

Eligibility Criteria for AHRC Peer Review College Membership

The AHRC categorises its peer reviewers into different groups to improve our ability to match reviewers' expertise with proposals, and to enable us to identify reviewers who can assess certain aspects of proposals.

Academic Reviewers

Academic Reviewers are appointed to provide reviews of proposals for academic research and postgraduate training within their area(s) of research expertise.

Essential Criteria

- Researchers with an active track record who are held in esteem by their peers
- Able to demonstrate potential to review proposals within and on the margins of their main subject specialism or discipline
- Experience of leading a research project and having responsibility for the overall management of the research or other activities

Desirable Criteria

- Experience of reviewing proposals for the AHRC and/or other funding bodies
- Involvement in activities on a national or international level, for example external examining or national level committees
- Experience of supervising PhD students and/or engagement with research student issues
- Experience of leadership and responsibility
- Experience of managing high levels of academic administration
- Experience of collaborative working (within or beyond the academic sector)

International Reviewers

International Reviewers are appointed to provide reviews of research proposals of potentially international significance.

The criteria for appointment are the same as for Academic Reviewers, but nominees for International Reviewers **must** also be able to demonstrate one or more of the following:

- Experience of assessing applications for Research Funding Organisations at International level (e.g. for the National Science Foundation (NSF); or for the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO))
- Experience of assessing other types of documentation with an international dimension (e.g. being part of international review panels, refereeing for international academic journals)
- Experience of international research collaboration (e.g. collaboration with international researchers)

Strategic Reviewers

Strategic Reviewers are appointed to provide reviews of proposals which involve issues at an organisational-level (e.g. Block Grant Partnerships) or high levels of complexity.

The criteria for appointment are the same as for Academic Reviewers, but nominees for Strategic Reviewers **must** also be able to demonstrate the following:

- A good strategic overview of arts and humanities in the UK
- Experience of a senior management or senior leadership role within a Higher Education Institution (e.g. Pro Vice-Chancellor, Dean, Head of School or College, Research Director)

Knowledge Exchange (KE) Reviewers

Knowledge Exchange Reviewers are appointed to provide reviews of proposals that are focused on or include elements of KE activities.

The criteria for appointment are the same as for Academic Reviewers, but nominees for KE reviewers **must** also be able to demonstrate:

- A good understanding of the distinctive nature of Knowledge Exchange in the arts and humanities; **and** experience of one or more of the following:
 - Participation in any KE or impact activity as the result of their research; this can include both formal and informal, funded or un-funded and may have encompassed policy work, active dissemination, commercialisation and/or public engagement activities
 - Collaboration and/or partnership working (including collaborative studentships) with non-academic partners, including commercial business, public sector and third sector organisations
 - Reviewing KE proposals for Research Councils or other funding bodies

Non-Higher Education Institution Reviewers

Non-HEI Reviewers are appointed to provide reviews on the social, cultural or economic impact of proposals from a perspective outside the academic community.

Reviewers from Non HEI's or with Non HEI experience are sought to assess proposals requiring a perspective outside of the academic community. Many reviewers from organisations outside the HE sector are also part of the other college groups and will also be approached to comment on other aspects of proposals.

Non-HEI reviewers will usually be based in a non-academic organisation (e.g. public sector bodies, businesses, third sector organisations, museums and galleries) and **must** have experience of one or more of the following:

- collaborating with academic researchers
- using the results of academic research
- reviewing applications for Research Councils