Digit Innovation Fund Webinar

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Research Programme

The initial research programme is organised into four core research themes:

1. The impact of digitalisation on work and employment
2. Employers’ digital practices at work survey
3. Employers’ and employees’ experiences of digital work across sectors
4. Reconnecting the disconnected: new channels of voice and representation
Supporting Co-produced Research

- Innovation Fund
- Data Observatory
- Mid and Early Career Researchers
- Marie Jahoda Visiting Fellowships
Aims of Innovation Fund

- Pump-prime new projects - complement the core research programme.
- Open to the wider academic community across the UK (though partners may be based elsewhere).
- Four rounds, and intention to distribute funds equally across each call.
- Projects must be costed at 100% full economic cost (fEC) and will be funded at 80% fEC, according to UKRI guidelines.
- Funding in Round 1 is available for projects which cost between £10,000 to £50,000 fEC. Projects to last up to one year.

We very strongly encourage smaller applications as we are very limited in the number of large applications that can be awarded.
INNOVATION FUND: Research projects to advance understanding of digital futures at work:

- theoretical work, methodological innovation and emerging empirical developments.

- Comparative research (is encouraged).

- develop and sustain strong partnerships with external partners in the private, third and public sectors.

- Innovative co-production of knowledge between academics and non-academic partners.

- Co-production of knowledge means engaging with research users and incorporating their needs from the beginning and throughout the research and impact activity process, with the intention of producing targeted and practical solutions for real-world problems.
Guide for Applicants

See details in the guide for applicants on the web site

https://digit-research.org/innovation-fund/
Application (1)

• Simple form, not Je-S
• Project Details (PI/ summary)
• Team (add 2 page CVs)
• Proposal (aims/ research design and methods/ project management/ collaborators/ deliverables and impact
• Ethics
• Data Management Plan
• Budget
• Supporting statement
Application (pointers)

- Clarity
- Stick to word limits
- Focus (get to the point)
- Make relevance to Digit research objectives explicit (added value)
- Social science focused (mainly)
- Think about data plan and impact
- Read guidance and eligibility criteria carefully
Assessment

Two step process: external review + panel evaluation

1. Aims & objectives & contribution to Digit centre
2. Research design & methods
3. Project management
4. Strength of the project team & partners
5. Deliverables & impact
6. Value for money
Closing date

• Email all applications and attachments in one .pdf document to digit@sussex.ac.uk by
  • closing date:
  • Monday, 15 June 2020 at 5pm (BST).
For further information

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