World Risk Poll calls- Q & A

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Note: Document includes questions that have been asked in previous information sessions (call 1 and 2) that are applicable also to call 3.

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.

- o Theme 1: Perceptions and experiences of risk in the Covid Age (report and call launched 27 July)
- o Theme 2: Global resilience - perceptions and experiences of disaster preparedness (report and call launched 14 September)
- o Theme 3: Perceptions of harm from AI and misuse of personal data (report and call launched 28 November)
- o Theme 4: Violence and harassment at work (dates tba)

All World Risk Poll calls can be found here: Calls for funding (lrfoundation.org.uk)

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.

Questions on methodological approaches

Q: What do you mean by using World Risk Poll dataset?

Projects need to demonstrate tangible link with World Risk Poll dataset. e.g. By addressing an issue which affects a specific community that has been identified by the Poll or by embedding the Poll data in the proposed work.

As stated in the call announcement there are two possible routes (or a combination of those) that you can take for your project. In case of Digital World Call (Call No 3), possible outcomes for projects which practically apply the Poll findings through the development of new interventions or by strengthening existing ones. For instance, a project may focus on better design and construction of technologies to remove bias, the development and implementation of appropriate regulation, or the engagement of vulnerable communities to build trust in these developments.

Similarly, research projects may aim to address data gaps or support hypotheses through secondary analysis of the Poll data and/or to use alongside other relevant data. An important output could be the provision of evidence, disseminated to stakeholders, which motivates action. For example, research projects which find robust evidence for how and why particular demographics are most impacted by safety challenges, that effectively communicate findings to relevant bodies, and consequently influence improvements to public risk information.

Q: Do you expect projects in more engineering/ computer science solutions to reduce risks or more sociological studies of Poll results?

See answer above.

Social science is relevant because it is about proposing interventions that address the needs of a specific community at risk so additional effort may be required to understanding the issues/ problems affecting the community, involve it in the "design" of intervention, etc, convening other stakeholders, as appropriate.

You may wish to take your solution (engineering or other) into testing / validation within this project as the way of creating evidence that the solution addresses the problem effectively. I would need to know more about the project focus area to comment properly.

Q: 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 a particular country or region might be appropriate as the optimal pathway to make a difference in specific at-risk communities identified by the World Risk Poll. 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. Global, multi-country, regional or local approaches will be considered.

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

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.

Questions on budget and costs

<u>What costs are eligible?</u>

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

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

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: <u>What budget should we be aiming for?</u>

Budget: We expect that the typical budgets for the proposed projects may range between £250,000 and £750,000 but we are also open to receiving applications for projects outside this range, as appropriate to the type and scale of the intervention proposed. We do not want to be restrictive and prescriptive. The funding section is the full application form will require you to justify your budget as appropriate.

Q: <u>Are staff costs of existing employees an eligible expenditure item?</u>

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: <u>Can LRF funding be used to part fund activity</u>?

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: <u>Where can I register my interest in responding to the call?</u>

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 – 13 February and 28th February, 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: Is it possible to include further partners in the final application which we did not include in the EOI?

The registration of interest for does not ask for names of partners. When you explain your approach to utilising the World Risk Poll dataset, you may indicate that you foresee a consortium / collaboration in order to XYZ.

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

All four calls are scheduled to close 28th February 2023. We expect the report on Violence and Harassment to be published in the beginning of Jan. 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

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.