

Guidance to applicants

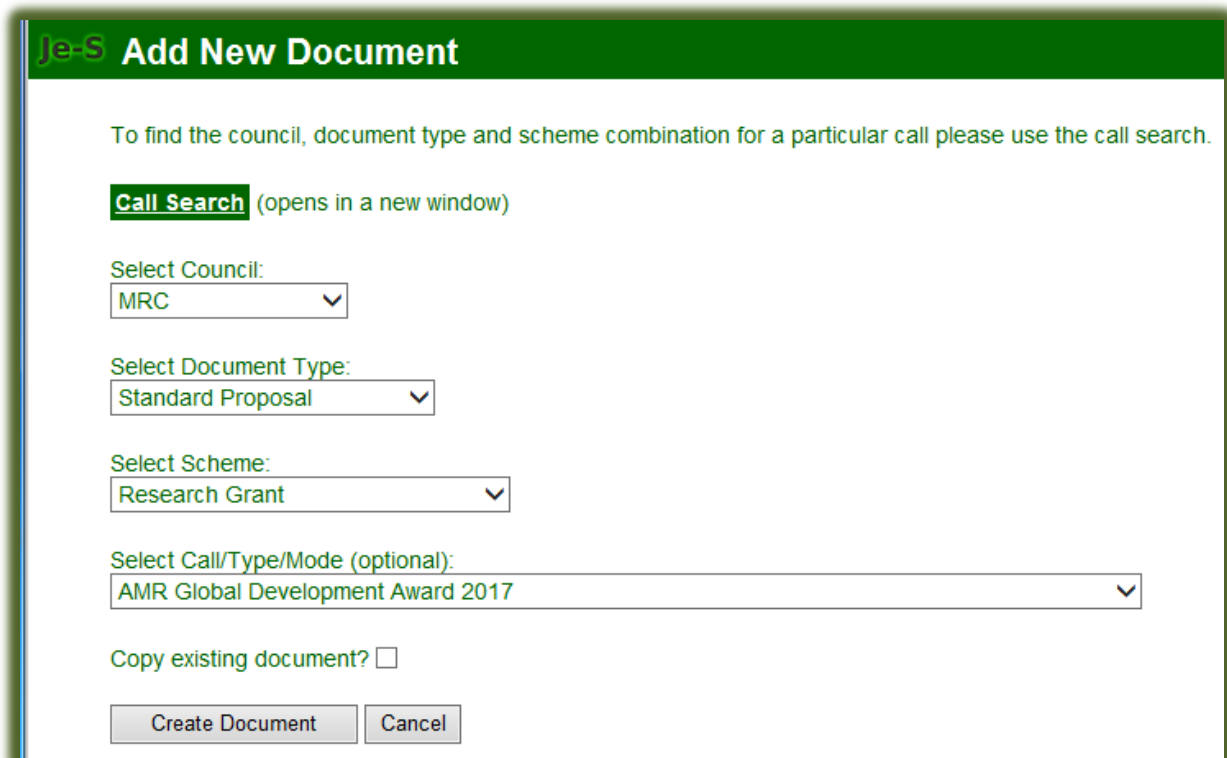
How to apply

Proposals must be submitted through the [Joint electronic-Submission](#) (Je-S). For assistance submitting to Je-S please refer to our [grants guide](#).

Please note that all International Co-Investigators (Co-Is) are required to create a verified level Je-S account allowing them to be included within the Je-S form as Co-I. All overseas Investigators should be directed to the [Je-S login page](#) to ensure their account is set-up at least one week before the call closing date 11th July 2017.

Creating your Je-S application:



Login to your Je-S account: <https://je-s.rcuk.ac.uk>
Select **'Documents'** from your account homepage.
Select **'Add new Document'** (Functions section)
Select Council: **'MRC'**
Select Document Type: **'Standard Proposal'**
Select Scheme: **'Research Grant'**
Select Call: **'AMR Global Development Award 2017'**



The screenshot shows the 'Je-S Add New Document' interface. It features a green header with the title. Below the header, there is a green instruction: 'To find the council, document type and scheme combination for a particular call please use the call search.' A green button labeled 'Call Search' is followed by '(opens in a new window)'. The form contains four dropdown menus: 'Select Council:' with 'MRC' selected, 'Select Document Type:' with 'Standard Proposal' selected, 'Select Scheme:' with 'Research Grant' selected, and 'Select Call/Type/Mode (optional):' with 'AMR Global Development Award 2017' selected. At the bottom, there is a checkbox for 'Copy existing document?' which is unchecked, and two buttons: 'Create Document' and 'Cancel'.

Guidance for preparing your application can be found in our [grants guide](#), however where differing guidance is provided here, please follow this specific call guidance detailed below.

The application must consist of:

The Je-S proposal form: Please complete all Mandatory section (indicated with a red icon ). All other sections are optional .

Justification of resources (maximum 1 page): The role of the Justification of Resources (JoR) is to aid reviewers when assessing proposals so that they can make an informed judgement on whether the resources requested are appropriate for the research posed.

The JoR should be used to justify the resources required to undertake the research project and should not be simply a list of the resources required as this is already given in the Je-S form. Whatever the nature of the application, all items requested in the Je-S form must be justified in the JoR. So that applicants do not miss any costings from the Je-S form or any justifications for the items requested, we recommend that you match the costs to the proposal headings.

CVs (maximum 1 page per applicant): Please include separate CV documents/attachments for each of the following: Principal Investigators, Co-Is and named individual research staff.

Publications (maximum 1 page per applicant): The publications list should highlight relevant and recent publications.

Data management plan (not required at this stage but must be uploaded as a blank document (create a Word document entitled DMP Dummy Document and upload this to the attachments section of the application using the Document (attachment), type Data Management Plan (exactly 1).

Proposal Cover Letter (optional, maximum 1 page): The covering letter can be used to cover details such as conflicts of interest, names of conflicted experts who should not be used as referees and if the application is a resubmission, details of how this application differs from that submitted previously. It **MUST NOT** be used to cover anything which should be included in the Proposal Form, Case for Support or other mandatory attachments.

Project partner/s letter of support (optional, maximum 1 page per partner): Attachment should be uploaded to the Project Partner section of the Je-S application, following the addition of the Partner Organisation and the contact at the Partner Organisation (separate entries required for each partner organisation contributing to the project). For further guidance regarding completion of the Project Partner section of the Je-S form, please see: <https://je-s.rcuk.ac.uk/Handbook/pages/GuidanceonCompletingaStandardG/ProjectPartners/ProjectPartners.htm>.

Case for support (maximum 5 pages including references)

In your case for support please address each of the following headings using the description under each heading as guidance. The case for support may be up to five A4 pages in length, including references, using Verdana 10pt typeface with margins of 2cm all sides. No annexes are allowed.

1. Title of the proposal

2. Importance of the research

Explain the need for research in this area, the rationale for the particular lines of research planned within the consortia phase, and its potential impacts

- Describe the aims and objectives of the consortia phase research and outline research plans and methodical approaches – recognising that these will likely undergo refinement during the development phase.
- Justify the research in terms of its fit to the remit of the call, the ABR challenge it seeks to address, and how it is directly and primarily relevant to promoting the health and welfare of a country or countries on the DAC list.
- Give sufficient details of other past and current research to show that the aims are scientifically justified, and to show that the work will add distinct value to what is already known, or in progress.
- Explain how the research might have an impact on policy and/or practice for AMR management in a DAC list country (exemplifying this in the pathway to impact section).

3. Interdisciplinary collaborations and partnerships

Summarise the expertise of applicants and collaborators and describe their involvement in the development of the research strategy. Describe the research environment in which this will take place.

Outline any other strategic partnerships and user engagement. Explain how these associations will contribute to achieving the objectives of the proposed research and describe how these relationships will be developed.

At the development grant, stage applicants are eligible to submit proposals that do not have all interdisciplinary collaborations in place at the outset, provided that applicants demonstrate how they will address this. If there are any gaps in interdisciplinary collaborations/partnerships, detail the team's ability to develop appropriate contributions from, and a good working relationship with, individuals from disciplines/countries identified as currently missing from the team.

4. Development award

4.1 Programme of development award activities

Provide a development path for the period (6 – 8 months up to £80k funders' contribution) which would lead to a strengthened application for a full research consortium grant. Give a description of the programme of activities proposed to develop the research strategies and what outputs will be delivered at each stage. Outline the resources that will be required to achieve these goals.

4.2 Timetable of development award proposed activities

Give a timetabled plan of the proposed activities and expenditure.

4.3 Proposed development award management structure

Describe how activities will be coordinated, including the management structure and organisation of resources.

4.4 Added value of the development grant over and above existing activities of the applicants and collaborators

Describe how the establishment of a partnership through a development grant creates new interdisciplinary, cross-sector collaborations within the research priority areas that complement and build on the expertise and research interests of applicants and collaborators. Explain how this research strategy could not be achieved through current activities of those involved and how this approach is new and adds value over and above on-going activities.

Pathways to impact (maximum 1 page):

Present a coherent strategy for accelerating and maximising the impact of the proposed research in the partner LMIC, with a particular focus on the activities that will be undertaken to address barriers that might prevent impact from arising. In contrast to the Case for Support this document should focus on the specific methodologies and strategies that will be employed to enhance the impact of the proposal and to outline the resources that will be requested (or otherwise acquired) in order to achieve this. Demonstrate an understanding of the future development pathway for the proposed research and show consideration of the likely next steps for the outcomes of the research. Identify which users/stakeholders will benefit from the proposed research strategy developed by the partnership/network and what benefits would be delivered. Consider how any data or evidence required will be gathered, or other appropriate measures, to sufficiently tailor the research proposal to the specific needs of the LMIC.

To prevent duplication, applicants should make reference to the Impact Summary from the Pathways to Impact document rather than re-stating this information.

Funding

Applicants can request up to £80k (80% FEC funders' contribution) for 6-8 months. It is anticipated that around 10-12 development grants will be awarded in this call. As a condition of funding, all successful applicants must be able to commence activities by 1st October 2017.

MRC will administer and manage the call on behalf of the funders. Awards will follow standard MRC terms and conditions.

Applicants can apply for support for:

- Staff support including costs for evidence gathering, strategic reviews and research needs/impact assessments.
- Costs to cover activities such as workshops or meetings in order to build research strategies, plans and new relationships, developing working

partnerships and management mechanisms, developing and implementing communication and dissemination strategies.

- Travel costs to support activities bringing together partners and collaborators.

Assessment process and timetable

The deadline for submitting proposals will be **11 July 2017 at 4pm**. Proposals will be assessed by an Expert Advisory Panel and recommendations for funding made to the funders. Final funding decisions will be made by the funders taking into account the recommendations of the Experts Advisory Panel, the strategic objectives of the call and balance of the call as a whole.

Successful development grants are obligatory to apply to the research consortia grants stage.

Development grant holders will be expected to provide a brief report to the funders on request and to attend relevant meetings as required by the RCUK AMR initiative.