

UK Future Internet NetworkPlus Call



**UK Research
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Funding opportunity

UK future internet NetworkPlus: outline

Opportunity status:	Open
Funders:	UK Research and Innovation, Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) , Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) , Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) , Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) , Medical Research Council (MRC) , Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) , Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) , Innovate UK
Funding type:	Grant
Total fund:	£5,200,000
Maximum award:	£5,200,000
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Opening date:	25 June 2024 9:00am UK time
Closing date:	10 September 2024 4:00pm UK time

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Timeline

- 25 June 2024 9:00am**
Stage one (outlines) opening date
- 9 July 2024**
Webinar
- 10 September 2024 4:00pm**
Stage one (outlines) closing date
- October 2024**
Stage one (outlines) panel meeting
- October 2024**
Stage two (full proposals) opening date
- December 2024**
Stage two (full proposals) closing date
- March 2025**
Stage two (full proposals) interview panel

What is a NetworkPlus?

- This is not a typical grant - it is about community building...
- What it funds:
 - Workshops (e.g. Coseners)
 - Outreach/impact (e.g. internships, educational activities, academic exchanges, training)
 - Open calls and mini-projects (e.g. £85K to deliver a prototype of X)
- What it does *not* fund
 - Post docs
 - Studentships
 - Many investigators

Plans are afoot...

- We are putting together a bid...
- Why an NGN-led bid?
 - The “Internet” binds everything together - and we do the Internet well
 - We have the required expertise to explore the socio-econo-anthrop-tech tussle space
- Our practical goals:
 - Catalyse greater collaboration across and outside of the NGN community
 - Provide seed funding for research projects
 - Support events like Coseners (keeping registration costs low)
 - Persuade UKRI/gov that this field needs continued funding

Plans are afoot...

- What we are seeking
 - Ideas about what you'd want included in such a bid, e.g.
 - Research challenges to be addressed
 - Particular open project calls
 - Other disciplines that you wanna work with
 - A general indication that you think this would be worthwhile

- What we are not seeking
 - Investigators - a NetworkPlus is very constrained on the number of investigators
 - The bid is about community building - so, there is no real money for the organising team itself

Come grab us if you have thoughts...