

## Call for Applications for Research Associates – Questions and Answers

No.	Question	Answer
1.	What is the maximum daily rate UKCES can pay Research Associates?	There is no maximum day rate. However, it will need to be competitive, as the day rates of all applicants who achieve 60 marks in the capability criteria will be compared and the cheapest will get maximum marks in this area because a lower day rate represents better cost effectiveness for the UK Commission. The mark for cost will then be added to the Capability scores and the top scoring applicants will be awarded contracts. As a guide we offered £700 ex VAT per day to Research Fellows last year, so rates considerably above this will probably be at a disadvantage.
2.	Will the UK Commission accept applications from Sector Skills Council employees?	All applications are welcome and will be treated equally. However, if pieces of work are commissioned through the Associates and involve SSCs or the Network then you would be excluded from undertaking that piece of work.
3.	Can I apply if I have previously been a Research Fellow or Associate whose contract has now expired?	Yes, you are still eligible to apply.
4.	What is the deadline for question about this call for applications?	The deadline for questions was 16:00 on 8 May 2013. That deadline has now passed and therefore no further questions will be answered.