

# NOT-EQUAL

## EPSRC Network+: Social Justice through the Digital Economy

### Open Commissioning Programme 2020

#### FAQs

##### Who can apply?

Eligible lead organisations include all UK Higher Education Institutions that receive grant funding from one of the UK higher education funding bodies. Not-Equal is keen to encourage SME's/Industry and community groups to engage in collaborative applications.

##### When can I apply?

The second call will open on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020, the deadline for applications is the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020 at 5pm.

##### How much can I apply for?

Up to £40k (FEC) for a 6-8 month project, we will consider shorter projects with smaller funding requirements. This is inclusive of the university contribution (20% FEC).

##### What is the Full Economic Costing (FEC) criteria for the funding?

As the grant holder, Newcastle University is responsible for allocating funding to successful proposals and will reimburse subcontracting organisations at 80% FEC. Academic institutions will be required to itemise bills based on 100% FEC and then invoice at 80% FEC.

##### What can I claim for?

You are able to claim for RA time and relevant FTE related costs, PI/Co-Investigator time and other non-staff costs.

##### What am I unable to claim for?

You are unable to claim for FTE related costs attributed to PI/Co-Investigator time.

##### Who will decide if my application is successful?

Projects proposals will be reviewed and scored by a multidisciplinary panel of experts and a Citizens Panel. The Not-Equal Principal Investigator and Co-Investigators will use the reviews and scores from both panels to inform decisions on final awards allocation.

##### What outputs will I be expected to produce?

Successful applicants are required to produce and submit a report mid-way through the project and a final report on completion of the project. Please note the payment of the final 30% of funding will be reliant on submission of the final summary report.



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## How will payment be received?

The lead institution will be paid directly following on from itemised invoices being sent to Newcastle University. The lead institution will be responsible for organising separate arrangements to pay any collaborators on the project.

## How will non-academic partners be paid?

Non-academic partners can act as subcontractors on the project as long as their costs are fully justified in the full application form. You will need to contact the lead institutions grant and contracts team to find out their individual process for this.

## How will Not-Equal's Open Source Policy impact on my publishing rights?

Not-Equal follows the standard UKRI guidance on open access <https://epsrc.ukri.org/about/access/roaccess>.

## I am applying with a collaborator from another academic institution, how will that affect the FEC criteria?

All contracts and award documentation will be issued solely to the lead institution. Lead academic institutions will be required to itemise bills based on 100% FEC and then invoice at 80% FEC. The lead applicant will also assume full responsibility for any subcontractors involved in the project, this includes payments to them.

## Who is eligible to be a PI on the grant?

Investigators must be academic employees (fellows, lecturer or equivalent) of an eligible organisation and must be resident in the UK. Any fellows holding fellowships aimed primarily at the postdoctoral level would only be eligible to be a collaborator on the grant.

## Can a PI transfer the Not-Equal grant if they change institutions?

Not-Equal follows standard UKRI guidance on movement of PI's between institutions:  
<https://www.ukri.org/funding/information-for-award-holders/post-award-guidance/#transfers>.

## Can I carry out work abroad?

Yes, but the money will have to be awarded to an eligible UK Institute and the project will need to demonstrate clear impact in the UK. For example, a comparative study between local issues and those in another country.



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