

FAQs for PRC Call for Nominations 2016

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1. How do I get access to the SmartSurvey questionnaire?

All applications will need to be submitted via an online questionnaire hosted by SmartSurvey. A link to the SmartSurvey questionnaire can be found within the version of the 'PRC Recruitment 2016 Call Document' which was sent to the VC's office of UK HEI's. We ask that you contact your VC's office if you wish to be nominated as we are requesting all applications to be centrally coordinated by the

organisation. If you are applying from outside of a UK HEI or your VC office has not received an email with the call guidance attached, please contact the AHRC on peerreviewcollege@ahrc.ac.uk for access to the SmartSurvey.

2. Are those on or going on maternity leave eligible for this call?

Yes – we are very happy for any academic who is currently or will be on maternity leave to apply for this Call.

3. Could you give me an idea about who should be my nominator?

Guidance - 'In order to apply to the PRC, the nominee needs to have support from a nominator. The nominator must be a senior staff member or representative within a Higher Education Institution (for example Pro-Vice Chancellor, Dean, Head of School or College, Head of Faculty, Research Director) or other organisations, learned societies or professional associations. Potential applicants should approach their nominator before commencing their application to discuss the application with them and to ensure the nominator is able to support their nomination. The nominator does not have to be at the same institution as the nominee nor do they need to be working together currently. He/she should be someone who is familiar with the nominee's research and career and who is therefore well placed to make the case for suitability for College membership. The nominator's form is a crucial part of the application so it is essential that it is someone who can make an evidence-based case that the nominee has the knowledge and understanding to undertake peer review for AHRC.'

4. I may not be available in December to attend a PRC Induction – will this affect my application? Will there be other dates/forms of training available?

We have not yet finalised dates for the induction events. We are hoping to provide at least two different dates and hopefully offering the first Induction in December, with subsequent ones taking place monthly, if required, in January 2017 and so on. Also, we provide an online peer review course for those new members who are unable to attend any of the events proposed; however, as per the [PRC Standards of Service](#) all new members will be expected to attend an Induction.

5. I am already on the PRC and would like to apply to become a Strategic Reviewer; however I don't know whether I meet the criteria?

The criteria can be found [in the Call document here](#).

6. I am an e.g. social science researcher but I work on interdisciplinary proposals which involve some AHRC classifications. Would I be eligible to apply for this Call?

Though we cannot comment on your fit within the AHRC's remit, if you believe that some of your research falls within the Arts and Humanities, then we would encourage you to apply for this Call. The assessment panel will ultimately decide on whether your research lies within the AHRC remit enough to contribute to the AHRC peer review process.

7. In our institution, we have some mid-career researchers who would like to apply to the AHRC PRC. Should they apply?

For this Call, nominees must meet the eligibility criteria for the College group for which they wish to be nominated. If they do not meet any of these criteria, then they are, unfortunately, ineligible to be nominated to the PRC at this point. If this is the case, and they would like to be informed of future PRC Calls for Nominations, please contact peerreviewcollege@ahrc.ac.uk asking to be added to the PRC Call for Nominations mailing list.

8. Is there any remuneration on offer for completing work for the AHRC PRC?

For completing peer reviews for the PRC, there is no remuneration in place. However, there is a small panel fee provided for attending a panel meeting.

9. Could you let me know what the expected workload will be for PRC membership?

The expected workload is no more than 8 reviews per year and no more than 4 reviews in any 3 month period.

10. I am a Research (Development) Officer. I do not have a contracted research post, however I do complete research. Could you let me know whether I would be eligible to apply?

Our main concern for this Call is that you meet the Academic group's [eligibility criteria](#). As long the nomination process is completed correctly and you are eligible in accordance with the eligibility criteria, your application will go through the assessment process as normal. It is the responsibility of you and your nominator to make the case and provide evidence that you meet the criteria. We would particularly encourage you to make sure that you can demonstrate a track record in research and that you will have an active research engagement going forward.

11. Are overseas nominators eligible to nominate PRC members during this Call?

Nominators who are senior staff members based overseas are eligible to nominate in this Call. Most important is that you consider who is best placed to make the case for your membership of the College. Also, who is able to provide the necessary evidence, in respect of the criteria for College membership.

12. Am I already a member of the Strategic Reviewers College?

Members of the Strategic Reviewers College are listed on our website under the PRC membership list - <http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/peerreview/college/membershiplist/>

13. Are individuals who have previously been members of the college (including those whose membership expired during the last 12 months) eligible for nomination and membership again?

Previous PRC members can re-apply to join the Peer Review College but only if they have had a two year period not the college. As members appointed through this current call will have a start date on the college of 1/1/2017 anyone whose previous membership ended as of 31/12/2015 or before can reapply to the college.

14. Do current PRC members need to apply through this call to maintain their current college memberships?

Current members do not need to reapply to maintain the membership of the colleges they are currently part of. If the membership term of a PRC college academic is coming to an end there will be an internal AHRC process to determine whether they are reappointed for a further term.

15. Why are current college members invited to apply to this call?

Current members of the academic college may apply through this call to become members of the strategic or technical college.