2011 Evidence and Impact Research Grants

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 2011 Evidence and Impact Research Grant (EIRG) projects will be expected to generate research and evidence to contribute to global policy and evidence processes during 2012 (and beyond). These must include one or more of the processes of Rio 2012, the IPCC 5th Assessment Report and the Convention on Biological Diversity.

3. **You do not need to include researchers from the United Kingdom in this application!** The ESPA programme will particularly welcome applications that are led by developing country researchers or developing country research institutions.

4. **You must include a developing country researcher in your proposal.** A developing country researcher will have the nationality of a low or middle income country. There is no restriction on where they are working (i.e. they may be working in an institution that is located in a developed country).

5. At least 33 % of the total work effort (number of days of work) must be assigned to one or more developing country researchers.

6. 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 Research Framework](). You should read this document before designing your research and completing this form.

7. All ESPA research projects are required to describe *how* their research could have the potential to benefit the world's poor, *who* would use the research (both directly and indirectly) and *what* the project will do in order to make this possible. You should read the [ESPA Impact Framework]() before designing your research and completing this application.

8. Further essential information relevant to your application is contained in the ESPA Directorate Evidence and Impact Research Grants 2011 (EIRG) (https://in-tendhost.co.uk/edinburghuni/).

9. Highly relevant information about ESPA's research themes and evidence challenges is available on the ESPA website and in Annex 1 of the EIRG document, which should be read before completing your application.

10. CVs must be submitted using the EIRG CV Template and may not exceed two pages in length. (The format must be: Arial font with a minimum size of 11pt).

11. Your application needs to include electronic copies of this form, the budget spreadsheet and a 2-page CV for every member of staff included in this proposal. *Any incomplete application will be rejected before technical review.*

12. 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 will be rejected before technical review.**

ESPA EIRG Application Form (2011)

Part 1: EIRG Project Summary		
Information	**Limits**	**Detail**
Project Title	**200 characters**	
ESPA Regions	None	
ESPA Research Themes	None	
Keywords	None	

Part 2: Lead Researcher	
Information	**Detail** (Full information will be collected from the financial spreadsheet)
Last (family) name	
First (given) name	
Title (Ms, Mr, Dr etc.)	
Institution name	
Department	

Part 3: Abstract / Summary

Please provide a summary of your proposed project using non-technical language
Limit: 200 words

Part 4: Research question or evidence challenge

Which research questions will your project address?
How will your research address the question or evidence challenge?
Limit: 500 words

Part 5: Relevance to the 2011 EIRG round

Describe the relevance of your proposed project to the EIRG round, including details of which relevant policy and outreach events your research will contribute to during 2012
Limit: 200 words

Part 6: Research methodology

How will you undertake the research? How will you use the ESPA Research Framework?
Limit: 500 words

Part 7: Poverty focus

How will your research address the links between ecosystem services and poverty alleviation?
Who are the poor people most likely to benefit from your research?
Limit: 500 words

Part 8: Impact: knowledge engagement and stakeholder interaction

How will your project build a pathway to future development impact?
- Who will benefit from your research?

- How will they use your research?

- What will you need to do to make this happen?

- How will you document baseline information for your study so that the ESPA Directorate will be assess and document impact in the future?

Limit: 500 words

Part 9: Expected Outputs

What outputs are expected from your research?
(Please include an estimate of when they will be produced)
Limit: none

Part 10: Links to other ESPA projects

Provide the NERC reference numbers of any ESPA projects that your proposal is linked to.
(One per line)
Limit: None

Describe the links with these projects and how your proposed project will add value to them
Limit: 500 words

Part 11: Capacity strengthening

PLEASE NOTE: Capacity building is not a requirement for the EIRG projects.

Will your project provide any opportunities for capacity strengthening, especially for developing country researchers or other developing country stakeholders.

How will the capacity strengthening contribute to the objectives of your proposal?

How will the capacity strengthening enhance the potential impact of your project?

How will people use their new skills after the project has been completed?

Limit: 500 words

Part 12: Justification for resources

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

Please explain how your overhead rates have been calculated.

If you are charging VAT, please explain your reasoning.

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

Limit: 500 words