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

INVITATION TO TENDER FOR A JOINT RICS/PRT RESEARCH GRANT

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.

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.

As part of our 2026 Programme, we have agreed a joint Call with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS). The RICS will provide funding support to PRT for research grant applications that support the RICS' research and thought leadership needs in key specified areas.

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

For our joint PRT/RICS 2026 Call, we are seeking to attract bids from researchers for the following five topics.

1. How can retrofit policy implementation be optimised to better align short-term incentives with long-term benefits? Evidence from international programmes and implications for the UK's retrofit agenda.
2. Pre demolition audits: the real-world impact and how they can evolve into meaningful drivers of circularity.
3. How does power availability and infrastructure constraint reshape land value, investment risk, and capital allocation in the global data centre market?

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4. Innovations in renewable-energy integration for buildings that show most promise for widespread adoption.
5. Delivering Rural Housing in England: Insights and Policy Recommendations.

We expect to award up to £50,000 (fifty thousand pounds sterling) of grants in this round, probably as five awards.

Applicants may bid for:

- A grant of **up to £10,000** to produce an original, evidence-based empirical research project. For this, the project timescale is six (6) months.
- Applicants may apply for one or more topics, as separate applications.

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 27th March 2026 at 1700 GMT.

All applications will be considered and those selected will be notified by email by no later than Friday 24th April 2026.

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 and the project timescale.
- 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 and/or public policy in the field.
- The presence of matched funding is not a criterion but is acceptable.

The decision of the Trustees as to which applications are funded is final and there is no appeal procedure against the judgement. Limited feedback can be supplied if requested, but we will not be able to enter into protracted correspondence.

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Please note that that the Trust will not fund:

- Interview transcriptions
- Travel for interviews or conferences

How to apply

Application forms are downloadable from the website:

www.propertyreseachtrust.org

Questions

Any questions regarding this call prior to submission of a bid should be made by email to info@propertyresearchtrust.org and headed Research Tender Stage One.