Research proposal and grant writing for development impact: Further Reading

# On research impact

* IR36: The World's Most Popular Rice, International Rice Research Institute: <http://books.irri.org/IR36.pdf>
* TEHIP: <https://www.odi.org/sites/odi.org.uk/files/odi-assets/publications-opinion-files/7814.pdf>
* Policy Influence: Policy Entrepreneurs Toolkit (2009): <https://www.odi.org/publications/5896-policy-influence-policy-entrepreneurs>
* UKCDR Top 20 Development Research Impact Stories: <https://www.ukcdr.org.uk/what-we-do/the-impact-of-uk-research-for-development>
* Good practice examples of impact pathways and communication activities: <https://www.fasttrackimpact.com/pathways-to-impact> We recommend you read the Peatland Tipping Points example
* ESRC Guide to writing pathways to impact: <https://esrc.ukri.org/research/impact-toolkit/developing-pathways-to-impact/>
* Growth Research Programme Achieving Policy impact Guidance Note: <https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5c48952ded915d388a7e2c98/DEGRP-Impact-guidance-note.pdf>

# Tools to identify opportunities and levers for change

* Context Evidence Links Framework: <https://www.odi.org/publications/8287-tools-bridging-research-policy-rapid-context-evidence-links-framework>
* AIIM Guidance Note: [www.odi.org/publications/5288-alignment-interest-and-influence-matrix-aiim-guidance-note](http://www.odi.org/publications/5288-alignment-interest-and-influence-matrix-aiim-guidance-note)
* Developing Theory of change using outcome mapping approach: <https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5c48952ded915d388a7e2c98/DEGRP-Impact-guidance-note.pdf>
* Force Field Analysis: [www.odi.org/publications/5218-force-field-analysis-decision-maker](http://www.odi.org/publications/5218-force-field-analysis-decision-maker)

# Grant writing

* Every Proposal Needs Six Elements: Who, What, Where, When, Why, and How. The Rest is Mere Commentary  
  <http://seliger.com/2008/07/21/every-proposal-needs-six-elements-who-what-where-when-why-and-how-the-rest-is-mere-commentary/>
* Assert-justify Style:- Why and How?  
  <http://www.researchfundingtoolkit.org/assert-justify-style-why-and-how/>
* Research funding: 10 tips for writing a successful application (The Guardian)  
  <https://www.theguardian.com/higher-education-network/blog/2013/apr/19/tips-successful-research-grant-funding>
* Lancaster University – How to write a good proposal  
  <https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/media/lancaster-university/content-assets/documents/res/Writingagoodproposal.pdf>
* Grant Writers Handbook (based on a book by Gary Crawley and Eoin O'Sullivan)  
  <https://www.ifm.eng.cam.ac.uk/research/grant-writers-handbook/>
* Why Academics Have a Hard Time Writing Good Grant Proposals- Robert Porter <https://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/EJ902223.pdf>
* Grant Proposals (or Give me the money!) University of North Carolina  
  <https://writingcenter.unc.edu/tips-and-tools/grant-proposals-or-give-me-the-money/>
* What do funders look for in a research proposal - Sue Kinn & Malcolm McNeil  
  <http://strive.lshtm.ac.uk/resources/what-do-funders-look-research-proposal-sue-kinn-malcolm-mcneil>
* Planning and Writing a Grant Proposal: The Basics – UW Madison Writing Center (includes annotated examples of fellowship proposals)

<https://writing.wisc.edu/handbook/assignments/grants-2/>

* CSR Insider’s Guide to Peer Review for Applicants <https://public.csr.nih.gov/ForApplicants/InitialReviewResultsAndAppeals/InsidersGuide>
* The anatomy and art of writing a successful grant application: a practical step-by-step approach  
  <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s00247-014-3051-8>
* Principal Investigators Association - Research Plan: Make the Most of Your Significance, Innovation, Approach and Overall Impact <https://www.i2at.msstate.edu/pdf/NIH_R01_Series_Part4_Research_Plan.pdf>

### More examples of grant proposals

* Research Ideas and Outcomes (RIO) Journal   
  <https://riojournal.com/articles>
* The Open Grants Project  
  https://www.ogrants.org/
* Sage Resources: Annotated Research Proposals   
  <https://study.sagepub.com/swain/student-resources/annotated-research-proposals>
* FundRef searchable database   
  <https://search.crossref.org/funding>
* Annotated NIHR proposal   
  <https://www.authoraid.info/en/resources/details/587/>
* NIHR Sample Applications  
  <https://www.niaid.nih.gov/grants-contracts/sample-applications>
* Planning and Writing a Grant Proposal: The Basics – UW Madison Writing Center (includes annotated examples of fellowship proposals)   
  <https://writing.wisc.edu/handbook/assignments/grants-2/>

### Improving your CV

* How to Write an Academic CV – Raul Pacheco-Vega  
  <http://www.raulpacheco.org/2019/02/how-to-write-an-academic-cv/>
* Creating Effective CVs as a researcher – Vitae (UK)  
  <https://www.vitae.ac.uk/researcher-careers/career-management-for-researchers/creating-effective-cvs-as-a-researcher/creating-effective-cvs-as-a-researcher>
* Academic CVs: 10 irritating mistakes (the Guardian)  
  <https://www.theguardian.com/higher-education-network/blog/2013/nov/01/academic-cv-job-10-mistakes>

## Funding sources – general websites

* AuthorAID funding page  
  [www.authoraid.info/funding](http://www.authoraid.info/funding)
* Research   
  <https://www.researchresearch.com/>
* Seeding Labs   
  <https://seedinglabs.org/category/grants-resources/>
* Euaxess UK Funding Search   
  <https://euraxessfunds.britishcouncil.org/Search.aspx>
* Rachel Strohm’s blog   
  <https://rachelstrohm.com/2015/07/30/professional-development-opportunities-for-african-academics/>
* Funds for NGOs [http://Fundsforngos.org](http://fundsforngos.org/)
* Terraviva Grants <https://terravivagrants.org/>
* Grants.gov <https://www.grants.gov/>

# Communicating to Academic Audiences

* How to choose a journal that’s right for your research <https://www.scidev.net/global/publishing/practical-guide/target-journal-right-research-communicate-publish.html>
* Peer review: the nuts and bolts by Sense about Science <http://senseaboutscience.org/activities/peer-review-the-nuts-and-bolts/>
* How to avoid being accused of plagiarism by Matt Hodgkinson <http://www.authoraid.info/en/news/details/1238/>
* Dealing with Peer Review Dr Carole Sargent <http://www.authoraid.info/en/news/details/1248/>
* IMRAD blog series by Barbara Gastel <http://www.authoraid.info/en/news/details/1132/>
* Academic Phrasebank – Manchester University <http://www.phrasebank.manchester.ac.uk/>
* Ten simple tips for structuring papers <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pcbi.1005619>
* Seven rules for writing in Plain English by Nilam Ashra-McGrath <https://www.slideshare.net/comdishsd/7-rules-for-writing-in-plain-english-44037458>
* “Writing tips - finding time to write and motivation” AuthorAID facilitator discussion with Kate Maxwell and Petra Boyton) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XRHQvFhTITA>
* 10 Counter-intuitive insights from an academic writing coach – Chris Smith <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/impactofsocialsciences/2019/10/18/10-counter-intuitive-insights-from-an-academic-writing-coach/>
* Purdue University’s Online Writing Lab <https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/purdue_owl.html>
* Retraction Watch [http://www.retractionwatch.com](http://www.retractionwatch.com/)
* A beginner’s guide to avoiding ‘predatory’ journals (using your critical thinking skills) by Andy Nobes   
  <https://www.authoraid.info/en/news/details/1310/>
* Think.Check.Submit [http://www.thinkchecksubmit.org](http://www.thinkchecksubmit.org/)
* Ravi Murugesan – ‘How to choose a journal that’s right for your research’ <https://www.scidev.net/global/publishing/practical-guide/target-journal-right-research-communicate-publish.html>
* Duncan Nicholas – ‘How to choose a journal and write a cover letter’ <https://dx.doi.org/10.4103/sja.SJA_691_18>
* Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) [www.doaj.org](http://www.doaj.org/)
* JANE Journal Finder <http://jane.biosemantics.org/>

# Engagement and Communication

* ESRC Developing a Communication and Impact Strategy <https://esrc.ukri.org/research/impact-toolkit/developing-a-communications-and-impact-strategy/>
* Made to Stick: Why Some Ideas Survive and Others Die, Chip Heath and Dan Heath, 2006, <https://heathbrothers.com/books/made-to-stick>
* Successful communication, A toolkit for Researchers and Civil Society Organizations, Ingie Hovland, <https://www.odi.org/sites/odi.org.uk/files/odi-assets/publications-opinion-files/192.pdf>
* Policy Briefs: <https://www.researchtoaction.org/howto/policy-briefs-2/>
* The A to Z of writing an impact case study: <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/impactofsocialsciences/2018/12/10/the-a-to-z-of-writing-an-impact-case-study/>
* Communicating Evaluation findings: <https://www.betterevaluation.org/en/blog/communicating-findings>
* Creating killer facts and graphics: <https://oxfamilibrary.openrepository.com/bitstream/handle/10546/253013/ml-guideline-creating-killer-facts-graphics-221112-en.pdf>
* Capturing Stories toolkit: <http://restlessdevelopment.org/file/capturing-stories-toolkit-pdf>
* Communications Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning toolkit: <https://www.odi.org/features/communications-monitoring-evaluation-learning-toolkit/introduction>

# Other resources on getting research into policy

* ROMA: A Guide to Policy Engagement and Policy Influence <https://www.odi.org/features/roma/home>
* 10 things to know about how to influence policy: <https://www.odi.org/sites/odi.org.uk/files/resource-documents/11205.pdf>
* Evidence Informed Policy Making Toolkit <https://www.inasp.info/publications/evidence-informed-policy-making-eipm-toolkit>
* Approaches to Building Capacity for Evidence Use: lessons from the BCURE programme <https://www.inasp.info/publications/approaches-developing-capacity-use-evidence-policy-making>
* Context matters for evidence use, but how exactly? <http://blog.inasp.info/context-matters-organizational-change-but-exactly/>

# Other resources on M&E of policy research

* Guide to monitoring and evaluating policy influence: <https://www.odi.org/sites/odi.org.uk/files/odi-assets/publications-opinion-files/6453.pdf>
* How to design a monitoring and evaluation framework for a policy research project: <https://www.odi.org/publications/10284-how-design-monitoring-and-evaluation-framework-policy-research-project>
* A guide to monitoring and evaluating policy influence: <https://www.odi.org/sites/odi.org.uk/files/odi-assets/publications-opinion-files/6453.pdf>

# Impact

* 2014 REF Impact Case Studies  
  <https://impact.ref.ac.uk/casestudies/>
* Pathways to Impact - Fast Track Impact website  
  <https://www.fasttrackimpact.com/pathways-to-impact>
* What is this thing called 'Theory of Change’? – USAID Learning Lab  
  <https://usaidlearninglab.org/lab-notes/what-thing-called-theory-change>
* UKRI Gateway to Research database  
  <https://gtr.ukri.org/>
* ESRC Impact Toolkit   
  <https://esrc.ukri.org/research/impact-toolkit/>