

Clarification questions: XCEPT Conflict and Climate Research Fellow

The XCEPT research programme is seeking applications from established academics and experts for a Conflict and Climate Research Fellowship position. The request for applications opened on 5 July 2024.

Below you will find all the clarification questions asked so far and our responses (in blue).

This document has been updated as new questions were answered.

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1. What will be the contractual arrangement? (i.e contracting and payment with a university to buy time out)
 - XCEPT is flexible regarding the funding mechanism and will work in consultation with the Fellow and their home institution to determine the most suitable arrangement. Generally, we would align with the Fellow's salary history or institution's salary scale and overheads, at least up to FCDO maximum allowable rates. Likewise, the Fellow's institutional affiliation may be acknowledged and publications and other outputs co-branded, as preferred.
2. Can you apply for both research funding and the Fellow role?
 - Applications may be submitted for both the research project and the Research Fellow opportunities. The evaluation panel will take into account potential conflicts of interest that could arise in this circumstance, and may request applicants adjust their proposals to ensure that the XCEPT Research Fellow is positioned to support advising and quality assurance of XCEPT Research Fund outputs.
3. Will the Research fellow be a subject matter expert?
 - Yes, we expect the XCEPT Research Fellow to be a subject matter expert in the theme of climate and conflict, to help ensure the XCEPT research developed is as rigorous as possible. The Research Fellow will be able to do their own research and shape future research on conflict and climate, in addition to representing XCEPT in different forums. The Research Fellow will be providing advisory support and possibly quality assurance to the project(s) delivered under the Request for Application opportunity.
4. Will the "budget for field data collection and the use of remote methods" mentioned in section VI be discussed once the selection process is complete?
 - Yes, the budget available to the Research Fellow to undertake during their tenure will be determined once the Fellow is on board.