



**ReCIPE**

REDUCING CONFLICT AND IMPROVING  
PERFORMANCE IN THE ECONOMY

COMPACT RESEARCH GRANT (CRG) and  
PhD RESEARCH GRANT  
APPLICANT GUIDE  
2025 – 2029



**Growth Research  
Platform**



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## About ReCIPE

The **Reducing Conflict and Improving Performance in the Economy (ReCIPE)** programme, established in April 2024 and funded by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) pursues a research agenda that aims to provide a better understanding of the links between conflict, economic growth and public policies.

Conflict has become an ever more pressing global problem, with record levels of armed conflict around the world in recent years. Rigorous empirical research on conflict is, however, relatively recent and important gaps in our understanding remain.

The objective of ReCIPE is to fund cutting-edge research that could be published in leading academic journals while simultaneously being relevant to the policy dialogue in low- and middle-income countries. ReCIPE will support rigorous and quantitative research that investigates the following questions: how important is economic growth (or lack of growth) for fuelling conflict and fragility; how do different types of economic growth contribute to conflict; and how can economic policies be used to mitigate conflict. This includes a focus on nine research areas:

- Public policies for peace
- Private and public investments and peace
- Institutions, democracy and peace
- Geoeconomics
- Climate change, natural resources and conflict
- Information and conflicts: From the role of (social) media and public opinion to big data and forecasting
- Ethnic diversity and nation-building
- Peacemaking, peacebuilding and reconstruction
- Gender, inequality and conflict

ReCIPE is also focused around three cross-cutting development issues that are simultaneously related to conflict and economic performance:

- The Generation of new data
- Gender Equality and Inclusion
- Climate Change and the Environment

During grant application evaluations, research proposals speaking to these issues in the context of conflict will receive particular consideration.

The programme will also organise and support a number of policy and academic events. ReCIPE will engage closely with the policy community to make progress towards identifying practical economic policies that can help reduce conflict. In addition, ReCIPE aims to be ‘question driven’, and so will encourage research grounded in economics but which incorporates key findings and approaches from other social sciences.

More information on our research themes and cross-cutting issues can be found in our Research Strategy, available at the bottom of this document or [this webpage](#).

## Compact & PhD Research Grants

### Compact Research Grants

Compact Research Grants (CRGs) of **between £10,000 and £25,000** are our primary funding vehicle.

CRGs can fund research assistance, data collection and/or purchase, and potentially research stipends/teaching buyouts (see CRG Budget Guidelines for eligibility requirements). Grants also support travel to field sites, even when secondary data is utilised. While we view this kind of travel (with the possibilities for field visits and conversations with policymakers) as particularly important for researchers who lack prior experience in the countries that they intend to study, applicants proposing in-country activities will need to strongly justify the activities and outline relevant security and safety considerations. Please note that cost effectiveness and value for money are important evaluation criteria and submitted budgets must adhere to the CRG Budget Guidelines, available at the bottom of this document or [this webpage](#).

Find our open and upcoming CRG funding calls [here](#).

### PhD Research Grants

While PhD students are eligible to apply to our Compact Research Grant calls, we also issue special calls exclusively for PhD students in order to encourage broader participation in the programme. Applicants must be currently enrolled in a PhD programme to be eligible for these calls and will require a letter of support from their PhD supervisor sent no later than two weeks after the deadline to the ReCIPE Team at [recipe@cepr.org](mailto:recipe@cepr.org).

PhD Research Grants (PhD RGs) of **up to £15,000** can fund research assistance, data collection and/or purchase, and stipends. Stipends should only be requested if they allow the researcher(s) to reduce teaching/administrative duties and therefore free up time for research. Stipends are capped at £12,000 for PhD students in programmes located in high-income countries and the PPP equivalent for PhD students in programmes located in low- and middle-income countries. Grants will also support travel to field sites, even when secondary data is utilised. While we view this kind of travel (with the possibilities for field visits and conversations with policymakers) as particularly important for researchers who lack prior experience in the countries that they intend to study, applicants proposing in-country activities will need to strongly justify the activities and outline relevant security and safety considerations. Please note that cost effectiveness and value for money are important evaluation criteria and submitted budgets will have to adhere to the ReCIPE Budget Guidelines, available at the bottom of this document or [this webpage](#).

The application process for PhD funding calls is the same as the process for CRG funding calls and uses the same proposal and budget templates. Find our open and upcoming PhD funding calls [here](#).

### Country and Policy Relevance

ReCIPE has a specific list of Focus Countries that make up the core of the programme. The list is [available here](#).

Please note that an important criterion for funding of proposals is the relevance to policy in one or more of these countries, especially for Focus Countries that are low-income. Proposals outside the

ReCIPE Focus Countries will need to make a strong and clear case for the relevance of the research to policy in one or more of the Focus Countries.

Please also note that research does not have to be at the national level. See the [ReCIPE Research Strategy](#) for more details.

All funded projects, regardless of location, will have to discuss within their final report and research note (see below) the potential lessons for policymakers in Focus Countries.

## Eligibility

We welcome applications to our CRG and PhD calls from researchers all over the world, and encourage applications that propose collaboration between researchers from lower- and higher-income countries.

In view of the current political situation and the imposition of economic sanctions on various Russian entities by Western governments, we are not currently able to accept proposals for projects that include researchers or members of the research team who are based at Russian institutions.

Principal investigators applying to CRG calls should currently have a PhD or be enrolled in a PhD programme. In exceptional circumstances, we will consider applications submitted by principal investigators who do not fit these criteria, however, they must be able to demonstrate a history of high-quality academic and/or policy-relevant research. Although there are no formal qualification requirements for co-investigators, co-investigators on ReCIPE-funded projects usually have a PhD or are enrolled in a PhD programme. The knowledge, expertise, and qualifications of the entire research team will be taken into account when evaluating the proposal.

## PhD Letters of Support

For all PhD students acting as principal investigators, we require a letter of support from your PhD supervisor no later than two weeks after the deadline. A PDF of the letter can be sent to the ReCIPE Team at [recipe@cepr.org](mailto:recipe@cepr.org).

For the advisor: Please discuss the feasibility of the research proposal, the intellectual support which the student will receive from advisors and others, an assessment of the student's ability to carry out the research, and of the student's longer-term potential as a researcher.

## In-country Research

For research projects conducting in-country studies in conflict or post-conflict settings, additional restrictions may apply. Funding decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis, taking into account the country's current situation, applicable sanctions, and any necessary risk assessments and requirements.

Researchers whose proposals rely on the collection of data in-country will be required to outline in their proposal the implications for the project of potential delays and the alternatives to face-to-face fieldwork. This can be included in the methodology section of the proposal template.

Any fieldwork will need to be cleared by the researcher's university and, where possible, in-country IRBs. Decisions on fieldwork should follow the advice of governments and should especially consider

the security situation of the location. Crucially, any proposal that includes face-to-face interaction should also briefly make clear how the researchers intend to ensure the safety of researchers and any participants involved in the study.

### Grant Contracts

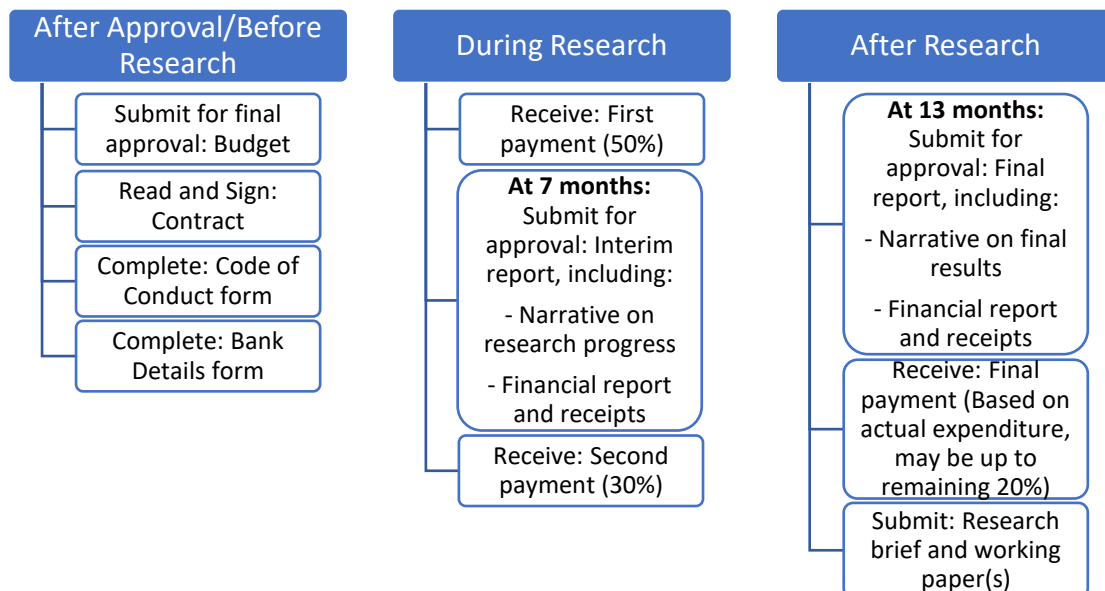
Compact and PhD Research Grants are designed to **be contracted directly with an institution**, to ensure that the appropriate policies and safeguards are in place for investigators to study conflict-affected areas. If the grant proposal does not include in-country activities or travel, an individual contract may be possible. This will be determined on a case-by-case basis, depending on the specific country and circumstances. All contracts are non-negotiable. For individual contracts, no overhead fees can be taken. For CRGs and PhD Research Grants that are contracted with an institution, the budget may include a contribution towards administrative charges or institutional overheads, reimbursed at a maximum flat rate of 20% of the total grant award, and added to the total grant award.

Please look at our institutional contract template, available at the bottom of this document or [this webpage](#), before applying.

### Call and Grant Timeline

We aim to issue funding decisions within three months of call deadlines. Successful proposals are then announced on the ReCIPE website, together with a description of the work supported.

An CRG or PhD Research Grant is to be completed within 12 months. Please note that contracts should be signed within one month of the return of the final decision, which is also the expected project start date. The grant timeline is outlined below:



### Evaluation and Selection

Proposals for submitted CRGs and PhD Research Grants are first checked for completeness by the

Programme Implementation Team. Proposals that are materially incomplete are rejected as ineligible at this stage. The ReCIPE Research Officer performs a first assessment of proposal quality to check that proposals are "within scope" and pass a minimum quality bar. They then pass all proposals and their comments to the Research Director who creates a shortlist, based on the following criteria:

- Quality of the proposed research
- Relevance to policy
- Feasibility and credibility of the proposal
- Value for money
- Contributions to expanding the field

A more detailed breakdown of these criteria and their respective weightings can be found below. **Please note this award criteria should be considered as a guide only, applicants will not be provided with a score or detailed feedback in relation to specific criterion.**

AWARD CRITERIA		Possible	Score
<b>Criterion A</b>	<b>Qualifications and expertise of the Principal Investigator and project team</b>	(25)	
	Scientific credentials of Principal Investigator	15	
	Credentials and experience of the research team, including meaningful participation by focus country researchers	10	
<b>Criterion B</b>	<b>Quality of the proposed research</b>	(20)	
	Clear description of the conceptual framework, analytical framework and research questions, demonstrating in-depth knowledge of the issue/s under question	10	
	Methodology and its appropriateness to the research questions	10	
<b>RESEARCH SCORE</b>		<b>(45)</b>	
<b>Criterion C</b>	<b>Identification of the policy relevant dimensions of the subject, and how well it fits into the priorities identified in the Research Strategy</b>	(30)	
	Potential policy uptake	15	
	Relevance to cross-cutting themes	15	
<b>POLICY SCORE</b>		<b>(30)</b>	
<b>Criterion D</b>	<b>Quality and Value for Money of the project management plan</b>	(25)	
	Value for money including resource allocation (personnel and budget)	15	
	Work organisation and feasibility of the schedule	5	
	Quality assurance mechanisms and ethical considerations	5	
<b>IMPLEMENTATION SCORE</b>		<b>(25)</b>	
<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>		<b>(100)</b>	

The Research Director will then pass on the shortlisted proposals to external evaluators. Each

proposal will be sent to two evaluators. The Research Director will then appoint a Grants Selection Panel (GSP), including the external evaluators, which will discuss the shortlisted proposals together. The Research Director will serve as chair of the GSP. Final recommendations will be made based on the recommendations of the GSP as well as the judgement of the ReCIPE Research Director.

## How To Apply For A CRG Or PhD Research Grant

### Preparing Your Application

You need to prepare the following material for your application for a CRG or PhD Research Grant in advance of accessing the online application portal. Please note that you must use the templates provided at the bottom of this document or [this webpage](#) for the proposal and budget.

- Project title
- Project abstract. The abstract should include a section highlighting the policy implications of the proposed research for ReCIPE focus countries.
- Contact details and CVs for all investigators
- Proposal. The proposal template can be found at the bottom of this document on [this webpage](#). This is the main description of the project and should include a discussion of each of the following elements. The total length of sections 1 through 8 should not exceed five pages with a minimum font size of 11 and single spacing.
  - Introduction
  - Methodology
  - Policy relevance and country focus
  - Relevance to ReCIPE research agenda, themes, and cross-cutting themes (including the selection of a primary theme)
  - Detailed work plan
  - Expected outputs
  - Contributions to expanding the field
  - Budget narrative
  - Ethics
  - Privacy
  - Intellectual property rights
  - Open and enhanced access to research outputs
- Budget. The budget template and guidelines can be found at the bottom of this document or [this webpage](#). This provides a detailed breakdown of how the funds will be used under the grant.
- Keywords

Our PhD and CRG Frequently Asked Questions can help provide answers to many of the questions you may have when preparing these materials and submitting your application. Once prepared, we recommend reading our ['How To Submit an Application'](#) guide to take you through the online application portal.

Before submitting your proposal, you will also need to you have read ReCIPE's [Code of Conduct for Researchers](#) , CEPR's [Conflict of Interest Policy](#), [Fraud, Bribery and Corruption Policy](#) and [Privacy Policy](#). All grantees are required to adhere to these policies.

Proposals (including all supporting documents) must be submitted in English. Where any required supporting document cannot be obtained in English, a translation verified and approved by an official authority must be submitted.

All financial information contained in the proposed budget must be expressed in pounds sterling (GBP). Awards are specified, and grant payments are made in pounds sterling (GBP).

All costs incurred by the applicant in the course of the submission process/application procedure must be borne by the applicant. ReCIPE does not provide financial assistance to applicants.

All necessary documents for your proposal can be found at the bottom of this document or [this webpage](#).

## How To Apply Online

### Create an Account

**All proposals must be submitted online through our online application portal, [CEPR Hub](#).** In order to access the application form, you must first create an account. Once on [CEPR Hub](#), click “Register”, fill in your personal information, and complete the account creation.

**CEPR HUB**

Email address  
*Enter your HUB @ CEPR username.*

Password  
*Enter the password that accompanies your username.*

[Forgot password?](#)

**WELCOME TO HUB**  
In the event of any difficulties with login, registration, or password recovery, please contact [itsupport@cepr.org](mailto:itsupport@cepr.org) and someone will reply as soon as possible.

**The CEPR Admin Team**

**CEPR HUB**

Email address  
*The email address is not made public. It will only be used if you need to be contacted about your account or for opted-in notifications.*

Personal details  
Please use full first name (e.g. Edward instead of Ed)

First Name \*

Last Name \*

CAPTCHA

Math question     9 + 6 =

*Solve this simple math problem and enter the result. E.g. for 1+3, enter 4.*

This question is for testing whether or not you are a human visitor and to prevent automated spam submissions.

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Once you have signed up, you must verify your account and set a password through an email sent to your email address. Click the one-time login link in the email and set your password.

Dear

Thank you for registering at HUB @ CEPR. You may now log in by clicking this link or copying and pasting it into your browser:

<https://hub.cepr.org/user/reset/28035/1752658231/WuZcMiu7iqMZLT3PBvUYQc...>

This link can only be used once to log in and will lead you to a page where you can set your password.

After setting your password, you will be able to log in at <https://hub.cepr.org/user> in the future using:

username:

password: Your password

-- HUB @ CEPR team




This is a one-time login for

Click on this button to log in to the site and change your password.

This login can be used only once.

[Log in](#)

Password

Password strength: 

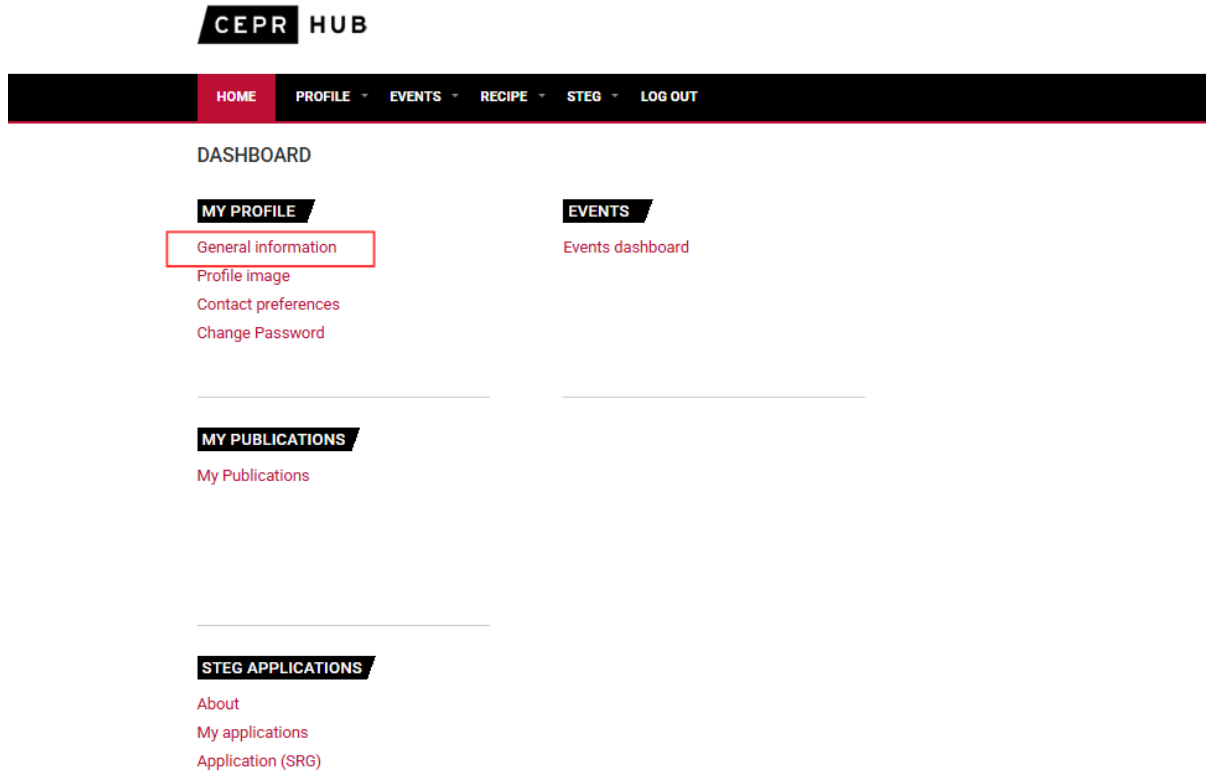
Confirm password

Passwords match:

*To change the current user password, enter the new password in both fields.*

[Save](#)

Once you have set your password and confirmed your account, you must complete the Personal Details form. From the password confirmation page, go to “Home”. Then, in your Hub Dashboard, go to “My Profile” and select “General Information”.



The screenshot displays the CEPR HUB dashboard interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the following items: HOME (highlighted in red), PROFILE, EVENTS, RECIPE, STEG, and LOG OUT. Below the navigation bar, the main content area is titled 'DASHBOARD'. It is divided into several sections:

- MY PROFILE**: This section contains a list of links: 'General information' (highlighted with a red box), 'Profile image', 'Contact preferences', and 'Change Password'.
- EVENTS**: This section contains a link for 'Events dashboard'.
- MY PUBLICATIONS**: This section contains a link for 'My Publications'.
- STEG APPLICATIONS**: This section contains links for 'About', 'My applications', and 'Application (SRG)'.

You can now fill in your personal details. Please give priority to entering your name, email, organisation and job title, as this information will be displayed on the website if your application is successful.

### PROFILE - PERSONAL DETAILS

My contact details

Name Prefix	<input type="text" value="Mr."/> ▼
First Name	<input type="text"/>
Last Name	<input type="text"/>
Phone Number	<input type="text"/>
Email	<input type="text"/>
Street Address	<input type="text"/>
Street Address Line 2	<input type="text"/>
Street Address Line 3	<input type="text"/>
Street Address Line 4	<input type="text"/>
City	<input type="text"/>
Postal Code	<input type="text"/>
Country	<input type="text" value="United Kingdom"/> ▼
Website	<input type="text"/>

Affiliation

Organization	<input type="text"/>
Job Title	<input type="text"/>

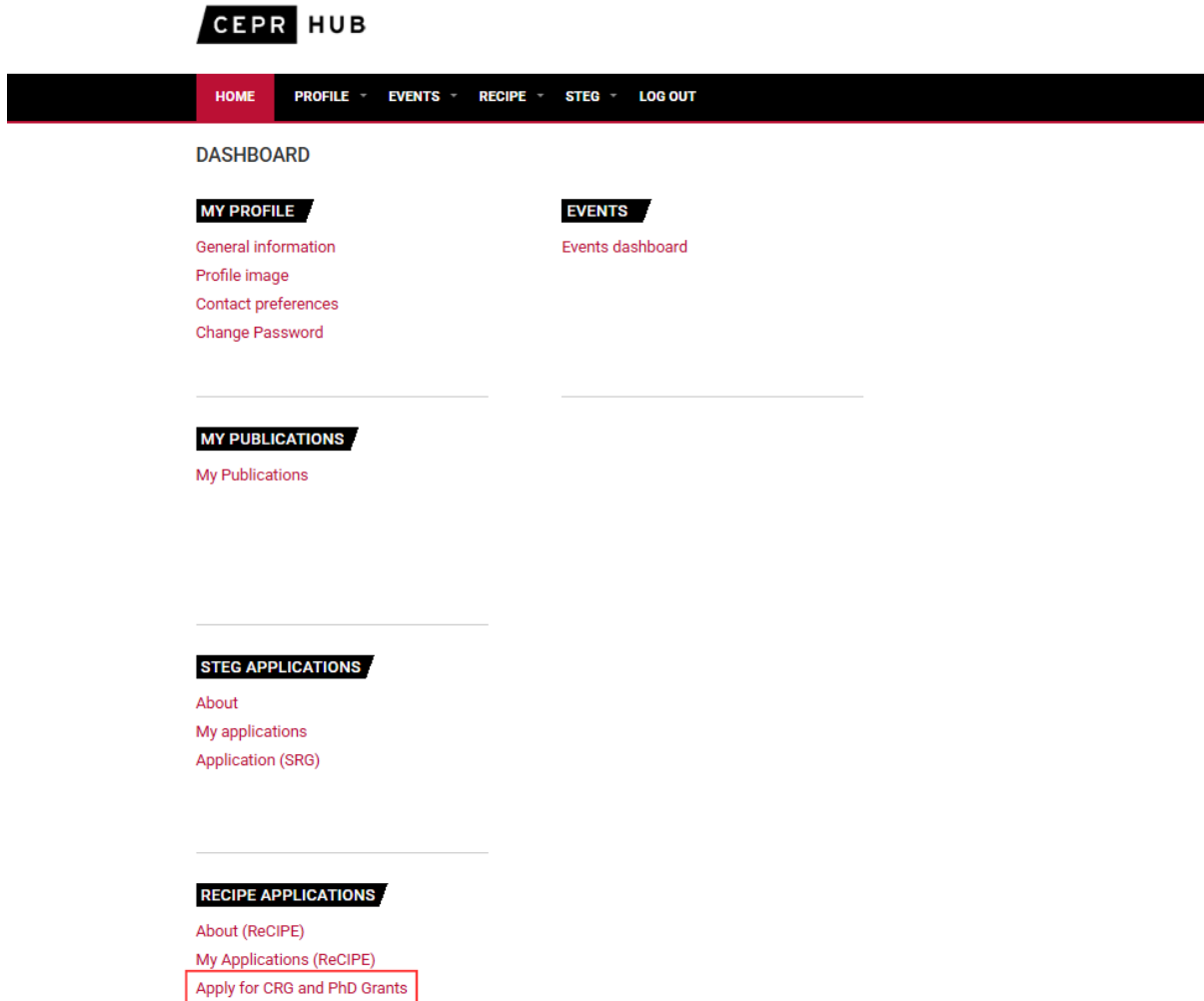
Individual

Biography	<input type="text"/>
Reason for Registration	<input type="text"/>
ORCID	<input type="text"/>
RePEc Author ID	<input type="text"/>

Further details can be added to your profile at a later stage through your account, such as a short biography and a profile image, which will both be visible on our website if your application is successful.

## Applying to a CRG or PhD

Applications to CRG and PhD calls can be made through the [CRG and PhD Application Form](#). In your Hub Dashboard, go to under “ReCIPE Applications” and select “Apply for CRG and PhD Grants”. The form can also be accessed by selecting "Apply for CRG and PhD grants" under the ReCIPE tab in the top navigation bar.



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- MY PROFILE**: Contains links for General information, Profile image, Contact preferences, and Change Password.
- EVENTS**: Contains a link for Events dashboard.
- MY PUBLICATIONS**: Contains a link for My Publications.
- STEG APPLICATIONS**: Contains links for About, My applications, and Application (SRG).
- RECIPE APPLICATIONS**: Contains links for About (ReCIPE), My Applications (ReCIPE), and Apply for CRG and PhD Grants (highlighted with a red border).

In order to complete the following Application Form, please first provide the details and CV for the principal Investigator and for each Co-Investigator.

RECIPE APPLICATION FORM



CLICK [HERE](#) IF YOU ARE SUBMITTING ON BEHALF OF THE PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR. PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION EMAIL OF SUBMISSION IF YOU CHANGE THE PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR'S EMAIL ADDRESS.

First Name

Last Name

Email

**PhD Candidate**

Yes  
 No

Your CV

No file chosen

*One file only.  
30 MB limit.  
Allowed types: pdf.*

Co-Investigators  ▼

**Co-Investigator #1**

First Name

Last Name

Email

Co-Investigator #1 CV

No file chosen

*One file only.  
30 MB limit.  
Allowed types: pdf.*

You must then indicate which call you are applying for (e.g. 1<sup>st</sup> Compact Research Grant), provide details about your project, and upload your proposal and budget using the templates available on the ReCIPE website.

RECIPE APPLICATION FORM



Application Details

Funding Call

Proposal Call Name (ReCIPE)

Project Title

Abstract

*Proposal*  
One file only.  
30 MB limit.  
Allowed types: pdf.  
You must use the template provided on the ReCIPE website.

No file chosen

Budget Value £

*Budget*  
One file only.  
30 MB limit.  
Allowed types: xls, xlsx.  
You must use the template provided on the ReCIPE website.

No file chosen

Keywords


Is this a Resubmission?

- Yes
- No

Please indicate what is the Primary Theme that your proposal focuses on (you must select only one). Then, specify all Themes – including cross-cutting issues and your Primary Theme – that are relevant to your proposal (you may select as many as you wish). For guidance, you can refer to the nine ReCIPE Research Themes and the three cross-cutting issues described on the website and in the Research Strategy.

You must also indicate which countries are the focus of the proposed research. ReCIPE has a specific [list of Focus Countries](#) available on the website. Proposals outside the ReCIPE Focus Countries will need to make a strong and clear case for the relevance of the research to policy in one or more of the Focus Countries.

RECIPE APPLICATION FORM



**Themes**

**Primary theme**

Primary Theme  **Select one primary theme**

**Themes**

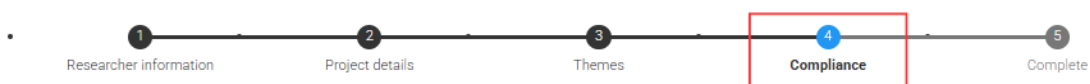
In this field, you must select **all themes** (including the primary one) that you feel are relevant to your application

**Focus Country(ies)**

Please refer to the ReCIPE Focus Countries List on the ReCIPE website. Please write the region name if the research is at a regional level.

To finalise your application, you must agree to the compliance policies listed below and available on the ReCIPE website. Once this is done, you will be able to submit your application.

RECIPE APPLICATION FORM



**Compliance**

Please tick the boxes to confirm you have read and agree with the following policies. Links to the policies are available on the ReCIPE website. Please note researchers must agree to the policies for their application to be considered.

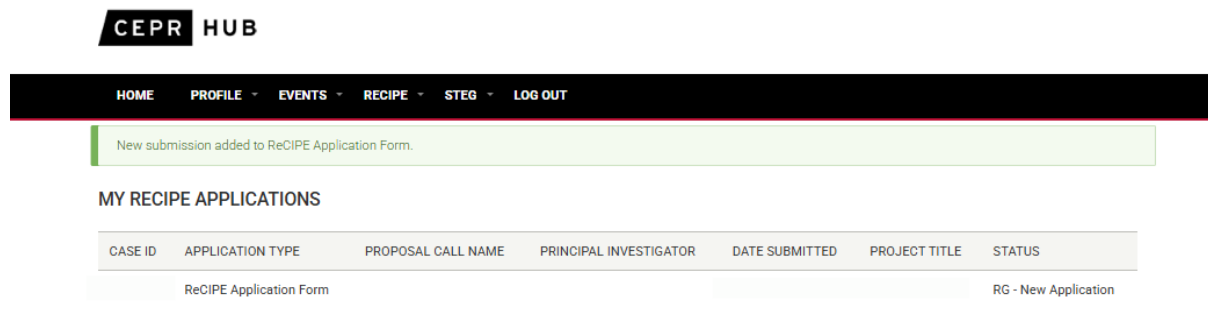
Code of Conduct for Researchers

Conflict of Interest Policy

Fraud, Bribery and Corruption Policy

Privacy Policy

After submission, you will be redirected to a confirmation page.



**CEPR HUB**

HOME PROFILE ▾ EVENTS ▾ RECIPE ▾ STEG ▾ LOG OUT

New submission added to ReCIPE Application Form.

**MY RECIPE APPLICATIONS**

CASE ID	APPLICATION TYPE	PROPOSAL CALL NAME	PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR	DATE SUBMITTED	PROJECT TITLE	STATUS
	ReCIPE Application Form					RG - New Application

All information submitted must be complete and all proposals and budgets must use the templates provided at the bottom of this document or [this webpage](#). Proposals that fail to use the correct templates or that have missing or false information or documents containing misrepresentations of facts will be rejected.

Upon submission of your application, you should receive a confirmation email. Please note that if you have only very recently created an account, you may not receive the email confirming receipt of your application. If this is the case, please do not resubmit your application but contact the ReCIPE Team at [recipe@cepr.org](mailto:recipe@cepr.org) to confirm submission.

If you have any other issues with the application process, please contact the ReCIPE Team at [recipe@cepr.org](mailto:recipe@cepr.org).

## Successful Applicants

Successful applicants are expected to report their progress on a regular basis. The progress of CRGs and PhD Research Grants is monitored through a system of interim and final reports. One interim report is required six months (halfway) into the project with a final report required within one month of the end date of the project. The reports are reviewed by the ReCIPE Team, and approval will be necessary for the further disbursement of funds. The interim report should include:

- A non-technical summary of the project
- Completed activities
- Planned activities
- Research findings
- Policy impact
- Outputs and dissemination activities
- Financial report

The final report should include:

- A non-technical summary of the project
- Completed activities
- Remaining activities
- Methodology
- Research findings
- Policy impact
- Outputs and dissemination activities
- Financial report

Upon completion and approval of the final report, and once final analysis has been undertaken, projects are also required to produce a research brief to join the ReCIPE Research Note series. This is a three-page summary of the project designed to inform policymakers of the research that ReCIPE undertakes. The research note should be prefixed by a short abstract. The main body of the note should discuss in greater depth the:

- Research question and motivation
- Policy context and background
- Methodology (including any data collection)
- Main findings
- Policy impact
- Next steps

Templates for the interim and final reports can be found at the bottom of this document or [this webpage](#).

## PhD and CRG Frequently Asked Questions

### Applications

#### **How can I apply for a Compact Research Grant or PhD Research Grant?**

Applications for a CRG or PhD Research Grant should be submitted through the CEPR Hub. Instructions on how to submit an application through this portal are available on [this webpage](#).

#### **Who can apply for a Compact Research Grant or PhD Research Grant?**

ReCIPE invites applications from researchers located all over the world. Principal investigators applying to CRG calls should currently have a PhD or be enrolled in a PhD programme, and principal investigators applying to the PhD call should already be enrolled in a PhD programme. However, in view of the current political situation and the imposition of economic sanctions on various Russian entities by Western governments, we are not currently able to accept proposals for projects that include researchers or members of the research team who are based at Russian institutions.

Those enrolled in a PhD programme can apply for either a CRG call or a PhD call. However, please note the grants differ in maximum value and applicants cannot submit the same application to both calls.

#### **Are there specific affiliation requirements?**

There are no strict affiliation requirements for individuals applying for CRGs. Please note, however, that these grants are intended to fund academic research rather than supporting programmes.

For PhD calls, all applicants must be enrolled in a PhD programme and therefore affiliated with an academic institution.

#### **Can I apply as a team?**

Yes, you may apply as a team. Indeed, we encourage collaboration between academics and in-country specialists. We similarly encourage multidisciplinary teams.

However, only one researcher should submit the proposal as the representative of the team. That individual is the named individual on the contract and is responsible for the project implementation, should the application be successful.

#### **Do I need a senior collaborator (Applicable for CRGs only)?**

Only if she or he will make a necessary and substantive contribution to the work. (Don't include someone who will be nothing more than a silent partner.) We encourage and are eager to fund strong applications from less established researchers, including junior faculty, postdocs, and PhD students. We also enthusiastically welcome submissions from less represented demographics and from those in low-income countries. We do not believe that the so-called top-tier departments have a monopoly on good research, and we consequently encourage applications from researchers across the entire profession.

#### **Is there a deadline for proposal submission?**

Yes. Deadlines for an individual call for proposals will be stated on the call information page. The deadlines for an individual call is also clearly advertised on the website and through our newsletter.

#### **Can I submit more than one proposal to a funding call?**

No person can be the principal investigator (PI) on two different proposals within the same CRG funding call. However, it is permitted for a person to be PI for one proposal while only being a co-investigator (Co-I) for another.

**Can I submit to both an CRG funding call and a PhD funding call that are running concurrently?**

No, PhD students must decide whether to submit their application to either the CRG or PhD funding call.

**Should ReCIPE research proposals be based on a purely economic and quantitative approach, or is there scope for applications involving other methods and disciplines to be considered?**

The programme is open to mixed/multidisciplinary approaches. However, the aim of the programme is to better understand the links between conflicts, economic growth, and public policies, so applications should be able to demonstrate a clear link or contribution to the literature on economic growth and policies.

**What geographic focus can my application have?**

ReCIPE has a list of Focus Countries. All applications will be evaluated based on their relevance to policy in one or more of those countries. Proposals outside the ReCIPE Focus Countries will need to make a strong and clear case for the relevance of the research to policy in one or more of the Focus Countries.

ReCIPE research proposals do not need to be focused at the national level. Please see our Research Strategy for more details.

**Can I apply for funding to work on a theory paper?**

It is possible, but you will need to very carefully justify why the project is relevant to policy in ReCIPE's Focus Countries.

**When will applicants be notified of the call's results?**

The aim is to notify applicants within three months of the proposal deadline.

**Can a rejected proposal be resubmitted?**

Only those who have been explicitly invited to do so may resubmit a previously unsuccessful proposal. The purpose of the 'by invitation' policy is to allow for amendments and/or improvements to proposals that the Evaluation Committee considers have the potential to be funded.

There is no guarantee that a resubmitted proposal will be successful.

Proposals must be resubmitted through the CEPR Hub online application portal identifying themselves as resubmissions during the process and detailing the changes that have been made in the relevant text box.

**What are the preferred outputs for the Compact Research Grants and PhD Research Grants? Would it be in the form of a paper/report, policy briefing or academic journal article?**

Projects are expected to produce high-quality academic papers as the primary output. However, a policy brief should also be produced, to highlight the policy-relevant results.

## Budgets

**What criteria should the project budget comply with?**

The CRG and PhD Budget Guidelines are available at the bottom of this page.

**Can I include a payment for myself in the budget?**

Research stipends are eligible costs under ReCIPE to the extent that PIs and Co-Is are directly involved in providing services to the project. Stipends should only be requested if they allow the researcher(s) to reduce teaching/administrative duties and therefore free up time for research. Individual eligibility depends upon seniority and location:

- Stipends for senior researchers located in upper-middle and high-income countries are not funded under the CRG programme.
- Stipends are capped at £12,000 for PhD students in programmes located in high-income countries and the PPP equivalent for PhD students in programmes located in low- and middle-income countries.
- Stipends for up to 9 months of time are allowed for researchers in lower-income countries.

All research stipend costs will be evaluated for their value for money and may require further justification or amendments before being approved by CEPR.

### **What can be included under equipment?**

It is expected that researchers and institutions provide their own IT equipment such as tablets, mobile phones, laptops, and computers for the duration of the project. In exceptional circumstances these can be included in the budget, but strong justification will be required, and a maximum of £500 for items of equipment will be applied.

## Contracting

### **With whom are contracts signed?**

Individuals apply for CRGs and PhD Research Grants, and the grants are issued through a contract between CEPR and the successful applicant directly. In exceptional circumstances, a contract with an institution can be issued, but the contract will be non-negotiable, and the institution cannot take any overheads.

### **What is the average contract length of a Small Research Grant?**

CRGs and PhD Research Grants typically run for 12 months. Formal requests for extension can be submitted with sufficient justification.

### **Is the start date of the project negotiable? Is it possible to ask for a delayed start date?**

We cannot guarantee that we can offer a delayed start to the contract. Where applicants have a sufficient justification, exceptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis. However, consideration will be given to the extent of the delay, which may have a bearing on the decision.

### **What is the payment schedule for ReCIPE grants?**

All ReCIPE CRGs and PhD Research Grants are paid 50% of the budget at contracting, 30% with the interim report (six months into the contract), and 20% after the approval of the final report. This final 20% payment is held by CEPR until the contract and expenditure for the project is completed and then researchers are reimbursed the final actual costs.

Please note that the second and final payments is contingent on the completion of the grant's reporting requirements, including the satisfactory demonstration of progress in the project.

### **What are the reporting requirements for ReCIPE grants?**

All ReCIPE CRGs and PhD Research Grants are required to submit an interim report halfway through the contract and a final report at the end of the contract. The reports consist of a written narrative

section and a financial report. Example templates for CRGs can be found below (PhD templates are almost identical).

## Annex

Templates, Useful Documents and Links:

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[ReCIPE Research Strategy](#)

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