



Campbell Systematic Reviews and Methods Request for Papers Frequently Asked Questions

Questions were received until March 14 2016. No further questions will be answered.

What are the priority areas within the themes of each of the six coordinating groups?

There are no specific priority areas of interest within the six subject areas: crime and justice, education, international development, social welfare, knowledge translation and implementation and methods.

Is there a project officer I can speak to?

All queries should be submitted by email. Answers will be posted weekly in a FAQ until the end of February, after which no further questions will be answered.

Is an ongoing review ineligible? Is any work that has already started is ineligible?

Any review for which a title or protocol has been registered or published in any place (not just Campbell) is not eligible under this call. If work has started, but no outputs placed in the public domain then an application may be submitted.

What is the scope a 'methods review'? Are there examples in the Campbell Library?

Methods reviews are systematic reviews which focus on reviewing an aspect of methods used in the included studies rather than a synthesis of findings. Examples of possible topics would be treatment of ethical issues, measuring spill overs, and the treatment of attrition in experimental studies. There are no methods reviews in the Campbell Library at present.

Are systematic reviews on knowledge translation are expected to assimilate evidence in the fields of crime & justice / education / international development / social welfare?

Reviews of knowledge translation do not have to be restricted to the four subject areas of the Campbell Coordinating Groups.

Would a systematic review of systematic reviews fall under the call for systematic reviews?

The Campbell Library does not currently publish reviews of reviews. Reviews of reviews has been included in the Methods RFP.

What is the value of the funding?

Systematic review grants can be up to US\$40,000 each.

Methods grants can be up to US\$20,000 each

My research is associated to clinical and public health sciences. Am I eligible to apply for the grant?

No. The topic does not fall within the four subject areas.

I have submitted a proposal for the Jacobs Foundation Grant. May I submit a proposal for the same research to this call?

Yes. However, you will not be awarded both grants. Your application to Campbell will be withdrawn if your Jacobs application is successful.

When will you be notifying applicants of your funding decisions?

We will notify applicants of funding decisions within six weeks of the submission deadline.

Who is eligible to apply?

Employees of any academic or research institution (including private research agencies) may apply. Grants will be made to institutions not individuals.

Are health services researcher eligible to apply for the methods call?

Yes.

What is the indirect cost rate for a university which is an international organization?

The higher rate may be applied if the university can provide documentation that it is an international organization in the meaning that it is a membership organization with national governments as members, those national governments having signed the charter or other agreement indicating their membership of the organization.

Is there a limit on the number of applications that a single person or a single institution can submit and/or be involved in?

No.

We have a title registered, but haven't started the protocol, yet. Is our SR still eligible to seeking this award?

No.

Do you anticipate offering other grant opportunities in the future?

A second methods grant programme will be run at the end of 2016.

We hope to offer future funding for reviews, but do not yet have funding for that.

What health concepts/interventions fall under KTI and methods reviews?

Since the focus of KTI and methods reviews are on knowledge translation or implementation lessons, or methods, there is no sectoral or sub-sectoral restriction for these reviews.

Can a commercial producer partner with a University to apply for a grant for a review of one of their products?

No. The producer being involved in the review would not be allowed under Campbell's conflict of interest policy.

Is a review involving children in research projects and how to make sure their experiences are as positive as possible eligible?. Is this type of topic relevant to your grant programme and if so would it fit best under methods or knowledge translation?

Yes. It would be a methods review.

What is the likely success rate of applications?

Most likely 10-15 per cent.

Is there a preference for teams from the US, or any other specific country?

No

Can travel costs and costs of conference participation be included? Where do we put them in the budget?

It is not anticipated that the grants will include travel costs or conference costs. Study teams are encouraged to seek other sources of finance for these activities. However, if teams want to include such items (e.g. for team meetings or presentations) the costs should be included under equipment and justified in the budget narrative.

Can we include costs for inter-library loans or other costs for accessing materials?

Yes. Include under equipment.

Are meta-analysis eligible for this award?

Yes, but should be part of a systematic review.

When is the earliest/latest start date for the project/funding? We were planning in proposing September 2016?

Awards will be announced by early May. Start date should be on contract signing, which depends on the contract negotiation period, but it is expected to be July-August 2016.

Are PIs and Co-Is supposed to cost themselves as consultants? Or is there any other way to cost for their % of input?

Contracts will be made with organizations not individuals. Researchers should be costed as per their organization's policy for research contracts. They should not be costed as for commercial contracts.

Does the word maximum for the proposal include references?

No.

Is a systematic review of weight of evidence frameworks to evaluate the robustness of evidence used in horizon scanning programme eligible for funding?

Proposed reviews must fall under one of the existing Campbell Coordinating Groups. This title could fit with the methods group, though it is up to the reviewers if the title is in their scope.

What should be included in the CV?

We have no specific requirements or length restrictions, so you may submit your standard CV. If you have a recent CV tailored for submission for systematic review funding that would be appropriate.

Is information retrieval (literature gathering) an eligible topic for a methods grant?

A list of preferred topics has been issued. Other topics may be submitted, but the panel will give preference to those on the preferred list if they are of sufficient quality.

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