

Scientific Meeting Call for Proposals – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and Guidance notes

FAQs

Q. When does the call for proposals open?

A. The call for proposals is open all year round, with two soft deadlines a year to be considered at the next Committee meeting. The table below provides approximate dates for the current and forthcoming deadlines.

Meeting date	Deadline	Proposers contacted
Apr 2025 – Oct 2025	April 2024	By late June 2024
Nov 2025 – March 2026	Late September 2024	By early February 2025
Apr 2026 – Oct 2026	Early April 2025	By late June 2025

Q. How do I apply?

A. Proposals are submitted using the online Flexi-grant system which can be accessed via <https://grants.royalsociety.org/>. Please register for an account, fill out all the required information, and ensure that the correct proposal form is used for your meeting type. For any queries relating to proposal submission please contact hooke.proposals@royalsociety.org. Applications from under-represented groups and early career researchers are encouraged.

Q. What are the different types of meetings?

A. *Discussion meeting:* two-day hybrid meeting held at the Royal Society, London, a suitable alternative venue in the UK or online for in-person audiences of up to 300 covering interdisciplinary subject areas. Deadlines for consideration at the next Committee meeting are in April and September each year.

The next deadline for Discussion meeting proposals is on **Wednesday 10 April 2024** for meetings to be held between April – October 2025. If you feel that your meeting would benefit from being held sooner than April 2025, there is the option on the proposal form to request a Fast-track discussion meeting, please contact hooke.proposals@royalsociety.org for more information.

Theo Murphy meeting: two-day residential meeting for audiences of up to 80, allowing for more focused meetings and workshops. Deadlines for consideration at the next Committee meeting are in April and September each year. The next deadline for Theo Murphy meeting proposals is on **Wednesday 10 April 2024** for meetings to be held between April – October 2025.

Science+ meeting: two-day hybrid meeting bringing together pure science and a ‘+’ element. The additional ‘+’ element should be formed from areas which build on, or function alongside science, for example policy or public health. These meetings will be held exclusively at the Royal Society, London or online. Deadlines for consideration at the next Committee meeting are in April and September each year. The next deadline for Science+ meeting proposals is on **Wednesday 10 April 2024** for meetings to be held from April 2025. An outline proposal form must be submitted and reviewed before a full proposal can be submitted. Please leave at least a month for a decision to be made on an outline proposal.

Q. Which type of meeting should I submit a proposal for?

A. You should consider the nature of the discussions you wish to generate, and the desired audience for your meeting. If your meeting would be of wide interest, offering broad coverage of a topic, a Discussion meeting in London, a suitable alternative venue in the UK, or online may be the best option. Alternatively, a more focused meeting that aims to generate intensive and free-flowing discussion would be better suited to the residential setting provided by a Theo Murphy meeting. If your meeting covers both pure science and an additional related area, such as policy, public health, economics, history or another related field, a Science+ meeting may be the best option. Please use the appropriate form to submit your proposal, depending on your choice of meeting type. The questions on the proposal forms can be found in Appendix B.

Q. Where will my meeting be held?

A. The majority of Discussion meetings and all Science+ meetings are held at the Royal Society, London. Theo Murphy meetings are held at suitable venues around the UK which allow for a residential meeting.

Discussion meetings are usually held at the Royal Society, London, but an alternative venue in the UK can be requested if it would enhance or be of benefit to the meeting, for example by providing more options for poster sessions. If you would like to hold your Discussion meeting at an alternative venue, you should explain your preference on the proposal form, the expectation being that you will research a potential venue before you submit your proposal. Discussion meetings can also be held fully online if you feel that this format would benefit your meeting. This request and your reasons for it should also be outlined in your proposal form.

Online participation for speakers and participants is possible for meetings held at the Royal Society, London. Where an alternative venue is to be used for a Discussion meeting, the ability for people to join online will be a major consideration in whether the venue can be used. Theo Murphy meetings are intended to be residential meetings and so online participation is limited. For any enquiries relating to hybrid meetings and online participation, please contact hooke.proposals@royalsociety.org.

Q. How are the meetings selected?

A. Selection of scientific meetings is carried out by the Royal Society's Hooke Committee (<https://royalsociety.org/about-us/committees/hooke-committee/>). It is a competitive selection process and the success rate for proposals is 57% on average. A successful proposal sets out clear aims and objectives, explaining why this topic is important, why now and why these people/groups need to be brought together. To give your proposal the best chance of success please ensure that you have a diverse programme drawing on speakers from across a wide range of fields and institutions/research groups, a strong gender balance (no more than 60% of any gender) and early career speakers are included in your programme line-up. We also require over 80% of the speakers to confirm that they will speak at the meeting (subject to their availability) as this helps to demonstrate that the meeting topic and content is of interest and topical.

Please note that the Committee may provide you with feedback and invite you to revise and resubmit your proposal, and this can include suggestions on the speaker line-up.

Q. If successful, when will the meeting take place?

A. There is the opportunity to express a preferred month for your meeting on the proposal form; however, final allocation of dates is subject to availability at the venues and the Royal Society cannot guarantee any particular set of dates. Fast-track discussion meetings will be held on a shorter timescale than this. Please note the Society does not hold scientific meetings over the summer months of July and August.

Q. When do I find out if I have been successful?

A. Lead proposers of proposals submitted by the April deadline will be contacted in late June. Lead proposers of proposals submitted by the September deadline will be contacted in early February of the following year.

Q. How much does it cost?

A. The Society covers the cost of venue hire, audio-visual support, administration, printing of programme booklets and limited advertising. A contribution is made towards travel expenses for all speakers, chairs and organisers, based on the distance to be travelled to the meeting. This contribution covers travel expenses wherever possible. Please see below for a detailed breakdown of overseas travel contributions. The Society will only pay for economy airfares and standard class rail tickets on production of a receipt.

Countries of Departure	Royal Society Travel Allowance
Europe	£385
USA, flight up to 8 hours	£685
USA, flight more than 8 and less than 10 hours	£775
USA, flight more than 10 hours, Canada and Middle East	£865
India, South East Asia	£1105
Australasia, S America, China, Japan and Africa	£1105

The Society also funds accommodation and lunch for all speakers, chairs and organisers on both days of the meeting and provides an allowance of up to £25 for each day (up to £50) of a Discussion meeting, Fast-track discussion meeting and Science+ meeting, subject to the production of receipts.

For scientific meetings in London: accommodation is booked at a nearby hotel and the Society hosts a private dinner for speakers/organisers/chairs on the evening of the first day of the meeting.

For Theo Murphy meetings: accommodation is provided on-site for all speakers, chairs and organisers, and catering is included for the duration of the meeting. Remaining bedrooms will be made available to participants at a cost.

For Discussion meetings held at an alternative venue in the UK: accommodation is booked at a nearby hotel for speakers, organisers and chairs.

Q. Am I eligible for childcare support to attend a Royal Society meeting?

A. The Society can provide financial support to meeting organisers, chairs and invited speakers for any additional care costs that arise when attending a Royal Society organised meeting or event. For more information and for details on how to make a request please see our website (<https://royalsociety.org/grants-schemes-awards/grants/about-grants/#childcare>) or contact the Scientific Programmes team (hooke.proposals@royalsociety.org).

Q. How easy is it to get to the Royal Society, London?

A. The Royal Society, London (<https://royalsociety.org/about-us/contact-us/carlton-house-terrace-london/>) is located near to Piccadilly Circus, Charing Cross and Westminster and is well linked to the London transport system and London airports.

Other venues used will be close to at least one train station and international airport.

Q. I am not a UK national, can I apply?

A. The requirements are that one of the organisers must either be a UK national (but not necessarily currently residing in the UK) or a UK-based researcher (resident in the UK, any nationality). Many of our meetings have co-organisers from outside the UK.

Q. Do you have to be a Fellow of the Royal Society to organise a meeting?

A. No – any UK national or UK-based researcher is eligible to propose a meeting, regardless of meeting type. Proposals are judged on merit by the Royal Society's Hooke Committee (<https://royalsociety.org/about-us/committees/hooke-committee/>). Proposals from early career researchers and underrepresented groups are encouraged.

Q. Will my meeting be published?

A. All Discussion meetings will have an associated issue of *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society*, unless the Editors feel that the subject matter is outside the journal's scope. Scientific meeting organisers of Fast-track discussion meetings, Science+ meetings and Theo Murphy meetings may be invited to publish an issue at the discretion of the Editors of *Philosophical Transactions* or *Interface Focus*. Proposers will be informed after the Committee meeting if they will be invited to publish, should their proposal be successful.

The issue will cover the topic of the meeting and include papers from the speakers, but organisers should work with their speakers to make the publication an important contribution to the field rather than just a meeting proceedings. Meeting organisers will act as Guest Editors of this dedicated issue and must ensure that manuscripts from speakers are submitted by the deadlines set. Organisers are expected to manage the review, revision and acceptance of these papers, with support from the Editorial Office throughout. All speakers are required to provide co/single-authored manuscripts based on their talk.

Guidance notes for completing the proposal form

All parts of the online form should be completed and your proposal will be judged solely on the information completed in this form together with referees' reports. Please ensure you select the correct online proposal form relevant to the type of meeting you wish to host. The questions on each proposal form can be found in Appendix B. These are intended to assist you in making your decision about which type of meeting to apply for. All meeting proposals must be submitted via Flexi-grant (<https://grants.royalsociety.org>).

Please note that your proposal will be judged by the whole Hooke Committee, whose membership covers the breadth of science. Please bear in mind that you are writing for people outside your field when completing your proposal.

Co-organisers (co-applicants)

Please invite the other meeting organisers for your proposal. One of the meeting organisers must either be a UK national (but not necessarily currently resident in the UK) or a UK-based scientist (resident in the UK, any nationality). Many of our meetings have co-organisers from outside the UK.

Co-organisers must have all agreed to act in this capacity. Once invited, the co-organiser(s) will be requested to accept/decline the invitation to participate. If they agree to participate, then they will be required to register an account on the system to access the proposal form if they do not already have an account. If they do have an account, then once they log-in they should be taken directly to the proposal form.

Co-organisers can collaborate on the completion of the meeting proposal but the lead organiser will still need to submit the proposal form. Once a co-organiser has reviewed the proposal form and completed any relevant sections, they must then mark their work as being complete on the proposal form summary page. **Only when all co-organisers have reviewed the proposal and marked their work as complete, can the lead organiser submit the proposal form.** The lead organiser can monitor the status of the co-organisers under the participants section found on the proposal summary page.

Contact details

Please add the contact details of the lead organiser including full name, complete address, phone number and email. This will be used for any correspondence relating to the proposal.

Proposal details

This page asks for details of your proposal including the aims and objectives of the meeting, please complete this section in as much detail as possible.

Title of proposed meeting

This should be up to 45 characters long and should be clear, simple and eye-catching and suitable for use on publicity material. Titles longer than 45 characters will need to be shortened on publicity material.

Synopsis of proposed meeting

Please provide a brief synopsis of up to 60 words outlining the meeting.

Why is this an appropriate topic, what new or ground breaking developments will be discussed, and why are these timely?

Describe the science behind your proposed meeting, explaining the ways in which the research is new and/or timely and five recent and relevant papers, patents or other relevant publications in the research areas relating to your meeting. Please note this must not exceed 500 words.

What fields are brought together in this meeting and what will the scientific community gain from this meeting? What are your meeting objectives?

Proposals could, where possible, be cross-disciplinary. You need to explain which fields would be interested in this meeting and how your objectives will benefit the scientific community.

Why is this meeting different from other meetings in this area?

Please tell us names and dates of other meetings covering similar topics that are scheduled to take place within the next two years and how your proposal differs from these.

What might be the wider-reaching social implications?

Please outline the potential wider reaching implications of your meeting for those outside the scientific community.

To what extent will this meeting elicit opposing points of view?

The Society welcomes robust discussion and diversity of opinion at its scientific meetings. Please outline to what extent, if at all, that your meeting will promote discussion from a wide range of viewpoints.

Why would this topic make a good dedicated journal issue?

Publication will disseminate the topic to a much wider audience, beyond the attendees at the meeting. However, the criteria for a compelling scientific meeting are different to that for a compelling dedicated journal issue. Describe the importance of this topic as a dedicated issue, where it could be promoted, and how it will interest our broad readership.

Do you wish to hold your meeting at the Royal Society in London, at an alternative venue in the UK or online?

Please indicate where you would like to hold your Discussion meeting. Please note that the option of an alternative venue is only available for standard Discussion meetings and not Fast-track discussion meetings. Please note that all Science+ meetings are held at the Royal Society, London and all Theo Murphy meetings are held at a suitable residential venue. Discussion meetings, Fast-track discussion meetings and Science+ meetings can be held fully online if this will benefit the meeting.

If you prefer to hold the meeting at an alternative venue, please explain why. Please include details of your proposed venue, such as how many people can attend, the approximate distance to the nearest train station and/or airport and potential accommodation for meeting participants.

Please explain why holding the Discussion meeting at an alternative venue would benefit your meeting, such as providing more options for poster sessions. Please also propose the alternative venue that you would like to use, and explain why this venue meets the requirements of a Discussion meeting. Please note that the Scientific Programmes team may need to visit the venue to ensure that it is suitable before any contract can be signed. The Royal Society will contract directly with the venue and will manage the logistics and budget for the meeting. Please do not hire the venue for any specific dates as there is no guarantee the Society can commit to them.

Speaker List and Programme

Please list all speakers for your meeting including their name, organisation, subject area/talk title, whether they have agreed to speak and agreed to supply to paper (if applicable).

When compiling your programme please consider;

- a. The merit and suitability of the speakers. Some are expected to be of international standing, while others may be up-and-coming scientists judged relevant to the topic of the meeting.
- b. The balance of genders and geographical locations/institutions. Please provide a brief justification, if you are *unable* to achieve a maximum gender balance of 60% (any gender) across your organisers, chairs and speakers.
- c. Where possible, proposers should seek to have agreement from **all** speakers to speak at the meeting before submitting a proposal. The Committee will look favourably on programmes of which 80% or more of the speakers have committed to speak and supply a written paper (if applicable). Please provide a brief justification if you are unable to achieve this target.

The Committee will consider the geographical, institutional, gender and career stage balance of the speaker list when making their selection.

Please upload an outline programme listing the timings, speakers and chairs of your meeting in PDF format. PDF files must be no longer than 2 sides of A4, landscape orientation, be titled and the text size cannot be smaller than Arial size 10. Sample outline programmes can be found in Appendix A.

Scientific meetings usually take place over two days, which restricts the timetable to a maximum of 16 speakers with time for discussion. This can be less if one or more speaker presentation is replaced with a poster session or panel discussion. The template structure is suggested, it is not fixed and alternative options can be explored.

Meetings in London must run between 9am and 5pm, there is some flexibility with timings at meetings at other venues.

Theo Murphy meetings can take place over two consecutive full days, or a full day with an afternoon preceding and a morning following. As these meetings are residential, there are ample opportunities for attendees to interact after the daily proceedings have ended, eg at meals.

If you would like to discuss an alternative meeting format please contact the Scientific Programmes team at hooke.proposals@royalsociety.org

There are some budgetary restrictions on the number of speakers for whom we can provide accommodation and travel contributions.

The Committee expects that the programme should have a gender balance of no more than 60% of any gender. If you have been unable to achieve a maximum gender balance of 60% (any gender) across your organisers, chairs and speakers, please provide a brief justification why. Please use this opportunity to outline any constraints which may prevent your proposal achieving the recommended minimum gender balance. This will be taken into account during the decision making process. If you have met the maximum gender balance of 60% please enter n/a.

Please provide a brief justification if you have been unable to submit a programme of which 80% or more of the speakers have accepted to speak and supply a written paper (if applicable).

If your programme does not have the minimum recommendation of 80% speakers who have committed to speak please provide information surrounding this.

Please indicate the percentage of early career speakers in your speaker line up

Please use this opportunity to indicate the number of early career speakers included in your meeting proposal. Early career academic speakers typically have up to 8 years research experience since their PhD. Non-academic early career speakers should have an equivalent level of professional experience. It is expected that early career speakers are included on the programme, if there are a low number of early career speakers then other opportunities to include early career researchers would be outlined (such as a poster session – see below).

Please tell us how you will incorporate diversity and inclusion considerations in order to select the most diverse speakers and chairs possible. Please tell us how you will ensure this is an accessible event that attracts as diverse an audience as possible.

The Royal Society is committed to increasing diversity in STEM by seeking out participation from under-represented groups. Please use this opportunity to outline the steps you have taken to ensure the proposed meeting is as inclusive as possible, including but not limited to considerations of age, ethnicity, gender and geographical diversity in the speaker list and inclusion of researchers based in industry (where appropriate).

Do you wish to have a poster session with drinks reception to conclude the first day?

There is the opportunity to host a poster session with a drinks reception after the conclusion of the day 1 programme. Please state whether you wish to do this and how doing so would help your meeting objectives.

Additional Questions

This page asks for information on how you plan to market your meeting and gives you the opportunity to tell us anything else about your proposed meeting not already covered in the form.

The Royal Society will assist you with marketing your scientific meeting as widely as possible.

What channels will you be using to promote this meeting?

Please identify appropriate learned societies, university departments and groups to target and any relevant contact lists available to you. Should your meeting be selected, both you and the Royal Society will work together to promote the meeting.

Any other comments

Please do tell us anything else about your proposed meeting that may help the Committee.

Suggested References

Please provide the name and address of three referees whom we could approach for a reference. In preference, one of the proposed referees should be a Fellow or Foreign Member of the Royal Society (FRS or ForMemRS, <https://royalsociety.org/fellows/fellows-directory/>), unless there is no Fellow who is expert in the field of the proposal. Please state any honours that the referees have – please note we only use honours from National Academies (FBA, FEng, FMedSci, FRS).

Referees should be as independent as possible – ie not from the same department, nor have published/ collaborated together with the organisers in the last 5 years. The referees should also not be a member of the Hooke Committee (<https://royalsociety.org/about-us/committees/hooke-committee/>), the Council of the Royal Society (<https://royalsociety.org/about-us/committees/council/>) or a speaker listed in the proposal.

Preferred meeting date

Please indicate your **preferred months** to hold your meeting. We will try our best to accommodate one of your preferences but cannot guarantee availability of any particular dates. Meetings are usually held on a Monday and Tuesday due to room availability at the venues. Typically we hold no more than two meetings of any type per month. Please note that the Royal Society does not hold any scientific meetings during the summer months of July and August.

Please also specify any months/ dates to be avoided because of conflicting arrangements.

Declaration

Please confirm that the information provided as part of your meeting proposal is true and correct to the best of your knowledge. For proposals involving the use of animals please refer to the Royal Society's policy on funding research involving animals and the publication of such research as outlined on the Royal Society website via the following links: <https://royalsociety.org/journals/ethics-policies/> and <https://royalsociety.org/topics-policy/publications/2015/animals-in-research/>

Marketing

The Royal Society always seeks to improve its communication and marketing of wider opportunities. Please indicate how you found out about the call for proposals by selecting from the drop down. This will be used for administrative purposes only.

Appendix A: Suggested programme

These suggested timings are only a guide and can be modified to include a later start or, if you would prefer, we can accommodate two speakers followed by a longer discussion between each break. We recommend that the final slot of day 2 is a panel discussion about future directions of the topic, perhaps with the involvement of the Chairs.

NB: Meetings cannot run past 17.00 on either day in London

DAY 1				DAY 2			
SESSION 1 Chair		SESSION 2		SESSION 3		SESSION 4	
09.00	Welcome by the Royal Society & lead organiser	Chair		Chair		Chair	
09.05		13.30		09.00		13.30	
09.30	Discussion	14.00	Discussion	09.30	Discussion	14.00	Discussion
09.45		14.15		09.45		14.15	
10.15	Discussion	14.45	Discussion	10.15	Discussion	14.45	Discussion
10.30	Coffee	15.00	Tea	10.30	Coffee	15.00	Tea
11.00		15.30		11.00		15.30	
11.30	Discussion	16.00	Discussion	11.30	Discussion	16.00	Discussion
11.45		16.15		11.45		16.15	Panel discussion/Overview (future directions)
12.15	Discussion	16.45	Discussion	12.15	Discussion		
12.30	LUNCH	17.00	CLOSE	12.30	LUNCH	17.00	CLOSE

These timings are suggested should you wish to incorporate a poster session into your meeting programme. A poster flash talk session enables poster presenters to advertise their posters to enable high quality discussions.

DAY 1				DAY 2			
SESSION 1		SESSION 2		SESSION 3		SESSION 4	
Chair		Chair		Chair		Chair	
09.00	Welcome by the Royal Society & lead organiser						
09.05		13.30		09.00		13.30	
09.30	Discussion	14.00	Discussion	09.30	Discussion	14.00	Discussion
09.45		14.15		09.45		14.15	
10.15	Discussion	14.45	Discussion	10.15	Discussion	14.45	Discussion
10.30	Coffee	15.00	Tea	10.30	Coffee	15.00	Tea
11.00		15.30		11.00		15.30	
11.30	Discussion	16.00	Discussion	11.30	Discussion	16.00	Discussion
11.45		16.15	Poster flash talk session	11.45		16.15	Panel discussion/Overview (future directions)
12.15	Discussion	17.00	Poster session	12.15	Discussion		
12.30	LUNCH		18.15	CLOSE	12.30	LUNCH	17.00

Appendix B: Proposal form questions

Please find the proposal form questions below. These are to help you decide which meeting type best suits your meeting. All proposals must be submitted online using Flexi-grant (<https://grants.royalsociety.org>). Proposals submitted by email or as a word document will not be accepted.

Discussion meeting

Section 1 – Contact details

Contact details for primary and co-applicants

Section 2 – Proposal details

Title of proposed meeting (45 characters)

Synopsis of proposed meeting (60 words)

Why is this an appropriate topic, what new or groundbreaking developments will be discussed and why are these timely? Please list five recent and relevant papers, patents or other relevant publications in the research areas relating to your meeting. (500 words)

What fields are brought together in this meeting and what will the scientific community gain from this meeting? What are your meeting objectives? (500 words)

Why is this meeting different from other meetings in this area? (200 words)

What might be the wider reaching social implications? (250 words)

To what extent will this meeting elicit opposing points of view? (200 words)

What would this topic make a good dedicated journal issue? All Discussion meeting will be published in a dedicated issue of *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society*, unless the Editors feel that the subject matter is outside the journal's scope. (200 words)

Do you wish to hold your meeting at the Royal Society, London, at an alternative venue in the UK or online?

If you prefer to hold the meeting at an alternative venue, please explain why. Please include details of your proposed venue, such as how many people can attend, the approximate distance to the nearest train station and/or airport and potential accommodation for meeting participants. (250 words)

Section 3 – Speaker list and programme

Full speaker name

Organisation

Subject area/talk

Agreed to speak?

Agreed to supply a paper?

Career stage

Please upload an outline programme listing the timings, speakers and chairs of your meeting.

The Committee expects that the programme should have a gender balance of no more than 60% of any gender. If you have been unable to achieve a maximum gender balance of 60% (any gender) across your organisers, chairs and speakers, please provide a brief justification why. (200 words)

Please indicate the percentage of early career speakers in your speaker line-up. Early career academic speakers typically have up to 8 years research experience since their PhD. Non-academic early career speakers should have an equivalent level of professional experience.

Please provide a brief justification if you have been unable to submit a programme of which 80% or more of the speakers have accepted to speak and supply a written paper (if applicable). (200 words)

Please tell us how you will incorporate diversity and inclusion considerations in order to select the most diverse speakers and chairs possible. Please tell us how you will ensure this is an accessible event that attracts as diverse an audience as possible.

Do you wish to have a poster session and drinks reception to conclude the first day?
How would this help your meeting objectives?

Session 4 – Additional questions

The Royal Society will assist with marketing your scientific meeting as widely as possible. What channels will you be using to promote this meeting? Please identify learned societies, university departments and groups to target and any relevant contact lists available to you.

Any other comments (500 words)

Section 5 – Suggested referees

Name and contact details for three referees

Section 6 – Preferred meeting date, declaration and marketing information

Please suggest a choice of dates wherever possible.

Please specify any months/dates to be avoided because of conflicting meetings.

Discussion meetings are normally held 9 – 14 months following approval, but exceptionally we can hold meetings sooner than this. If you believe that your meeting should be held within a shorter timeframe as a Fast-track discussion meeting, please provide a justification for this meeting proposal to receive expedited delivery. (250 words)

The proposers confirm that the information provided is true and correct to the best of their knowledge. Where the proposal involves the use of animals I have read and confirm that they are in compliance with the Royal Society's policy on the funding of research involving animals and the publication of the results of such research.

Please indicate how you found out about the call for proposals. This information is used for administrative purposes only.

Which scientific areas does your proposal fall under?

Science+ meeting

Section 1 – Contact details

Contact details for primary and co-applicants

Section 2 – Proposal details

Title of proposed meeting (45 characters)

Synopsis of proposed meeting (60 words)

Why is this an appropriate topic, what new or groundbreaking developments will be discussed and why are these timely?

Please list five recent and relevant papers, patents or other relevant publications in the research areas relating to your meeting. (500 words)

What fields are brought together in this meeting?

Please comment on the '+' aspect of the meeting, explaining the need for the two (or more) groups to come together. What will the several communities gain from this meeting? (500 words)

What are your meeting objectives? (500 words)

Why is this meeting different from other meeting in this area? (200 words)

What might be the wider-reaching social implications? (250 words)

Will you be working with any other organisations or academies?

If so, have you already been in discussions with them, and what is their intended level of involvement? (eg consultation only or co-organisation). (250 words)

Scientific meeting organisers may be invited to publish an issue related to their meeting at the discretion of the editors of *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society* or *Interface Focus*.

Please indicate whether you would be interested in putting together a theme issue and, if so, why this topic would make a good dedicated journal issue. (200 words)

Section 3 – Speaker list and programme

Full speaker name

Organisation

Subject area/talk

Agreed to speak?

Career stage

Please upload an outline programme listing the timings, speakers and chairs of your meeting.

The Committee expects that the programme should have a gender balance of no more than 60% of any gender. If you have been unable to achieve a maximum gender balance of 60% (any gender) across your organisers, chairs and speakers, please provide a brief justification why.

Please indicate the percentage of early career speakers in your speaker line-up.

Early career academic speakers typically have up to 8 years' research experience since their PhD. Non-academic early career speakers should have an equivalent level of professional experience.

Please provide a brief justification if you have been unable to submit a programme of which 80% of more of the speakers have accepted to speak and supply a written paper (if applicable). (200 words)

Please tell us how you will incorporate diversity and inclusion considerations in order to select the most diverse speakers and chairs possible. Please tell us how you will ensure this is an accessible event that attracts as diverse an audience as possible.

Do you wish to have a poster session and drinks reception to conclude the first day?

How would this help your meeting objectives?

Section 4 – Additional questions

The Royal Society will assist with marketing your scientific meeting as widely as possible. What channels will you be using to promote this meeting?

Please identify appropriate learned societies, university departments and groups to target and any relevant contact lists available to you.

Any other comments (500 words)

Section 5 – Suggested referees

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Section 6 – Preferred meeting date, declaration and marketing information

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Theo Murphy meeting

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Contact details for primary and co-applicants

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Will you be working with any other organisations or academies? If so, have you already been in discussions with them, and what is their intended level of involvement? (eg consultation only or co-organisation). (250 words)

Scientific meeting organisers may be invited to publish an issue related to their meeting at the discretion of the editors of *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society* or *Interface Focus*.

Please indicate whether you would be interested in putting together a theme issue, and, if so, why this topic would make a good dedicated journal issue. (200 words)

Section 3 – Speaker list and programme

Full speaker name

Organisation

Subject area/talk

Agreed to speak?

Agreed to supply a paper?

Career stage

Please upload an outline programme listing the timings, speakers and chairs of your meeting.

The Committee expects that the programme should have a gender balance of no more than 60% of any gender. If you have been unable to achieve a maximum gender balance of 60% (any gender) across your organisers, chairs and speakers, please provide a brief justification why. (200 words)

Please indicate the percentage of early career speakers in your speaker line-up. Early career academic speakers typically have up to 8 years research experience since their PhD. Non-academic early career speakers should have an equivalent level of professional experience.

Please tell us how you will incorporate diversity and inclusion considerations in order to select the most diverse speakers and chairs possible. Please tell us how you will ensure this is an accessible event that attracts as diverse an audience as possible.

Do you wish to have a poster session and drinks reception to conclude the first day?
How would this help your meeting objectives?

Session 4 – Additional questions

The Royal Society will assist with marketing your scientific meeting as widely as possible. What channels will you be using to promote this meeting? Please identify learned societies, university departments and groups to target and any relevant contact lists available to you.

Any other comments (500 words)

Section 5 – Suggested referees

Name and contact details for three referees

Section 6 – Preferred meeting date, declaration and marketing information

Please suggest a choice of dates wherever possible.

Please specify any months/dates to be avoided because of conflicting meeting(s).

The proposers confirm that the information provided is true and correct to the best of their knowledge. Where the proposal involves the use of animals I have read and confirm that they are in compliance with the Royal Society's policy on the funding of research involving animals and the publication of the results of such research.

Please indicate how you found out about the call for proposals. This information is used for administrative purposes only.

Which scientific areas does your proposal fall under?