

Safeguarded AI Programme TA1.1 Call – Proposal Guidelines

How to format your proposal

- Page count: up to 4 pages (4 sides of A4), (including diagrams but excluding references) single line spacing, standard character spacing (neither expanded nor condensed).
- Font: Arial. Colour: black. Size: 11-point font or larger
- Margins: At least 0.5"/13mm margins on all sides
- File Type: PDF

Applicants are required to provide a proposal no longer than 4 pages in length that outlines:

Section 1: Programme & Technical

The aim of this section is to gain in-depth, technical information about the project being proposed. This should include:

- A detailed explanation of the proposed direction, and how it supports the technical objectives of TA1.1. This should be supported by diagrams, data and/or strong rationale for why what you are proposing is plausibly critical.
- A list of known technical risks/unknowns standing in the way of achieving the stated goals.
- How the proposed approach is differentiated from what you would focus on instead if you were not selected by ARIA.
- Description of the proposed problem, solution criteria, metrics if applicable, key milestones and any dependencies and assumptions.
- Estimated timelines - applicants should provide a Project Plan for the duration of the planned project, showing what you plan to achieve in the first 3 months, first 6 months, first 12 months, and (if the proposed project is necessarily longer than 12 months) at full completion.

Section 2: The Team

This section includes information about the proposed individuals or teams that will conduct the research and management structures. This must include:

- Details of the project team - we want to know who will be doing the work (not just the principal investigator or project lead) and what portion of their time will be dedicated to this project. You could include short bios about each team member (we discourage you from submitting CVs).
- If you intend to collaborate with or rely on any third parties, sub contractors/grantees, who they are and which elements of the project they will support/deliver.
- How you intend to coordinate and manage the teams including any collaborations with third parties.
- Any skill sets or expertise outside your core competency which you would particularly like to see in the TA1.1 portfolio in order to achieve the overall goals.
- We also want to know what motivates you or the team to want to do this project and why there is no more effective person/team to work on this project.

Section 3: Administrative Response

In completing your application you must also provide answers to the following questions. Answers to these questions are not included in the 4 page cap. You should complete these questions in the application portal so there is no need to format these in a specific way.

Application	Guidance
<p>How much funding do you need?</p>	<p><i>(Please provide a cost breakdown by completing the spreadsheet here.</i></p> <p><i>Prior to completing this template you should review ARIA's Eligible cost guidance here.</i></p>

Prior to contract signature when the scope of work has been agreed we will ask for a detailed cost breakdown which can be found [here](#).

<p>Are you proposing to contribute funding?</p>	<p><i>(Where you or your organisation are proposing to contribute funding to the project please let us know how much funding you plan to contribute, who is contributing the funding, is the funding already secured and any other relevant details.</i></p> <p><i>ARIA will fund 100% of project costs and contribution of funding is not essential however, we welcome proposals that contribute funding in cases when such funding will strengthen the potential success. In these cases, this funding contribution will be considered as part of the overall strength of the project proposal)</i></p>
<p>Does your proposal depend on background IP (pre existing)?</p>	<p><i>(If Yes, give us an Indication of: What background IP is required, Whether you currently have rights to that IP)</i></p>
<p>Have you already secured funding for a similar project or are you currently in the process of seeking support from other funding sources for the same project?</p>	<p><i>(If yes, tell us more about the funding you already have or are applying for)</i></p>
<p>Any other factors or restrictions that might impact your freedom to operate and deliver the project?</p>	<p><i>(Please provide a short description of any import/export restrictions; security, ethical, legal and regulatory restrictions that you are aware of)</i></p>

<p>Are there any conflicts of interest?</p>	<p><i>(Please provide a short description of any potential conflicts of interest)</i></p>
<p>For non UK Applicants only</p> <p>How does your proposed project contribute to the programme in the UK?</p>	<p><i>(Our primary focus is on funding those who are based in the UK. However, funding will be awarded to organisations outside the UK if we believe it can boost the net impact of a programme in the UK. If you are a non-UK applicant, you must therefore outline any proposed plans or commitments that will contribute to the programme in the UK within the project's duration (note the maximum project duration is 4 years). Please provide a detailed description of any proposed plans (including a timeline) or commitments)</i></p>
<p>Has a suitably authorised member of your Organisation approved the submission of this proposal?</p>	<p><i>(In the application portal, please select the option that best describes your situation and provide details where required).</i></p>
<p>Additional questions about you/your organisation that can be found in the application portal.</p>	