

ESRC Steered Centres Text

ESRC Centres in Climate Change and Health, Sustainable and Equitable Low Carbon Living and Community Participation and Connectiveness

ESRC on behalf of UKRI have recently announced opportunities for applications for three pre-defined Centres of Excellence in:

- [Climate Change and Health](#)
- [Sustainable and Equitable Low Carbon Living](#)
- [Community Participation and Connectiveness](#)

These Centres will carry out world leading, interdisciplinary, cutting edge and impactful research. The full economic cost (FEC) of your project can be between £5 million and £9.7 million. UKRI will fund 80% of the FEC. Funding is available for up to 5 years.

ESRC state that it is likely that successful applications will be led by experienced researchers who are internationally recognised, with proven ability to deliver a large-scale project successfully and lead an investment of this nature. UKRI expect to fund a single centre through each of these funding calls. With this in mind, we are currently implementing an internal **collaborative** process to capture the breadth of leadership interest from across the college, and where possible aim to form one collective UCL bid per call.

Colleagues who are interested in **leading** a pre-defined centre bid must submit a two page Expression of Interest to environment@ucl.ac.uk by **12noon on Friday 24 February**.

This two page document must include:

A summary of your expertise in the research area, and capability to lead, including any provisional internal and external collaborations and any research areas from UCL you wish to work more closely with. You do not need to have named Co-Is at this stage.

A summary of your initial vision for the centre.

All Eols will be sent to representatives from relevant faculties overseen by Geraint Rees for rapid feedback. Where possible, suggestions will be made for how to converge multiple Eols for the same Centre into a single application.

Timeline

1. Expressions of Interest to be sent to environment@ucl.ac.uk by 12 noon on Friday 24 February.
2. Representatives from relevant faculties will then review these W/C 27 February.
3. We will then scope out the best ways to bring together interested PIs and be in touch W/C 6 March. This aims to be a collaborative process.

For colleagues who are interested in being part of a UCL led bid for these three Centres, but do not wish to lead, please join the relevant teams channels below as further updates will be posted in due course:

- [Climate Change and Health Teams Channel](#)
- [Sustainable and Equitable Low Carbon Living Teams Channel](#)
- [Community Participation and Connectiveness Teams Channel](#)

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact [Sarah Welsher](#), Strategic Co-ordinator: Health of the Public or [Becca Burns](#), Strategic Co-ordinator: Environment.

Please note that these calls are separate to the [ESRC Centres](#) call which is being supported by the LASH - IoE Research Co-ordination office. Proposals for these steered centres cannot also be submitted through ESRC's open centres funding opportunity. [*For more information on the internal process for the ESRC Centres call, please see this webpage.*](#)