

# PROPERTY RESEARCH TRUST

**Our mission is to fund and support property, land and real estate research for the public good**

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## **INVITATION TO TENDER FOR A RESEARCH GRANT**

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### **Who we are**

- Formerly the RICS Research Trust, we are an independent charity founded on property expertise seeking to support and develop new knowledge in our priority areas of endeavour.

### **What we stand for**

- Property-related research which promotes the public good and is based on the principles of social responsibility.

### **What we do**

- We commission the production of research reports which are robust, independent and focused on the notions of public good and social responsibility within the built and natural environments.

### **Who we seek to influence**

- We recognise that our primary audiences, and those we seek to influence, are property professionals around the world specialising in decision-making at any point through the property life-cycle.

**We are now pleased to make a Call for applications for funding.**

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Our funding priorities are built around four themes which adhere to our core principle of promoting the public good and social responsibility.

- New technologies
- Environmental resilience
- Governance (including matters of land and property tenure and management)
- Finance and Investment

**For this Call, we are seeking to attract bids from researchers who apply a combination of at least two of these themes to the sustainability debate. In particular, we are looking to fund research that can assist actors in the real estate industry (constructors, investors, developers and designers) to consider, in practical ways, how they will respond to the increasing array of targets and obligations pertaining to ‘the net zero agenda’.**

## Amount of funding

The Trust will allocate up to £20,000 (twenty thousand pounds sterling) in this round.

Applicants may bid for *either*:

- A grant of **up to £5,000** to produce a provocative, authoritative, thought piece, normally in the region of 6,000 words. For this a timescale of a maximum of 6 months from the date of grant will be allowed; or
- A grant of **up to £10,000** to produce an original piece of research normally based on empirical work or data modelling. For this the timescale is negotiable, but we suggest a target of about 9-15 months.

## Who is eligible to apply?

Applicants can be individuals or teams of researchers, based in a university, commercial business, or a not-for-profit organisation, from any part of the world. Applicants with co-funding are encouraged.

## Timeline for applications

A two-stage applications process will apply. Closing date for Stage One is Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022, 8.00 pm GMT. This is an outline application.

All applications will be considered and those selected to proceed to Stage Two will be notified by email by no later than Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022 to submit a worked-up proposal before a closing date of Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

It is our intention to be very selective at Stage One, with only a limited number of applicants proceeding to Stage Two.

Application forms are downloadable from the website:

[www.propertyresearchtrust.org](http://www.propertyresearchtrust.org)

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## Criteria for Selection at Stage One

- Fit to the call both in terms of themes and principles.
- Evidence of innovative thinking and originality of the bid.
- Realism in relation to matching the resource base to the work anticipated.
- Track record of applicants (links to website CVs are allowed) judged in relation to the bid.
- Research skills and the ability to express themselves in writing to a very high standard in the English language.
- Quality of the application in terms of its aims, methodology and proposed outcomes.
- Likelihood that the work will provide outcomes that further knowledge and/or thinking in the field.
- Presence of matched funding is not a criterion.

The decision of the Trustees as to which applications to progress to Stage Two is final and there is no appeal procedure against the judgement. Limited feedback will be supplied to all unsuccessful applicants, but we will not be able to enter into protracted correspondence.

Please note that that the Trust will not fund:

- Interview transcriptions
- Travel for interviews

## Criteria for Selection at Stage Two

The selection criteria at Stage Two will be provided to all applicants who are successful at Stage One.

## Questions

Any questions regarding this call prior to submission of a bid should be made by email to [contact@propertyresearchtrust.org](mailto:contact@propertyresearchtrust.org) and headed Research Tender Stage One.