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# Introduction to the 2026 PP Experiment Consolidated Grant

STFC Programmes Directorate

# Particle physics experiment 2026 CG

- 2026 CG round has started, submission deadline **2 July 2026** and review will take place over the summer and into the autumn.
- This will be a two-year award from October 2027 to September 2029.
- [Particle Physics Grants Panel](#) membership remains unchanged, chaired by Professor Mitesh Patel, Imperial College London

## Timeline

Activity	Date
Announcement of funding opportunity	9 April 2026
Funding opportunity opens	27 April 2026
Closing date for experiment submissions	2 July 2026 16:00 BST
Closing date for consolidated grant proposals and Form X	2 July 2026 16:00 BST
Notification of changes since submission	4 September 2026
Panel meetings	September - October 2026
Outcome announced	January 2027 (tbc)
Grants commence	1 October 2027

# Process

- The review is intended to be a continuation of the 2024 CG → this is not a new review.
- PPE CG assessment process will be a light touch approach.
- Proposals will be short and focus on changes/updates since 2024 → use the existing award as a starting point.
- Request for funding based on (re-)focus of 2024 activities → no expectation for additional or new funding.
- Applicant guidance will be more streamlined than previously.
- Assessment by panel only – no external peer review.
- No clarification meetings with applicants.
- The core should be considered as a whole for each group → no individual cases included for the academics or core posts.
- Proposals will therefore contain:
  - short update
  - overall case for the core
  - changes to core/responsive personnel since 2024 application
- 20% descope scenario formulated by the applicants to guide the panel should further prioritisation be necessary.

## Pre-announcement: Particle Physics Experiment Consolidated Grants 2026 – UKRI

# Final words...

- Our advisory bodies and peer review panels do an amazing job on behalf of the community.
- STFC could not fulfil its mission without you.
- Special thanks to our grants panels who have provided guidance to STFC in the most challenging of circumstances and for working with us to navigate uncertainty.
- The outcome may not always be as we would hope, and difficult recommendations have to be made and will continue to be made.
- But please do direct your questions and concerns to STFC.
- We will keep you all up to date in the coming months as we begin the PPE CG round and SB PPAN continues its work.

## Thank you!

# Call for nominations

## 2026 Call for Applications to STFC Advisory Bodies and Peer Review panels is now OPEN

- Do you want to play a role in the development of our strategic priorities?
- A role in developing and delivering national and international science programmes?
- An opportunity to broaden professional networks and experience?
- Influence research culture in the UK and abroad?
- The details of the Call are published on our webpage: [Call for applications to STFC advisory bodies and peer review panels – UKRI](#)
- Deadline for applications 27 April 2026.
- STFC and UKRI are committed to promoting EDI and the diversity of its panels is a key focus. Please think widely about potential nominees.
- Ask a question about applying to an STFC panel or advisory board, email [psg@stfc.ukri.org](mailto:psg@stfc.ukri.org)



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# Questions?