Research Fund Guidelines
APM
Call for applications for funding for Early-Career Professionals
2024

Association for Project Management
Research Fund
Deadline: Friday 17 May 2024

Dear Research Community,

This year, the Association for Project Management's Research Fund is dedicated to fostering the inclusion of early-career professionals, providing seed funding and support for small-scale research projects. Our focus is on empowering early-career researchers, including doctoral and post-doctoral scholars, assistant professors, lecturers and those in the early stages of their academic careers. We also welcome applicants in the final stages of their PhD with substantial experience. APM supports early-career professionals at the outset of their careers, enhancing their skills and expertise for professional growth and facilitating connections and networks within the research community.

If this grant does not align with your academic profile or research interests, please note that funding opportunities for Commissioned research will be announced in due course on our website. This research has a larger budget, providing funding for larger-scale studies, targeting experienced academics to develop their research proposals. The call for Commissioned Research will be announced in due course through this website.

Key Features

1. Grants Available: Two grants of £10,000 each.
2. Application Deadline: 17 May, 2024.
3. Closely aligned with APM's strategy, these are the themes for this year's Research Fund:

- Skills development and the future of the profession in relation to:

  - Artificial Intelligence
  - Data and Analytics
  - Environmental, social, and governance (ESG) initiatives

- The politics of projects: How political decisions impact project delivery
- The economic impact on projects: The true value/benefit of project delivery

4. To apply, please complete the Research Proposal Template [here] and send it to research@apm.org.uk with the subject line "APM Research Fund Application", along with your most recent CV(s).

Eligibility Criteria

- Open to early-career academics and researchers globally, with around 2 years of working experience.
- The research fund is targeting early-career researchers, including post-doctoral scholars, assistant professors, lecturers, and those in the early stages of their academic careers. We also welcome

applicants in the final stages of their PhD with substantial experience.
- Both individual and collaborative proposals are welcomed, as are interdisciplinary projects. Support from senior colleagues from your institution and other higher education institutions is strongly advised.
- Submissions from those not yet funded are highly encouraged.

Proposal Guidelines

- Proposals should be concise (up to 1,500 words) in MS Word or PDF formats, following the provided template and addressing each point thoroughly.
- Address key points outlined in the template, including methodology, theoretical background, and potential impact on the project management community.
- Emphasise diversity and inclusion in your research design and approach.

Assessment process and criteria

All applications for 2024 will undergo a blind review and evaluation within APM's diverse departments and by the Research Advisory Group. Submitted proposals will be assessed based on the following criteria:

- The quality of the research question and its objectives.
- Identification of knowledge gaps the research aims to address.
- Appropriateness of the methodology and methods employed.
- Practical value to APM, its members, and the broader project management community, including research impact. This should be clearly stated on the research's impact section on the Research Proposal Template.
- Cost-effectiveness.
- Alignment with APM's 2024 research themes.

Submission Details

- Complete the Research Proposal Template [here].
- Email your proposal to research@apm.org.uk with the subject line "APM Research Fund Application".

Important Dates

- Applications Deadline: 17 May 2024
- Research proposals will be reviewed between May 17 and June 21, 2024
- Results Announcement: 28 June 2024

Further Steps

- Successful applicants will be contacted for a kick-off meeting with APM's Research and Impact Advisor.
- Throughout this process, APM and the selected individuals will hold regular meetings to provide updates on activities and progress.
- Research reports are expected within one year

Dissemination

Dissemination activities will be decided collaboratively among the researchers/authors, APM's Research and Impact Advisor, and the Marketing and Communications team.

- Researchers/authors are expected to deliver a final research report in which they identify the objectives of their research, the research methodology, data analysis, and research findings.

- The aim of this research report is to bridge the gap between theory and practice.

- Researchers will receive a template to draft this report.

- Researchers are encouraged to contribute articles to the International Journal of Project Management.

- Dissemination activities include journal articles, LinkedIn Lives, webinars, participation in podcasts and APM blogs.

Please visit our website for examples of APM's Research Fund studies.

Incorporating Diversity and Inclusion

APM is committed to fostering diversity and inclusion. Proposals should consider and address various perspectives and potential impacts on diverse communities.

Privacy and Data Handling

The data we collect will only be used for the purpose of processing applications to the Research Fund. It will be stored on APM's secure server through Microsoft Teams and will only be accessible to the Directorate of Communications and External Affairs. Data will be stored for a period of two years before it is securely deleted. If you want to know more about how we handle personal data at APM including your individual rights, please check our Privacy Statement on our website.

Acknowledgment and Intellectual Property

Whereby APM are the sole funder the following position will generally be adopted. Applicants will license to APM the right to use, modify, edit, manipulate and/or distribute, on an irrevocable, perpetual, worldwide and royalty free basis, any and all IP rights in theWork (including the right to grant sub-licenses and including the right to use any of the Recipient's existing background IP rights comprised on which the Work is based or on whichthe Work is incorporated) for any or all of the following purposes:

- for non-commercial purposes, such as submissions to academic journals, research

dissemination, and for public benefit.

- to inform APM products and services, including the Body of Knowledge, Competence Framework, APM guides, and qualifications.
- for APM content generation, such as blogs, articles, research summaries, and interactive media.

The applicant warrants to APM that 1) the material created is original; 2) that the applicant is the first owner of copyright in such material; and 3) that all third-party IP rights that are comprised in the Work have been cleared and all consents, permissions or licenses that are required from such third parties have been granted.

Applicants receiving funding must acknowledge this in all publications. The following text should be included in the funding or acknowledgement section in any published work (including any conference papers or posters) based on or incorporating part or all the research outputs and works produced as part of this project: "This work was supported by the Association for Project Management (APM) Research Fund." If more than one funder or grant was involved, the text should include the names of all funders in order of contribution.

APM during and after the assessment process

- Please note that individuals may be contacted if any further information or clarification regarding their submission is required.

- If you have any questions regarding your application that have not been addressed yet, please contact us at research@apm.org.uk , and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

- We will aim to provide feedback to all participants, but due to the large number of applications, we might not be able to guarantee detailed feedback.

Timetable and payments

The following timetable will be used:

Deadline	Description
Friday, 5 April 2024	Applications for proposals open
Friday,17 May, 2024	Deadline
May 17 - June 21, 2024	Evaluation of proposals by the APM Research Advisory Group assessment panel
Friday, 28 June, 2024	Results will be announced
July - August 2024	Meetings with successful research teams and setting up contracts
September 2024 onwards	Commencement of successful research projects

We look forward to receiving innovative proposals that contribute to the advancement of project management and promote inclusion within our research community.