

World Risk Poll calls- Q & A

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Questions on thematic focus of the call(s)

Q: What are the relationships between the four calls?

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](#) 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: 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.

Questions on WRP Data Set

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.

Q: How did you select sample countries?

We selected the countries based on geographical and income diversity among others. Due to Covid, in 2021 we polled in smaller number of countries compared to 2019. Moving forward we expect to increase the number of countries in which we carry out the poll.

Q: Would you allow or expect participant to add more data into the dataset for analysis e.g., countries that are not included in your sample.

We welcome applicants combining WRP data set with other data sets. It may be impossible, however, to add countries that were not specifically included in the WRP sample because questions that are asked are different so they would not tie up.

Q: Is the data set on the *Perceptions of harm from AI and misuse of personal data* already available?

The dataset is not publicly available on the website, but organisations can reach out to us [here](#) for earlier access.

Q: Will the Questions from the Resilience Index be repeated in the future editions of the WRP?

There are plans to repeat some questions in 2023 and 2025.

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: 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 one region or country linked to the expected project outcomes.

Q: Do projects need to have a global focus, or can they look at a smaller subset of countries?

As above, there is no prescribed approach.

Q: If we already have an intervention that we are working on but would want to grow this into other areas utilising the data, would this type of project be eligible?

Yes, extensions to existing projects are possible. You will need to show the starting point for your proposed project and how WRP data set is central to the extension of the scope and achievement of the impact.

Q: Do you want to see impact on any industry or only impact on industries that are of interest to Lloyd's Register?

Work of Lloyd's Register Foundation is focused on critical infrastructure that underpins modern societies with particular attention to the safety of humans. Please visit [Publications](#) and [Evidence & Insight Centre](#) sections of our website to understand the type of safety challenges that we are focusing on.

Q: What sort of outputs do you expect for a project that is more intervention based?

We would like to see that the data from WRP is being put into action in a way that makes a real tangible difference to communities at risk. The outputs can be engagement with relevant stakeholders that informs more effective policies/ projects/ actions that, in turn, lead to behaviour change whether it is in relation to building more resilient systems, better disaster risk preparedness or better way of communicating risk to vulnerable communities.

Questions on budget and costs

What costs are eligible?

We fund costs directly associated with the project. For more information, please visit [Before you Apply](#) section of our website.

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: In terms of level of funding, should the aim be to apply for maximum of £250,000 and LRF will decide which project could be awarded £750,00 and then that project is modified accordingly?

If your project does have this option of scaling up and it is justified by its nature it would be great if you could show it in the application for us to see the value of scaling up in terms of WRP data making a bigger difference.

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.

Q: Can LRF funding be used to part fund activity?

Yes, it can as long as the funding from our Foundation is used in line with criteria stated in the call announcement and fits with the mission of the Foundation. You need to explain to us the whole project and the role our funding is going to play. In general, we welcome projects that leverage other sources of funding and in-kind contributions.

Questions on Application Process

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. Registration of interest is purely an administrative step. We are not evaluating initial ideas being

described in the registration form. In some cases, however, when we see that the idea is out of scope, we may decide not to send the link to the 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 interest in flexigrant.

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

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

Q: Can changes be made to our project info between registration of interest and full application?

Yes, changes can be made. We realise that what you are putting in the registration of interest is indicative. We are not evaluating registrations of interest. Only full applications will be evaluated.

Q: Are the deadlines for all four calls at the same date? Some reports aren't available yet.

At this moment in time all calls are scheduled to close 31st December. If it turns out that there is a delay in publishing of Violence & Harassment data set and report, we will need to decide, if the deadline needs to be postponed. We expect, however, that the data on Violence & Harassment will be available in advance of the report launch. All organisations that registered their interest on flexigrant will be kept informed of any changes.

Q: Can a research team submit multiple research proposals?

Yes, or you may consider one application that utilises the full dataset. If an employee of the organisation is involved in two applications/ projects - it must be clear what portion of their time is spent on each. Financial reporting will need to reflect this too.

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 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: Can registered charities be funded partners on projects (working with Higher Education Institutes, for example)?

Yes, they can. There is no restriction as to the type of organisations proposing ways to action data from the World Risk Poll.

Other questions

Question: I missed the webinar launching the Resilient World report. Where can I access it?

You can access the recording [here](#).

Q: What is the selection process?

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

Q: Does the Foundation have IP rights over the projects it funds?

As a starting point, the Foundation will assert ownership of all IP arising from its grant funding. For interpretation of any specific cases where this may not be the case, we would like to refer applicants to our [IP policy](#).

Q: Is there a limit to duration of project?

No, the duration is entirely dictated by your project, we do not want to be prescriptive or restrictive.

Q: When do you expect funded projects to start, and what is a typical project length (1 year, 2 years etc?).

We expect projects to start at some point in March. As stated above there is no prescribed project length. 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.