A collaboration between the British Council Assessment Research Group and MetaMetrics

Research into Reading Grants 2023

## Application Guidelines

Please complete the [application form on our website](https://www.britishcouncil.org/exam/aptis/research/grants-and-awards/research-into-reading), referring to the below guidelines. To submit your proposal, please send it to [ARAG@britishcouncil.org](mailto:ARAG@britishcouncil.org) by 17 April 2023.

1. Overview

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| **Name(s) of researcher(s):**  *[please provide further details in section 2]* | | |
| **Name of institution (body) to administer Grant:** | | |
| **Please tick the area(s) of interest your proposal relates to:**   |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | Reading comprehension | |  | Reading comprehension growth | |  | Reading text complexity in relation to different levels of language proficiency frameworks | | | |
| **This project is linked to:**   |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | The Aptis test system | |  | The Lexile Framework for Reading | |  | Both | |  | Neither | | | |
| **Project title:** | | |
| Project summary:  *[summary of aims, significance and expected outcomes, in no more than 150 words]* | | |
| **Research methodology to be used:** | | |
| **Research timeframe (approx.):** | |  |
| **Project start date:** | |  |
| **Project finish date:** | |  |
| **Total amount of funding requested:** | | *[in GBP, USD or EUR]*  *[please provide details in section 3]* |
| **I/We confirm that I/we will agree to the following regulations regarding the publication or presentation of the results of this project:**   1. To provide interim and final reports as detailed in the final contract 2. To provide a brief non-technical summary of the findings 3. To publish or present the findings only with the prior agreement of the British Council and MetaMetrics. | | |
| **Principal investigator** | Signed: …………………………………………… | |
| **Researcher** | Signed: …………………………………………… | |

*[Please duplicate the last two rows for any additional researchers.]*

2. Researcher details

**Principal investigator**

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| **Full name and title:** |  |
| **Current position:** |  |
| **Organisation/ Department:** |  |
| **Contact address:** |  |
| **Phone:** | **E-mail:** |
| **Highest qualification:** |  |
| **Research interests and achievements:** | *[areas of research interest*  *awards*  *publications (indicative)*  *conference Presentations (indicative)]* |

**Other Researcher(s)**

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| **Full name and title:** |  |
| **Current position:** |  |
| **Organisation/ Department:** |  |
| **Contact address:** |  |
| **Phone:** | **E-mail:** |
| **Highest qualification:** |  |
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*[Please duplicate the table above for any additional researchers.]*

3. Data request and access

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| **Please state clearly any data required for this project from the British Council or MetaMetrics:**  *[Please indicate the type of data you require, the quantity and at which stage of the project. Data can take some time to access and therefore, if we know at the beginning exactly what is required, we can better help you access it.]* |

4. Budget details

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| **Detailed budget items** | **Priority\*** | **Amount requested** |
| **Personnel**  *[indicate number of days and rate for each participant, e.g.:*  *XXXX XXXXXX (XX days @ £XXX per day)*  *Statistics Consultant (XX days @ £XXX per day*  *(input to literature review & reports)]* |  |  |
| **Travel**  *[Data collection (travel to site, for participants and/or researcher).*  *(Please note that applications for funding of extensive overseas travel are not encouraged.)]* |  |  |
| **Equipment**  *[e.g. software. Please note that applications for large and expensive items such as PCs or printers are not encouraged.]* |  |  |

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| **Administrative costs**  *[e.g. Printing*  *Post Telephone*  *Transcription (no. of hours @ £XX + VAT per hour)*  *Clerical (no. of days @ £XX + VAT per day)*  ***Total Administration Costs****]* |  |  |
| **Additional Costs & Overheads**  *[university overhead]* |  |  |
| **TOTAL** |  |  |

*[\* Ranking in priority order: A = essential, B = highly desirable, C = desirable]*

5. Research proposal

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| *[please limit the proposal to approximately 2,000 words, including references – overly long proposals may not be considered]*  ***[Title]***  ***[Proposers]***  ***[Proposal]***   1. ***[Background*** 2. ***Rationale*** 3. ***Theoretical framework*** 4. ***Proposal***    1. *Research questions*    2. *Research design*    3. *Method*    4. *Subjects*    5. *Materials*    6. *Assistance*    7. *Data Analysis*    8. *Development of recommendations*    9. *Anticipated outcomes* 5. ***Personnel profiles and responsibilities*** 6. ***References]*** |