



ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PARTICIPATION RESEARCH INITIATIVE (ESPRI_t)

HALLMARK'S CALL FOR SEED FUNDING APPLICATIONS

ROUND 1 (2017–2018)

It is with great pleasure that the ESPRI_t Hallmark invites applications for the first round of seed funding. Interdisciplinary applications are sought from Level A, B, or C Researchers, who received their PhD within the last 5 years.

The ESPRI_t Hallmark aims to develop our understanding of how participation in and engagement with social, economic and political institutions can be enabled across the life course irrespective of gender, socioeconomic status, ethnic or racial background, as well as other key characteristics. Specifically, ESPRI_t provides opportunities for researchers from diverse backgrounds across the University to come together and share insights, explore different approaches to similar questions, and promote cross-disciplinary collaboration.

Applications for the seed funding round are encouraged from early career researchers from different disciplines, schools or faculties who have not previously collaborated. Projects should aim to generate new knowledge, insights and ideas into issues that address unequal access to economic and social participation from a multi-disciplinary perspective.

Seed funding for this round will be allocated in a two-stage process:

- 1) On 14 December 2017, there will be a networking workshop bringing together researchers from across the University to provide opportunities to meet researchers from other disciplines and faculties. During this workshop interested applicants will be provided the opportunity to develop research teams to apply for the seed funding.
- 2) Formal applications will be due on 16 February 2018.

Grants will be awarded from a total pool of \$55,000 and we are looking to fund between 3-5 projects in this round. Applications will be assessed by a panel from the ESPRI_t steering committee ([Steering Committee](#)) with a maximum of \$20,000 per proposal.

Funding will be restricted to the following:

- Employing research assistance to facilitate the project
- Support of research enabling activities (i.e., seminars, workshops, etc.)
- Modest expenses for equipment (i.e., audio recorder for interviews) or research materials (i.e., buying ABS data, HILDA licence fees, etc.)

Note that funding towards conference travel or related support for UoM staff, internal infrastructure, and service charges are not permissible.

Key dates:

- Attend networking workshop on **14th December 2017**
- RSVP to networking workshop by **1st December 2017** by sending an email to [ESPRI Contact](#)

Please provide the following information on the RSVP:

- Name
 - Academic level/appointment type
 - Years since PhD completion
 - Discipline Area
 - School/faculty
 - 5– 10 keywords capturing research interests (current and future)
 - What other discipline areas would you particularly like to collaborate with?
- Application forms will be available on the website from the **15th December 2017**
 - Applications must be submitted by close of business (5pm) **16th February 2018**
 - Outcomes advised by **2nd March 2018**
 - Funds Available from **16th March 2018**

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us at [ESPRI Contact](#)