

Entry Guidelines

1. The size and quality of the UK's research base has grown dramatically during the reign of Her Majesty The Queen. The research and knowledge that has resulted has significantly improved the lives of people in the UK and beyond. These Regius professorships will be awarded to mark the 90th birthday of HM The Queen and will recognise the excellent research that has had the greatest benefit for the UK.
2. Universities are welcome to enter the competition by the closing date of Monday 14 December setting out in no more than 1000 words, (approximately 2 pages) including footnotes and endnotes, why they believe that they should receive the exceptional honour of a Regius Professorship.
3. For this competition, we will consider bids for joint chairs from two universities which have a record of joint working in the nominated area. In these cases, there should be a single application submitted jointly. Where a joint application is successful, a single Regius Professorships will be created, which may be based at either institution. Where 'university' used within this guidance and Q&A, it should be taken to mean 'universities' as appropriate.
4. Submissions will be judged on the following criteria using a scoring system, with greatest weight given to the excellence, role and benefit of the university's activity.
 - a. National & international recognition of excellent research across any field or fields of research, (1-15 points);
 - b. The leading role of the university in translating research into use in wider society as a contribution to knowledge, or to solving a problem (1-15 points);
 - c. A direct and significant benefit to the UK's economic effectiveness and productivity at a regional or national scale (1-15 points); and
 - d. Other factors, such as the chance to mark a significant event in history of the institution or field of research (1-5 points).
5. The decisions made by Her Majesty, under the Royal prerogative and on Ministerial advice, will be final.
6. Applications are requested to be submitted by email or post to reach the Cabinet Office by 4pm on the closing date, Monday 14 December 2015.

By email to: constitutionalpolicy@cabinetoffice.gov.uk

Or by post to:

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