



Knowledge Management Fund 2021

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Who can apply?

Applications are open to any consortium or individual with the ambition to improve policies, programs or knowledge in the field of security and rule of law in fragile and conflict affected countries. Think-tanks, (I)NGOs, academics, universities, private sector organizations, government institutions, journalists, independent researchers or innovators, and data specialists are all welcome to submit proposals.

Partnerships between individuals and organizations and across the range of sectors within our network are highly encouraged. In particular, the KMF welcomes partnerships that link people from different regions of the globe.

2. When can I apply?

This year's application process consists of two windows, each with two phases: Phase I) an initial call for brief Expressions of Interest; and Phase II) an invitation-only call for Full Proposals. Based on the quality and thematic relevance of the Expressions of Interest, we will invite a select number of applicants to submit a full proposal. Please see the dates below for specific deadlines to be aware of and note that there will be a second application window in Quarter III of 2021.

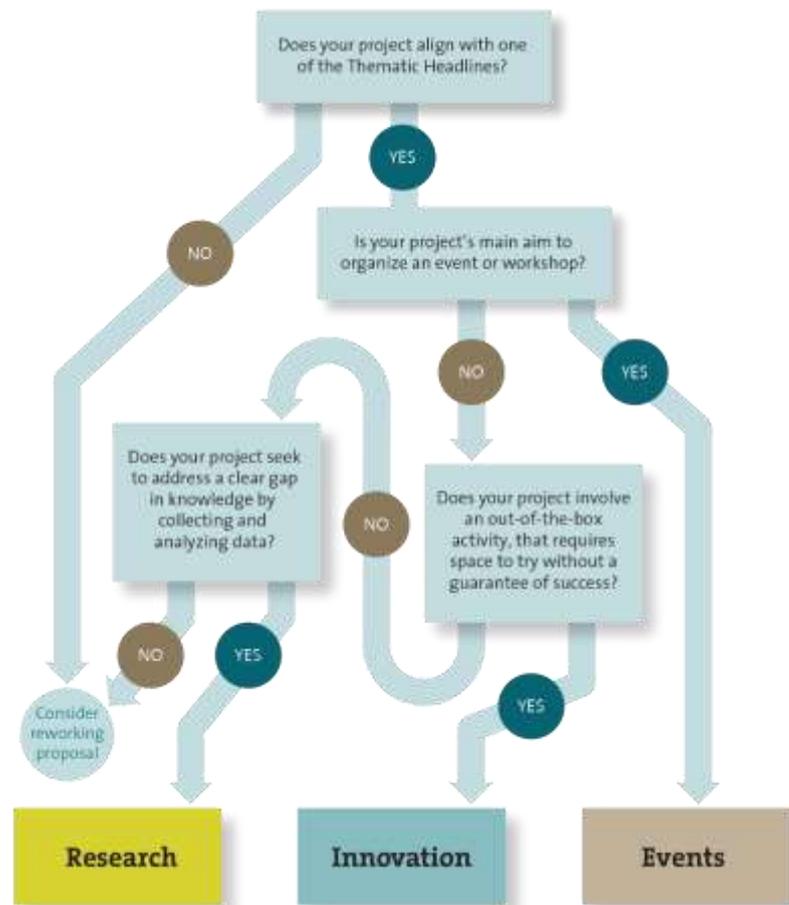
	Phase I: Expressions of Interest Due	Phase II: Full Proposal Invitations Sent	Phase II: Full Proposals Due	KMF Recipients Awarded	KMF Projects Start
Dates	March 12 th 2021	April 1 st 2021	April 19 th 2021	May 3 rd 2021	May 15 th 2021

3. Which of the three strands should I apply for?

As a rule of thumb, if your application involves only events, workshops etc. then your application should be submitted under the **Events strand**. If your application is at all Research based then you may not apply to the Events strand.

For research projects, that is, pilot studies, proof of concept studies, methodology testing, literature reviews and other activities focused on collecting and analyzing data, we encourage you to apply for the **Research strand**. While research should be the primary focus, projects under this strand can include organizing subsequent and related activities such as organizing research dissemination and presentations and validation workshops.

If your idea is committed to experimentation to address potential for strengthening practice or policy within the SRoL field, or looking at fresh ways to present and disseminate research and knowledge or to stimulate learning, then the **Innovation strand** is best for you. See the following flow chart for clarification.



4. How much can I apply for?

The fund will award grants of up to a maximum of €20,000. There is no minimum amount, however, the Secretariat will assess each grant's level of impact against the administrative burden involved in allocating and managing it.

All applicants must commit to providing (in-kind) contributions amounting to at least 20% of the total award sought, and use the [budget template](#) to propose how they will do this (e.g. if the KMF Funding you have sought is €10,000, your minimum applicant contribution should be €2,000).

5. How long does each grant last?

Projects last 9 months and must commence by May 15th, 2021. The projects may not extend beyond February 15th, 2022.

6. What will the KMF not fund?

The KMF will not fund overheads or indirect costs. The KMF will not cover any expenses not agreed in advance in the budget within the signed contract. For full information please see the [budget guidelines](#).

7. What is an "applicant contribution"?

"Applicant contribution" or "co-funding" entails any in-kind contribution by the applicant to any of the existing budget items, supplementary to the budget requested from the KMF. The applicant

contribution is in addition to the KMF Funding (e.g. if the KMF Funding you have sought is €10,000, your minimum applicant contribution should be €2,000). The applicant contribution should not imply or include double funding of the same budget item. However, budget items can be split between separate funding sources.

8. Is there an opportunity to present at the KPSRL Annual Conference?

There must be some public presentation of the results of the project in order to ensure that the entire community can benefit, as detailed in the assessment criteria. One of the preferred ways of doing this is to host a session at the Annual Conference in October 2021, though this cannot be guaranteed.