



Jane Hatfield Award

1. Introduction

Jane Hatfield was a Trustee and then Chair of [The Institute for Voluntary Action Research](#) (IVAR) between 2006 to 2021. Jane was passionate about supporting the next generation of both researchers and activists and wanted to see IVAR become more proactive in this. IVAR Trustees have agreed to celebrate Jane's life and her contribution to IVAR with an annual award, targeted at young researchers from black and minoritised communities.

The Jane Hatfield Award is a grant of £5,000, given on an annual basis to support a piece of research on topics or issues related to community, and social action and/or social justice. Applications should show how the research will (directly or indirectly) help in strengthening the UK voluntary sector.¹ The grant and support offer that sits alongside it is provided by IVAR, in partnership with [The Ubele Initiative](#) ('Ubele'). This is the second year we are running the Award.

IVAR and Ubele are making two Awards of £5,000 for 2024 to support two separate pieces of research.

You can read about last year's Award recipients and download their research here: <https://www.ivar.org.uk/jane-hatfield-award/>

2. The Award

The Award includes a grant of £5,000 to cover the costs of carrying out the research. It will be up to the team of researchers to determine the breakdown of costs to be covered within this amount. However, an example of the costs it might cover are:

- Researchers' time (based on a day rate of around £200)
- Participants costs, e.g. vouchers in return for participating in a survey or interview

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- Research materials, e.g. Zoom subscription costs to carry out online focus groups
- Travel costs and room hire – if conducting research in person

In addition to covering costs through the IVAR contribution, direct support and guidance will be provided by Ubele and IVAR.

IVAR and Ubele will also provide access to their own platforms, resources and networks to support with publication and dissemination of the research.

3. Recruitment and selection

We are particularly interested in receiving applications from young researchers (between 18 – 27yrs) from black and minoritised communities. Candidates should have some experience of having previously conducted or been involved in a research project and are interested in strengthening these skills and pursuing a research topic of their own interest.

Criteria

Applications need to:

- Be from **groups of two to three** people, working together on a piece of research related to community and social action and/or social justice
- Be able to carry out and write-up the research within a **six-month period** (from the date of the Award, which we expect to be in January 2024)

Application process

The application process will be open from **Monday 18th September to Monday 13th November 2023**.

Finding a research partner or team

If you are interested in applying but do not yet have a researcher partner or team (max 3 people), we will be running two, 90minute, online sessions where you can meet with other researchers to discuss your ideas and identify potential research partners/teammates.

These sessions are taking place on the following dates and times:

- *Monday 16th October, 9.00 – 10.30am*
- *Monday 23rd October, 17.00 – 18.30pm*

To sign up to a session, go to the link at: <https://calendly.com/ivar-events/jane-hatfield-award-research-partners>

We ask that prior to these sessions you identify the research question(s) that you are interested in. We will also ask individuals attending these sessions (or unable to attend a session but interested in applying) to submit their name, research idea, a short bio and contact details so that that this information can also be shared with other applicants who might either not be able to attend a session or who don't find a match in their respective session.

It will be up to individuals to establish who they might share similar research interests with and follow up with potential research partners/teammates independently to discuss whether they wish to apply.

Submitting your application

Applicants are asked to provide, on paper or by video, the following:

- An outline of the research topic
- Initial thoughts about methods and timeline
- An assessment of support needs
- Initial thoughts about possible outputs (eg. written report; podcast; infographic).

If applications are on paper, no more than two sides of A4 are required. If applications are by video, these should be no longer than 5 minutes.

Applications should be submitted to Vanessa Norris at vanessa@ivar.org.uk Please also address any queries about the Award to Vanessa who can pass these on to the relevant person within Ubele or IVAR.

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to an online interview (in their teams/partnership) at the end of November to present their research idea and plan.

Selection is being carried out jointly by IVAR and Ubele, with the aim of finalising and announcing the decision by Friday 8th December.

Appendix One: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the Jane Hatfield Award?

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2. What is IVAR and Ubele's motivation for running the Award?

IVAR and Ubele are passionate about supporting the next generation of researchers and activists, with a focus on young researchers from black and minoritised communities. We're really interested to see what happens when we start with an Award and then leave the rest – defining the research question; shaping the design and research team – up to the individuals in receipt of the Award to define.

3. What is the Award amount in 2024?

The amount of each Award is £5000, to be divided amongst the successful team (up to three individuals), for the delivery of their research project. It will be up to the team of researchers to determine the breakdown of costs to be covered within this amount.

In 2024, we are making two Awards of £5000 to two teams.

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4. What are the criteria for applying?

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5. Who gets to choose/allocate the research questions and topics?

You do. It is up to applicants to decide on the research questions/topics they would like to focus on. Support and guidance will be available from Ubele during the application stage and throughout the Award, if groups would like support to help further shape their research question, methodology or delivery plan.

6. Who gets to choose/allocate the research teams?

You do. If you are interested in applying but do not yet have a researcher partner or team (max 3 people), we will be running two online sessions (see briefing outline) where you can meet with other researchers to discuss your ideas and identify potential research partners/teammates. However, it is up to you to establish who you might share similar research interests with and form a research team (of up to three).

IVAR and Ubele will support the process of linking up individuals with other researchers. In addition to running the online sessions, we will also ask potential applicants looking for a research partner/team to share their name, research idea, a short bio and contact details so that that this information can also be shared with other applicants who might either not be able to attend a session or who don't find a match in their respective session.

7. What kind of time commitment does this involve?

Research teams need to be able to carry out the research within a six-month period, between January to June 2024, including delivery of the final output, e.g. written report, podcast etc.

In terms of how teams divide their time during the six-month period, this will be for them to decide. Ubele and IVAR can provide additional support, if required, to help teams think through how to ensure their proposed research study is proportionate to the research budget available (£5000) and help them translate this into a work plan.

8. How do I apply?

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