

Essential Information for Applicants!

1. ESPA is an international research programme, funded as a global public good and designed to produce world-class research and evidence to promote the sustainable management and use of ecosystem services to promote poverty alleviation. Your proposal must demonstrate how you will contribute to this process.
2. The ESPA programme welcomes applications from researchers from any country who can demonstrate their ability to generate world-class research contributing to ESPA's research agenda, as described in the [ESPA Knowledge Strategy](#). You should read the call documentation before designing your research and completing this form.
3. All ESPA research grant applications are required to describe how ESPA research could be put into use to benefit the world's poor, who would use the research (both directly and indirectly) and what would need to be done to ensure that this research is put into use. You should read the [ESPA Impact Strategy](#) before designing your research and completing this application.
4. Applications must be submitted using the Arial font with a minimum size of 11pt.
5. CVs must be submitted using the ESPA Fellowship CV Template.
- A CV will be required for the proposed Fellow, plus for each of the Fellow's proposed mentors
- CVs must not exceed two pages in length.
6. Word and character limits indicated in this form will be strictly enforced and checked automatically on submission.
- Any proposal that exceeds the word or character limits may be rejected before review.
7. The application must be submitted as a MS-Word document. Documents that have been converted to PDF format cannot be processed and may be rejected before review.
8. Please do not type information into parts of tables which have grey backgrounds. These sections will be ignored during processing.
9. Please do not add or delete rows in any of the sections of the forms.
10. Further essential information relevant to your application is contained in the ESPA Fellowship call documentation: <http://www.nerc.ac.uk/research/programmes/espa/events/fellowships.asp>.

Data Protection:

Information about your application including the personal information provided on the forms will be processed and stored electronically by the ESPA Secretariat, Directorate and representatives of ESPA's Funders (NERC, ESRC and DFID). The Information contained in your application may be passed on to external reviewers in confidence. Reviewers will be asked to destroy information after the review and selection process is complete.

Your application and personal information will be stored by the ESPA programme for management purposes but will not be shared with other organisations outside the ESPA partnership. We will only use details provided in the application for correspondence about the call. In order to take advantage of all ESPA online services, including our partnerships service to link with other researchers and users of research, you will need to register to join the ESPA Global Forum on our website at: <http://www.espa.ac.uk/user/register>.

By submitting your application to the ESPA Programme you have indicated your acceptance of these data protection terms and conditions.

ESPA Fellowship Application (2013)

Which Type of Fellowship Are You Applying For	
Information	(Delete as appropriate)
Fellowship Type	ESPA Early Career Research Fellowship / ESPA Capacity Strengthening Fellowship

Section 1: Applicant (The proposed ESPA Fellow)	
Information	Detail
Last (family) name	
First (given) name	
Title (Ms, Mr, Dr etc.)	
Nationality (Country)	
Academic Qualifications Include institution and year	
Years of relevant experience ¹ .	
Current Institution	
Department	
Email address	
Webpage	
Phone (landline)	
Phone (mobile)	
Postal address	

Section 2: Host Organisation (Hosting the Fellowship)	
Information	Detail
Organisation	
Department	
Country	

Section 3: Proposed Mentors					
Information	Title	Initials	Surname	Organisation	Country
Lead Mentor (Required)					
Mentor 2 (Optional)					
Mentor 3 (Optional)					
Mentor 4 (Optional)					
Mentor 5 (Optional)					

¹Years of relevant experience excludes eligible career breaks including maternity leave, paternity leave, and bereavement.

Section 4: Approach to the ESPA Fellowship

Detail your proposed programme of work for your Fellowship.

- Describe the research you will undertake (Your research questions and methods).
- How will your Fellowship link with the ESPA project(s) you will be working with?
- Where will your research be conducted (which countries)

Limit: 2500 words (Including references)

Section 5: Your Proposed Mentors

Which ESPA project(s) will you be working with and why did you choose this project(s) and your proposed mentor(s). What do you expect to learn from working with the ESPA project(s) and mentors

Limit: 500 words

Section 4: Capacity Strengthening Activities

How will the Fellowship contribute to your personal development (capacity strengthening). How will the host organisation and mentors contribute to this process? What experience do the host organisation and mentor(s) have in supporting capacity strengthening

Limit: 500 words

Section 5: Expected Outputs and Results (What will you produce)

What are outputs that you expect to produce through your fellowship?
(Please include an estimate of when they will be produced)

Limit: 500 words

Section 6: Fit to the ESPA Fellowship Scheme

How does your proposed programme of work respond to the objectives of the ESPA Fellowship Scheme and wider programme?

- How does your proposal address the needs of the call?
- How does your proposal respond to priorities in ESPA's [Knowledge Strategy](#)?
- How will your work lead to improvements in the lives of poor people in developing countries and what activities will you undertake to ensure the impact of your work (see ESPA's [Impact Strategy](#)).

Limit: 1500 words

Section 7: Post Award Plans

What are your plans for your professional career immediately after the ESPA Fellowship?

How will the ESPA Fellowship help you to achieve these plans?

Limit: 500 words

Section 8: Justification for Resources (Value for Money)

Please provide a justification for the resources you are requesting and explain why your proposal provides good value for money.

You may also detail any other external funding contributions or time that will contribute to your proposed fellowship.

Limit: 500 words

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