

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q: Is there a requirement to collaborate with existing UKUH researchers?

A: No, there is no requirement to include an existing UKUH researcher in your proposal. The ambition of the call is to maximise the legacy and impact of the UKUH Programme, therefore, we encourage any applicants to check the UKUH website, which provides an overview of each project, a list of publications as well as the details of PIs and Co-Is.

Q: If we are building on UKUH research as part of the Open Call projects, can we access unpublished data at the proposal stage?

A: No, this would not be possible at proposal stage, however, upon award successful Open Call projects would have access to the data sets used by existing UKUH researchers (subject to Non-disclosure Agreements). We encourage all applicants to check the UKUH website, which provides an overview of each project, a list of publications as well as the details of PIs and Co-Is. Rachel Brown, C1 Project Manager is willing to facilitate any collaborations between applicants and existing UKUH researchers and academics. Please [contact](#) her in the first instance should you need support with potential collaborations.

Q: Is the UKUH Programme interested in H₂ storage?

A: H₂ storage could be considered an area of interest assuming the proposed research question aligns with at least one of the following themes:

1. The Role of the Subsurface in Decarbonisation of the Energy Sector and the UK's Net Zero future: Application of UKUH's Research
2. Building upon UKUH's research of Public Perceptions and Acceptance of Shale Gas in the UK
3. Shale Gas and Environmental Security
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Q: Can a PDRA be costed in an Open Call project?

A: Yes, assuming they meet the appropriate eligibility criteria (see Page 9 of the AO). The PDRA must be meet NERC's Independent Research Fellow, New Investigator or Research Co-Investigator criteria.

Q: Is the Open Call looking for projects which are addressing geoscience questions at a particular scale?

A: The UKUH Programme is addressing research questions at a variety of scales ranging from micro to basin scale and encourages applicants to apply who have research questions which align with one of the three themes irrespective of scale.

Q: Who is assessing the applications?

A: The applications will be assessed as per the assessment criteria by the Programme Advisory Board, which comprises a range of academics, policy makers, NGOs, industry representatives and regulators.

The peer-reviewed results will be presented to the Programme Executive Board for final approval. Details of the governance of the Programme can be found at <http://www.ukuh.org/about/>

Q: How much weight will be placed on social / technical / economic aspects of each proposal?

A: All applications will be assessed as per the assessment criteria. Social, technical and economic aspects will be given equal weighting.

Q: It appears that the call is focused on social aspects of shale gas development. Is this the case?

A: This Open Call has been developed to maximise the legacy and impact of the UKUH Programme and is looking for research questions to be aligned to at least 1 of the following 3 themes:

- a. The Role of the Subsurface in Decarbonisation of the Energy Sector and the UK's Net Zero future: Application of UKUH's Research
- b. Building upon UKUH's research of Public Perceptions and Acceptance of Shale Gas in the UK
- c. Shale Gas and Environmental Security

Only 1 of the themes is focused on social science, however, for the Large Project, the call stipulates that the research must be interdisciplinary.

Given that we are specifically asking for proposals that build upon UKUH research, we suggest that you look at the information provided on our UKUH website (www.ukuh.org) where you will find details of: publications, research descriptions etc.