

World Risk Poll calls - Questions & Answers

Questions on thematic focus of the call(s)

Q: In this call for proposal, do you only focus on perceptions and experiences of risk in the Covid age (the focus of first call) or can applicants choose from the other three focus area as well?

Calls are coordinated with the launches of individual thematic reports developed on the basis of Poll data.

- Theme 1: Perceptions and experiences of risk in the Covid Age (report and call launched 27 July)
- Theme 2: Global resilience - perceptions and experiences of disaster preparedness (report and call to be launched 14 September)
- Theme 3: Perceptions of harm from AI and misuse of personal data (report and call to be launched late November)
- Theme 4: Violence and harassment at work (dates tba)

Regardless of the call you are responding to, you may focus your proposal on data from one or more theme. We only publicly release the relevant dataset with the launch of each thematic report but interested applicants can request access to the full dataset ahead of the scheduled public release [here](#).

Q Which areas / topics can be focused on in this call? How will this call differentiate from the other three?

We have separated the full World Risk Poll dataset into the themes that we are reporting on in four consecutive reports. The areas and topics we focused on in the first call are linked to the data set that is associated with Changed World report which is available on our website. However, applicants may prefer to utilise the entire dataset. Regardless of the area that the proposal focuses on, we are interested in projects that will practically apply the 2021 Poll data and implement the findings in different types of interventions.

Q: Can the proposed projects be on any of the topic areas covered in your dataset and do not have to be confined to the key challenges identified in the report?

The projects you propose can utilise data from any of the four data sets associated with one or more of the four consecutive reports. They do not have to be confined to the challenges highlighted by the reports, but projects must align with the Foundation's mission.

Q: Do you plan any more calls in the future for continuation of the themes?

We are launching four reports and calls in the fourth quarter of 2022, each drawing attention to specific data sets and the possibility to utilise multiple datasets in the proposed project. There are no other calls planned.

Questions on Scope of Data Set

Q: Does the dataset released with the first report consider risk preparedness behaviour against a variety of risk (e.g., Natural hazards, etc) and factors that mediate behaviour?

The dataset associated with the Changed World report does not include this information. However, the forthcoming Disaster Resilience [report](#), the second report in the series of four reports, contains information obtained from asking questions about natural hazards, people's feelings of resilience, and their preparedness.

Q: In the 2021 dataset, did you measure people's perceptions against their profession (e.g., those vulnerable to climate risk)?

A: We didn't ask a question about occupation in 2021, but hope to do so as part of our next Poll in 2023. If you have access to Gallup World Poll data, you will be able to see data relating to sector/occupation for 2021 and 2019.

Q: Will data both from World Risk Poll and Gallup World Poll be made available?

The Poll dataset is based on a Foundation-specific questionnaire developed with experts and Gallup, our partners who deliver the Poll. The Gallup World Poll requires a separate license obtained through a Gallup agreement.

Questions on methodological approaches

Q: What is the expected output of the project? Is it a report or any other output?

As specified in the call announcement, your proposal needs to provide a compelling vision for the impactful utilisation of the findings of the Poll. Applicants are encouraged to consider the outputs (combinations of them) from the point of view of impact pathway to action Poll data in the form of designing interventions, policies, etc. Reports are one type of output that can be used for achieving impact.

Q: As well as looking for the types of data analyses you have already given, are you open to innovative means of analysing the data using various AI techniques especially around demographic and non-structured data?

We are open to innovative means of approaching the dataset(s) as long as they offer most effective ways of analysing or using the data.

Q: Do you have a preference for certain forms of impact? E.g., community, policy, public

We are interested in a range of projects that can practically apply the findings of the poll, [and](#) recognise that some interventions and impactful projects might require secondary analysis and/or the use of other datasets, and welcome different approaches.

Q: Should all proposed projects be linked to the Poll dataset? Can the researchers collect and add new data?.

Projects must use the World Risk Poll dataset, and other datasets can be used alongside it.

Q: Is there a preference for proposals to relate to global data and action planning, or is there potential for focused regional/national use of available World Risk Poll findings?

Focusing projects on particular regions might be appropriate for some projects. There should be a clear justification for focusing on just one region linked to the expected project outcomes.

Questions on budget and costs

Q: Is there a minimum amount to apply for? For example, for exploratory studies that apply the dataset to a preparedness behaviour intervention randomised control trial?

No, applicants are encouraged to think of budget and timeline that is appropriate for the project they are proposing. We will prioritise projects (which use the Poll data and are aligned to our mission) with a clear route to impact.

Q: How many projects are you going to fund (within £250K limit)?

This will depend on the number and quality of applications submitted. We are likely to fund projects with an upper limit budget of £250,000 but may fund one larger, high-impact project with a budget of up to £750,000.

Q: Do you have limitations around indirect cost recovery also known as overheads or administrative costs.

We will cover most associated costs other than utilities (e.g., rent, electricity, printing, photocopying etc) and we don't cover retrospective costs. We do not cover equipment unless specialised equipment is demonstrably essential to the delivery of the project. For example, we would not cover stationary or standard laptops. Further information on eligible costs can be found [here](#).

Q: Are staff costs of existing employees an eligible expenditure item?

Yes, the specified staff time on a project for existing employees is an eligible expenditure. In your proposal, you would need to say how much of the staff member's time would be allocated to your project and claim the relevant amount.

Other questions

Q: Can a research team submit multiple research proposals?

Yes, or you may consider one application that utilises the full dataset.

Q: Are international universities eligible to apply? Do you prefer a consortium/collaborative arrangement?

A: International institutions are encouraged to apply and bring global focus as long as they meet our eligibility criteria. We are interested in projects that bring together a range of expertise that is required for a project to achieve its intended impact.

Whether or not a consortium is more appropriate depends on project and the skills that your team already has. If your skill set is already very varied there is no reason for choosing to form a consortium with another research team.

Q: Is there any indication for start and end date of the proposed projects?

We hope projects can begin early to mid-next year. We expect project end dates to vary depending on the focus of a project and would encourage you to consider of timeframe that will be most appropriate to achieving its aims and objectives. It may be useful to bear in mind the timing of the next Poll which will be conducted in 2023 and reported on in 2024.

Q: Where can I register my interest in responding to the call?

Please register your interest on our Flexigrant grant management portal: [Portal homepage - Lloyds Register Foundation \(flexigrant.com\)](#). The deadline for registration of interest and submission of full applications is the same across all four calls – 12 December and 31 December, respectively. We encourage applicants to register interest as early as possible, so that we can send the full application form.

Question: Where can I get the email to send additional information of my project?

Please follow instructions from the [call announcement](#) and register your expression of interest in flexigrant.

Q: Are there any multidisciplinary or EDI (Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion) requirements?

Eligibility requirements can be found on the website.

Q: When will results of the call(s) be announced?

We expect to select successful applications at the end of January/early February.

Q: What is the selection process?

Applications will be checked against criteria stated in the call announcement and put through a peer review process.