

# 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**

We are an independent charity, legally based in the UK but with trustees from countries around the world and with global interests. We commission research reports which are robust, independent and focused on the notions of public good and social responsibility within the built and natural environments. Until 2021 we were known as the RICS Research Trust but we are now fully independent.

Our funding priorities are currently 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

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 also aim to help frame public policy debates, and improve knowledge more widely.

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

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.

[propertyresearchtrust.org](https://propertyresearchtrust.org)

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We expect to award up to £20,000 (twenty thousand pounds sterling) of grants in this round, probably as two awards.

Applicants may bid for:

- 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.

We have recently agreed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Aubrey Barker Fund (ABF), whose aim is *enhancing survey and land management skills in developing countries through professional education and capacity building for the lasting benefit of local communities*. Under this MOU, ABF will consider providing funding support to PRT, to increase the funds available. ABF will consider applications which PRT assesses as fundable, and which support ABF's aim. ABF defines developing countries as to those defined by the World Bank as low income, lower-middle income or higher-middle income.

We have also agreed a partnership with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS). RICS will provide funding support to PRT for research applications that support RICS' regulatory remit; particularly professional and technical competence, education in the natural and built environment, and lifelong learning and professional development.

## 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 single stage applications process will apply. Closing date for applications is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 1700 GMT.

All applications will be considered and those selected will be notified by email by no later than Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

## Criteria for selection

- 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 write clearly, 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.

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- Presence of matched funding is not a criterion.

The decision of the Trustees as to which applications fund 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

## How to apply

Application forms are downloadable from the website:

<https://www.propertyresearchtrust.org/>

## Questions

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