to be sent to stage-two applicants by AHRC	

Eligibility

Projects must be led by a UK higher education institution (HEI) or approved Independent Research Organisation (IRO) eligible to receive UKRI funding. We request that Principal Investigators are involved in only one expression of interest, but there is no limit to the number of expressions of interest on which applicants can be Co-Investigators. There is no limit to the number of expressions of interest a Higher Education Institutions or Independent Research Organisation can submit, nor to the number of expressions of interest a third sector organisation can collaborate on.

Opportunity summary points

What is the Modern Slavery PEC?

The Modern Slavery and Human Rights Policy and Evidence Centre (the Modern Slavery PEC) is a Strategic Priority Fund centre with the aim to enhance understanding of modern slavery and to transform the effectiveness of law and policies designed to address it. It is funded by the AHRC with support from the ESRC. With high quality research and a focus on policy impact at its heart, the Modern Slavery PEC brings together academics, policymakers, businesses, civil society, people with lived experience of modern slavery and the public on a scale not seen before in the UK to collaborate on solving this global challenge. The Modern Slavery PEC supports research which provides innovative, independent, impartial and authoritative insight and analysis on modern slavery.

The Modern Slavery PEC's Strategic Delivery Plan sets out its guiding principles for research, which are:

- 1. Effectiveness:** Research should address evidence gaps relevant to policy and improve understanding of what works.
- 2. Equity:** Research should address structural inequalities, root causes and wider issues of social justice alongside a more equitable approach to allocation of research funding.
- 3. Survivor involvement:** Research should involve people affected by modern slavery at all stages, from selection, through design, production and implementation.

This call's scope, aims and objectives were developed by the Modern Slavery PEC in collaboration with the AHRC and with involvement of a range of stakeholders including those with lived experience of modern slavery. The Modern Slavery PEC will run the stage one expression of interest (EOI) process for this call, while the full application stage will be administered by the AHRC (via Je-S). Once funded, the core team at the Modern Slavery PEC will work closely with the successful projects throughout their funding (see "Additional information"). You can learn more about the Modern Slavery PEC and see examples of work they have done with other funded projects [on their website](#).

Who is this opportunity for?

This call welcomes proposals from applicants with a range of backgrounds. For rules on eligibility see the section on 'Who Can Apply'. The Modern Slavery PEC strongly encourages that applications involve people with lived experience in the design and implementation of the project. We design our calls with the aspiration for them to be inclusive to encourage a greater diversity of applicants and approaches to modern slavery research. The Modern Slavery PEC is committed to supporting inclusive and diverse research which represents the range of communities and people with lived experience from different ethnic, racial and other backgrounds.

What are the challenges that the call addresses?

This the Modern Slavery PEC open call for research is an opportunity for researchers and research teams to generate new evidence to significantly advance efforts to address modern slavery. The goal of the call is to generate a set of individual but connected innovative research projects that together will drive forward understanding of the way wider legal and policy frameworks are implicated in modern slavery in the UK, and support strategic thinking in the (re)design of policies to better safeguard against modern slavery and reduce modern slavery risks.

Which sectors is the call aimed at?

Of interest for the Modern Slavery PEC is research that provides new evidence on the role of current legal and policy frameworks in the following areas and the ways that they operate in relation to modern slavery (researchers may also propose additional areas with clear justification):

- immigration and asylum
- labour market regulation and governance
- law and policy on sex work
- safeguarding policy and practice in health and social protection

- criminal justice, e.g. drug policies
- international development and foreign policy

The Modern Slavery PEC works with both the AHRC and ESRC and welcomes applications from teams working across and between the arts and humanities, social sciences and other areas of research.

Which costs can be covered and what are the fEC percentages?

Project budgets can be up to a maximum of £250,000 at 100% fEC and will be funded at 80% fEC. All standard fEC research project costs as per section three of the [AHRC funding guide](#) are permitted, however the following also apply to this call:

- Involvement with NGOs, third-sector organisations and Civil Society groups etc. can be costed under other DI Exceptions and paid at 100% fEC but must constitute no more than 30% of the total budget.
- Costs for integrating persons with lived experience of modern slavery in the research process are encouraged.
- Similarly, appropriate costs for enabling effective engagement and involvement of policymakers are also encouraged, please note that this work will also be supported by the Modern Slavery PEC.
- Project teams are encouraged to include partnership with professionals from relevant areas (as 'Project Partners' offering cash or in-kind contributions to the project)

For full information on eligible costs see the 'Rules of fEC funding' section.

How long can projects last?

Projects will last for a maximum of 12 months and will collaborate with the Modern Slavery PEC for the duration of their project. This will include regular meetings with the core Modern Slavery PEC team and collaboration on development of key outputs.

Who can apply?

Who is eligible?

Projects must be led by a UK higher education institution (HEI) or approved Independent Research Organisation (IRO) eligible to receive UKRI funding. We request that Principal Investigators are involved in only one application submission, but there is no limit to the number of applications on which applicants can be Co-Investigators. There is no limit to the number of applications a Higher Education Institutions or Independent Research Organisation can submit, nor to the number of applications a third sector organisation can collaborate on.

Who can/should projects collaborate with?

All projects must include collaboration with at least one UK based third sector organisation (referred to in this call as Collaborating Organisations). International co-investigators may be included as a Collaborating Organisation (although this is not an essential condition), assuming there is direct UK policy relevance to the overall project. Combined, all third sector and international co-investigator costs must form no more than 30% of the total project budget at 100% FEC.

Project teams are encouraged to include partnership with professionals from relevant areas (referred to as 'Project Partners') e.g. businesses, government agencies, international organisations etc. Indeed, it is expected that Project Partners will be sought from those non-academic stakeholders with a direct interest in the research/policy outputs.

Applicants will need also to provide assurance, in consultation with their research organisation, that relevant and proportionate due diligence checks have been completed on the Collaborating Organisations and Project Partners they work with. A risk-based approach should be undertaken, which considers the motivations and reputational risks to the outcomes of the research, the research organisation, the Modern Slavery PEC and the AHRC. Similarly, assurances must be provided demonstrating that safeguarding, ethical, risk and safety assessments have been conducted, given the topic area of focus.

All projects must demonstrate a consideration of the Modern Slavery PEC's guiding principles for research within their project team: equity, effectiveness and inclusion of people with lived experience of modern slavery.

Lead organisation eligibility:

<https://www.ukri.org/apply-for-funding/before-you-apply/check-if-you-are-eligible-for-research-and-innovation-funding/who-can-apply-for-funding/#contents-list>

Project Partners eligibility:

<https://www.ukri.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/AHRC-230821-ResearchFundingGuideV5.5-2021.pdf>

Submitting the Expression of Interest

The stage one expression of interest must be submitted using the following form (<https://modernslaverypec.submit.com/show/7>) by the lead organisation/PI who is eligible to receive UKRI funding (e.g. a HEI or IRO). Stage one expressions of interest submitted by third sector, international organisations, businesses or other ineligible organisations will not be considered for stage two.

What we are looking for

What are the types of projects that this call will fund?

Aim

The aim of the research is to produce high quality impactful evidence on the role of wider legal and policy frameworks on modern slavery in the UK and identify strategic opportunities to improve the design policies to better safeguard against modern slavery.

Scope

Of interest for the Modern Slavery PEC is research that provides new evidence on the role of current legal and policy frameworks in the following areas and the ways that they operate in relation to modern slavery (researchers may also propose additional areas with clear justification):

- immigration and asylum
- labour market regulation and governance
- law and policy on sex work
- safeguarding policy and practice in health and social protection
- criminal justice, e.g. drug policies
- international development and foreign policy

Legal and policy frameworks are understood to include both design and implementation of regulation and enforcement. For example, in relation to wider policy and practice on safeguarding in the context of health and social protection, projects may explore how implementation impacts on prevention, on the identification of potential victims, or on the treatment of those who have previously experienced modern slavery. In the area of sex work and modern slavery projects may seek to produce evidence regarding the ways in which different models or approaches to law and policy on sex work can have differential effects on modern slavery, or impacts for those who are affected by modern slavery. In relation to immigration and asylum, projects could develop evidence on the extent to which new rules, such as the UK's points-based system of immigration, or changes in the operation of the asylum system, include adequate safeguards against exploitation. In relation to the labour market, projects may choose to explore possible causal relationships between patterns of non-compliance on minimum standards in the labour market (e.g. non-payment of minimum wage) and modern slavery - to explore impacts on vulnerable groups or in order to inform enforcement strategy. Projects may seek to develop an evidence base to inform how issues around modern slavery could be better incorporated in developing government priorities, e.g. on international development or international trade, as expressed in the recent [Integrated Review](#), or how understanding of modern slavery risks could be integrated in specific areas of criminal justice, such as policies on drug-related crime.

Applications will be invited to focus on the UK, including on one or more of its constituent countries. Alternatively, they could focus on other jurisdictions, when there is an identifiable interest or benefit for the development of UK policy, for example on international development. The Modern Slavery PEC is seeking to fund a portfolio of projects that cover a range of legal/policy areas. Applicants can choose to focus on one area, combine more than one, or include others not listed, providing strong justification is given.

Objectives

The objectives for the research will be set by the research teams, but they should include, at a minimum, the generation of key findings and recommendations for policymakers or other key decision-makers in relation to modern slavery.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to include in their objectives the identification of strategic ways in which policies that do not currently directly or adequately address modern slavery can be redesigned to better safeguard against modern slavery and reduce modern slavery risks.

Required outputs

Projects can define a range of outputs, including academic publications, but must include a full report, as well as a summary briefing, written in a way that is suitable for policymakers. The Modern Slavery PEC will provide two rounds of feedback on full reports. The research summary will be co-produced with the PEC team so there should be ample time included in the proposed project timeline for the sharing of drafts to enable comments and feedback to be incorporated.

Required outputs (in addition to any other academic or non-academic outputs that may be planned) are:

- Presentation of interim findings (which may be delivered in written or verbal format for the benefit of policymakers and/or other stakeholders, and which is likely to be at a meeting convened by the Modern Slavery PEC)
- Full report of no more than 10,000 words (excluding references/annexes)
- Summary briefing of no more than 2,500 words (unless specifically agreed with the PEC beforehand)

Representatives from the project team will be expected to be available to present interim findings to the Modern Slavery PEC at a suitable mid-point during the research, and to participate in meetings with relevant stakeholders where appropriate for the development of policy impact.

What do we want to see in the applications?

At each stage of the process the panel will look for different criteria to be met (see “How we will assess your application” for full assessment criteria).

During the stage one expression of interest, the Modern Slavery PEC team will be looking to identify those applications that fit within the scope of the funding call. There are three elements to this:

1. New evidence being generated
2. Link being made to a legal and policy framework area (highlighted in the ‘Scope’ section)
3. Demonstrable connection between this legal and policy framework area and impact on modern slavery

Projects that meet these three criteria will move to a stage two application.

All project’s proceeding from stage one to two will receive feedback from the Modern Slavery PEC. This will cover scope, feasibility, methods, partnerships, and policy impact and connect with the key themes that the panel will want to see in final applications.

At stage two the panel, convened and run by the AHRC, will use the [AHRC standard grading scale](#) and the panel will be looking to build a portfolio of complementary projects. As well as looking for applications that meet the assessment criteria (see ‘How we will assess your application’), the panel will look to see that projects have incorporated the feedback from the Modern Slavery PEC.

Funding details

Applicants can apply for up to £250,000 at 100% full economic cost. Rules of fEC funding are outlined in ‘Rules on fEC costs’.

Eligible costs under this scheme include:

- Salary costs for principal and co-investigators
- Costs for Collaborating Organisations (such as NGOs), these organisations can make up no more than 30% of the total budget but will be funded at 100% fEC
- Research assistants

- Events, on the understanding that these will be run in collaboration with the Modern Slavery PEC
- Costs relating to interviews, workshops or consultations, including travel and subsistence
- Funding to support equitable participation in research, including underrepresented groups and/or those with lived experience of modern slavery

This call will not cover the costs for:

- Activities relating to only non-UK policy impact
- Studentships
- Contingency budgets
- Capital infrastructure
- Equipment (unless under justified on an exceptional basis)
- Overseas travel (unless justified on an exceptional basis)

Rules on fEC costs and how funding can be spent

Applicants should seek contributions (either cash or in-kind) from Project Partners, e.g. businesses, government and third sector organisations, where appropriate. In acknowledgment of the fact that some smaller third sector organisations do not have the capacity to co-fund research activities, costs to support partners from third sector organisations (e.g. NGOs) are eligible under this call. This includes costs for staff salaries (no more than 1 FTE per annum per NGO), travel and subsistence, other direct costs and overheads. Costs will be funded at 100% fEC and should be listed as Other Directly Incurred Exceptions on the Je-S form. Total costs associated with third sector bodies' contribution should not normally exceed 30% of the overall cost of the grant at 100% fEC; however, exceptional cases may be considered where the research impact activities require additional work by partners which fall outside their normal activities.

Where projects involve either international co-investigators, businesses, NGOs, charities, etc. or the sub-contracting of significant elements of the funding or research delivery to these organisations, it will be a condition of funding that the lead Research Organisation undertakes appropriate due diligence and financial assurance checks, considering the perceived or real risk associated with such partnerships. A further condition will be that Research Organisations ensure that those partner organisations have in place contextually appropriate procedures for addressing issues of gender, equalities, diversity and inclusion, research integrity, safeguarding, data protection, fraud prevention and compliance with the other standard terms and conditions of UKRI grants.

Funding for PhD or master's studentships cannot be included under this call. However, involvement of students and early career researchers in research activities and/or related training or capacity building activities is encouraged and appropriate support costs (e.g. travel and subsistence) can be included within proposals.

When should the projects start?

Projects are anticipated to begin in June 2022 and last for 12 months.

How to apply

This call will be run using a two-stage process. Stage one requires submission of an expression of interest (EOI) which will then be looked at to establish whether proposed research projects are within scope. This will be run by the Modern Slavery PEC and feedback will be given to projects progressing from stage one to two. Stage two will consist of a full application in Je-S which will be assessed for funding by an independent assessment panel convened and run by the AHRC.

The purpose of the two-stage process is to allow potential applicants to submit a short summary of their proposed project. It means that expressions of interest that are within scope can receive useful feedback from the Modern Slavery PEC before completing a full application.

Stage one:

Stage one of the process consists of an expression of interest. This is submitted to the Modern Slavery PEC who will review the EOIs to ensure that they are within scope (see “How we will assess your application” for full stage one criteria).

The form starts by asking for background information including:

- Project title
- Principle Investigator name, institution, email address
- Research office email address
- Co-Investigator, collaborator and partner names and organisations

The questions will be as follows:

1. Below are the areas of interest highlighted within the call. Which policy will be addressed in this research? (multiple options)
 - immigration and asylum
 - labour market regulation and governance
 - law and policy on sex work
 - safeguarding policy and practice in health and social protection
 - criminal justice, e.g. drug policies
 - international development and foreign policy
 - Alternative area as proposed by a researcher, where a clear justification for exploring this area is given
2. Which of the key research area(s) within the Modern Slavery PEC does this research relate to?
 - Preventing modern slavery
 - Modern slavery in supply chains
 - Understanding survivor needs and enhancing victim support
 - The effectiveness of legal enforcement measures
3. How does this project fit within the aims and scope of the call? (500 words)

Expressions of interest that can demonstrate their proposed project is within scope of the call will proceed to stage two of the application process. Alongside this, the Modern Slavery PEC will provide feedback to projects. The questions below will help the Modern Slavery PEC team to provide feedback on scope, methods, partnerships and policy impact but will not form part of the criteria as to whether projects proceed to stage two.

4. Description of the aims and objectives of the research and how any partnerships will help to achieve them (300 words)
5. Description of the proposed methods of the project and how these tie into the guiding principles for research within the Modern Slavery PEC (effectiveness, equity and survivor inclusion) (300 words)
6. Summary of policy influencing opportunities i.e. how the research could inform the design of policies and legal frameworks to better safeguard against modern slavery. (200 words)

Expressions of interest are to be submitted on submit.com:

<https://modernslaverypec.submit.com/show/7>

The deadline for submitting an EOI is 12 November 2021 at 16:00.

Who can submit an EOI?

Expressions of interest can only be submitted by researchers based at a UK Higher Education Institution or an Independent Research Organisation which is [eligible to receive UKRI funding](#).

We request that Principal Investigators are involved in only one expression of interest, but there is no limit to the number of expressions of interest on which applicants can be Co-Investigators. There is no limit to the number of applications a Higher Education Institutions or Independent Research Organisation can submit, nor to the number of expressions of interest a third sector organisation can collaborate on.

All projects must include collaboration with at least one UK based third sector organisation and are encouraged to demonstrate this at the EOI stage. In particular, EOIs are encouraged to show a consideration of the PEC's guiding principles for research within their project team: equity, effectiveness and inclusion of people with lived experience of modern slavery.

How much needs to be prepared for the EOI?

Expressions of interest are not a full application for funding and, as such, it is appreciated that projects will not be fully formed at this time. Therefore, it is anticipated that some elements of the proposal will not be finalised. This will not impact the expression of interest as the purpose of this stage is to see that the proposed research will be within the scope of the call, it will not be a quality assessment of the research.

Stage-two

Expressions of interest that pass stage one will be invited to submit a full application through Je-S. The link to the appropriate Je-S form will be provided along with the stage one feedback. If you have not submitted an expression of interest you will not be eligible to apply at stage two.

Documents needed to make an application

Expression of interest

An expression of interest form must be submitted. This will be reviewed by the Modern Slavery PEC and only projects meeting the scope of the call will proceed to a full application. See “How to apply” for full details.

The expression of interest form can be found at: <https://modernslaverypec.submit.com/show/7>.

Policy impact

A section of the Case for Support should be used to detail the potential policy impact of the research project. In particular, project teams should highlight which relevant policies or laws in the UK could be positively and realistically influenced by the research outcomes. For example, how the findings could be used to re-design existing laws and policies to better safeguard against risk of modern slavery. This section should set out which decision-makers the research findings are likely to be relevant to (such as Government policymakers, or practitioners) and the potential interest that the research will provide for these decision-makers, as opposed to specific policy impact activities.

Safeguarding

We request that you submit an additional Safeguarding attachment to Je-S of no more than one (1) page of A4 in length. We expect the Safeguarding document to give details on how project teams will take all reasonable measures to prevent harm from occurring, how they will protect people, especially vulnerable adults and children, and how they will respond if/when harm does occur. The document should include:

1. Reference to the lead organisation’s relevant data, ethics and safeguarding policies and procedures and how these will be utilised
2. Specific measures and actions you and your project team will put in place regarding the research process e.g. data management plan, staff training, right to withdraw for participants, mechanisms for complaints or escalations (either by participants or other staff members) and any other detail relevant to your specific proposal
3. How measures are taken to ensure all those involved in, and affected by, the research are protected from harm (including e.g. partners, fieldworkers, practitioners and local community members).

How we will assess your application

Stage one

Expressions of interest will be reviewed by the Modern Slavery PEC team. The panel will consist of members of our research and policy impact team and will include a consultant with lived experience of modern slavery.

Only projects which are within the scope of the call will proceed to stage two of the application process. To be in scope, the following criteria must be met:

1. New evidence being generated
2. Link being made to a legal and policy framework area (highlighted in the 'Scope' section)
3. Demonstrable connection between this legal and policy framework area and impact on modern slavery

EOIs will be judged by the Modern Slavery PEC team against these criteria only, all decisions will be discussed at a panel meeting. All conflicts of interests will be declared and any panel member with a conflict will leave the room for discussion of said EOI. For the avoidance of doubt, this is not an assessment of the quality of the EOIs, the panel will only look to see that the submissions are within scope.

The decisions made by the Modern Slavery PEC team will be moderated by the Modern Slavery PEC's Research Coordination Group. This group consists of external stakeholders from a variety of backgrounds who work within modern slavery including academics and policy makers. Following this, final decisions will be moderated by the AHRC.

EOIs that are within scope will receive a feedback form from the PEC, giving feedback on the following:

- Scope (is the project within scope, does it need to broaden or narrow its scope?)
- Feasibility of the project
- Methods (are the methods appropriate and in line with the PEC's ways of working?)
- Partnerships (is the project creating strong partnerships, are the ways of working in line with those of the PEC? Has diversity been considered within these partnerships?)
- Policy impact (are there any activities that could be added that would maximise the policy potential of this project?)

It is expected that this feedback will be incorporated into the team's final proposal.

Decisions will be made and outcomes communicated by the AHRC in early-December, including information on the Je-S application process if proceeding.

Stage two

Full applications will be reviewed by an assessment panel. The panel will be briefed by the Modern Slavery PEC and the following assessment criteria will be used:

- Incorporation of the Modern Slavery PEC's feedback from stage one
- Alignment with the Modern Slavery PEC's guiding principles for research: effectiveness, equity and involvement of people with lived experience of modern slavery
- Fit to call, and justification for the selected legal and policy framework in relation to addressing modern slavery
- Research contribution and excellence, including the design of the research, the methods proposed, and the potential for the project to make a significant contribution to knowledge, understanding, and policy in relation to modern slavery
- Policy impact, including the linkages between research and areas of policy, links to policy within research design and appropriateness of research design to policy makers
- Partnerships, including the strengths and diversity within the team (in particular supporting teams who have actively sought to create teams with equality, diversity and inclusion in mind), collaboration across disciplines and research expertise

- Feasibility of proposed activities and methods, addressing plans for data, risks, safeguarding, project management and realistic project plans
- Consideration of ethics and safeguarding supplied by the project team in the additional Je-S attachment, giving particular attention to inclusion of people with lived experience of modern slavery
- Appropriate plans for sustainability and legacy of research
- Value for money

Portfolio approach

The panel will assess using a portfolio approach to ensure that a range of research covering different legal and policy areas are funded. This means that, in certain cases, the overall portfolio of funded projects will take priority over the scoring. For example, if there are two highly scoring projects on a very similar/same topic, only one would be funded to ensure that there are a range a topics across the five funded projects. The panel meeting will be convened by the AHRC in the week commencing 14th March 2022 and applicants will hear back via Je-S in the week commencing 25th April 2022.

Additional information

Call background

The selected focus and scope of this call flows from the priorities for research in the areas of prevention and legal enforcement that were identified by the Modern Slavery PEC through the consultation carried out in late 2020. The results of this consultation emphasised the need for research on prevention and legal enforcement to go beyond the study of those legal and policy frameworks explicitly targeting modern slavery and to make linkages with research that encompasses a wider range of closely connected policy areas that are assumed to impact upon the issue. It is hoped that selected projects will challenge current thinking, address root causes and anticipate future challenges.

The successful proposals will build on and complement the projects that have already been funded by the Modern Slavery PEC. In accordance with the Modern Slavery PEC's strategic delivery plan, proposals would be expected to adopt an approach and methodology that aligns with the guiding principles for research: effectiveness, equity and survivor involvement. Successful teams will also be expected to work collaboratively with the Modern Slavery PEC during the award to maximise the benefits and impact of the research outputs.

Working with the Modern Slavery PEC

Collaboration and co-operation are key values for the Modern Slavery PEC. As such we will work jointly with the successful research teams from the outset to ensure research outputs have the potential to deliver policy impact and are timely, relevant, accessible to those we are seeking to influence. The Modern Slavery PEC and the successful research team will agree regular, informal, touchpoints throughout the project cycle to facilitate this collaboration. We will also be conducting monitoring and evaluation of our projects, which we may ask for your and your collaborator's participation in.

Elements of collaboration:

- Regular engagement with the project team at 6-weekly informal meetings
- Research outputs, including feedback on outputs and co-producing a short PEC-branded Research Summary for publication on the Modern Slavery PEC website
- Policy impact, including creating a tailored policy impact plan with teams to target key audiences, setting short- and long-term outcomes
- Working with teams to produce and implement communication plan to reach target audiences at each stage of the project
- Partnership engagement, including connecting projects within their cohort of funded projects and with other parties beyond the research sector, creating a network of networks, (to be facilitated by the Modern Slavery PEC's Research Coordination Group)
- Webpage published on the Modern Slavery PEC website and promotion on social media
- Participation in PEC monitoring and evaluation activities as required
- The engagement in communications activities for the research teams might include blog writing, media activities, attending events etc.

This framework is based on our previous, successful engagement with research teams funded through open, AHRC calls and has led to wider engagement and impact for funded projects.

Post-award requirements

Other post-award requirements include:

- Regular meetings with the Modern Slavery PEC, including interim reporting
- Collaboration with the Modern Slavery PEC on the final report of project activities
- Collaboration with the Modern Slavery PEC on a short research summary for appropriate audiences, [see examples on the Modern Slavery PEC website](#)
- Other monitoring and evaluation as required by the Modern Slavery PEC
- Annual ResearchFish submissions

- Successful projects must commence no later than 1 June 2022

Call webinar

There will be a call Webinar for prospective applicants on 21 October at 12.30 2021 and you can sign up [via the Modern Slavery PEC website](#).

Contacts

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For queries on using Je-S, such as creating and submitting the application form or Je-S account creation, please contact the Je-S Helpdesk on 01793 444 164 or JeSHelp@je-s.ukri.org (Monday to Friday 08:30-17:00).