

Equadem Project funding guidance

Overview

EquaDem Network Plus offers up to £16k per project, with approximately 5 funded projects per year. Projects can last between 12 to 18 months and are non-FEC costed. Specifically, the Equadem Network will provide 80% FEC funding to the projects. The remaining 20% will be met by the recipient grant Research Organisation.

The aim of this funding call is to invest in ideas that pose a solution or a path towards a solution to inequalities in dementia diagnosis and care.

Below are the eligibility criteria upon which each application will be judged:

- Project leads need to be eligible for UKRI funding and the project must adhere to the [ESRC funding rules](#).
- Members of the core team of Equadem are not eligible to apply as project leads, but can be co-applicants.
- Focus on a solution or pathway to solution to inequalities in dementia diagnosis and care.
- Involvement of people affected by dementia and health and social care professionals in the conceptualisation of the project and conduct.
- We welcome seeing early-career and mid-career researchers leading projects, with senior support where required.
- Identification of follow-on external grant applications.
- Dissemination with academic and non-academic audiences.

Guidance on costs

This fund does not include overheads and will not fund FTE time for applicants on academic permanent contracts. The Network will provide 80% FEC funding to the research grants they commission through the fund. The remaining 20% will be met by the primary investigator's Research Organisation.

Elements that can be funded include:

- Researcher salary
- Research costs such as transcription, survey costs, or travel
- Public involvement and engagement costs
- Dissemination costs

Reporting during and after the project, if successful

We will seek a brief quarterly update about the progress of each project, and expect successful teams to share their findings at our annual conference. We will also ask successful applicants to write a blog for our Equadem webpage about their project.

Timelines for Call 2

Submission deadline for funding call 2: 15th January 2026, 5 pm

Peer review (2 reviewers from core team member organisations of staff that are outside the Equadem Network core team): January-March 2026

Committee meeting: March 2025

Decision: after committee meeting

Project start dates: 1st May/1st June 2026