



The Criminal Cases Review Commission invites proposals for new Research Projects
Deadline for submission of initial proposal Monday 30th September 2024.

Please email proposals to: Researchcall@CCRC.gov.uk

The [CCRC's Research Committee](#) is currently inviting new proposals for research projects with the CCRC. Such projects can be of any length and on any subject provided that the research is of arguable benefit to the CCRC and to the wider criminal justice system. However, the CCRC can only accept proposals of PhD level and above. The CCRC would be particularly interested in any research proposals which relate to the following subjects:

- Why do many CCRC applicants not exhaust their **appeal rights** either before or after an application to the CCRC?
- The admissibility of **expert scientific and medical evidence** either at trial or on appeal
- Issues of **race and ethnicity** and miscarriages of justice for example in relation to joint enterprise prosecutions/gang related evidence
- **Historical sexual abuse cases** and the effect of delay on fair trials
- **Delayed justice** and cracked trials - backlog, the criminal justice system, and miscarriages of justice
- Access to justice for **vulnerable applicants**
- **Victims of crime** including when to notify victims of applications and when to obtain a victim's sensitive data
- **Summary justice**: the recent rise in applications to the CCRC from those convicted in the Magistrates' Courts and the approach of the CCRC to these cases
- **(Social) Media Campaigns and Applications to the CCRC**: how many applications to the CCRC are / have been the subject of media campaigns? How many CCRC referrals to the appeal courts are / have been cases featuring media campaigns? Have those numbers varied over time? What impact has social media had in this area, if any?

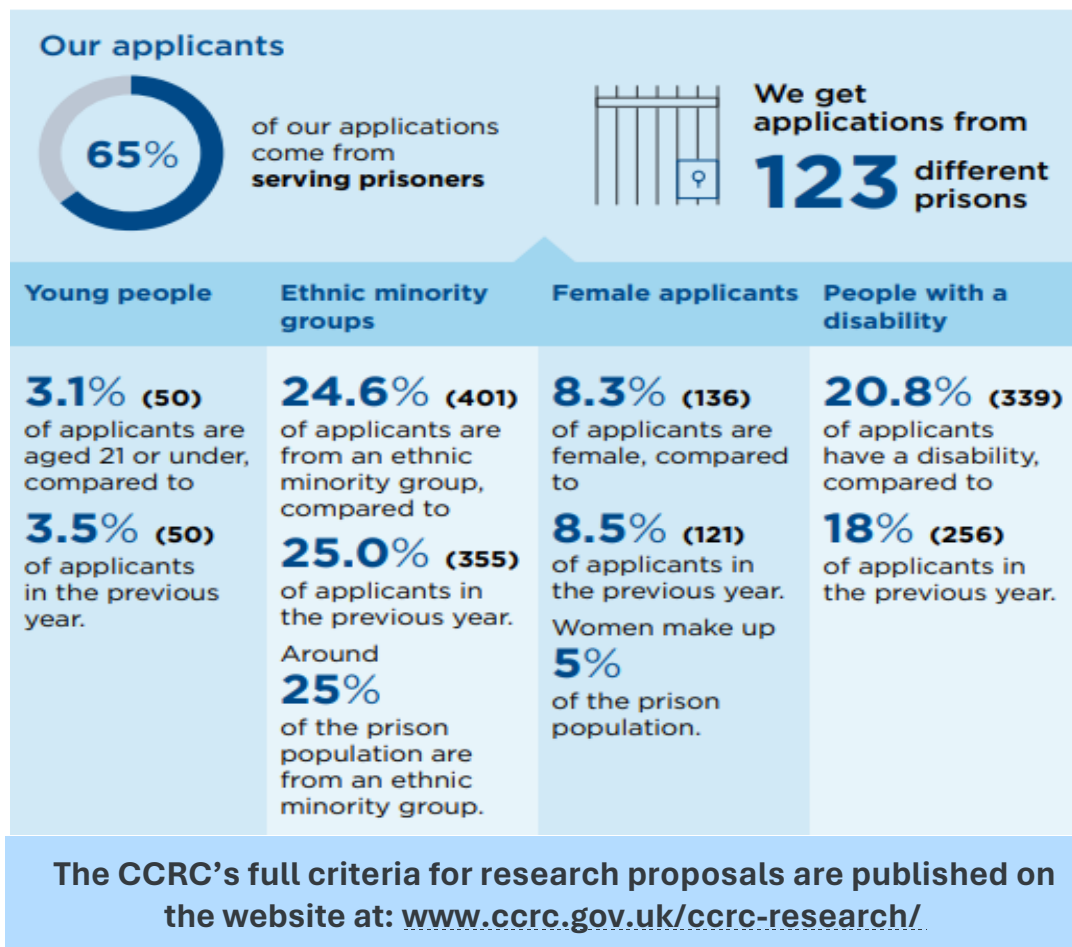
Upon submission of the [initial proposal](#), successful applicants will then be asked to submit a [full proposal](#) (information about submitting research proposals to the CCRC can be found here:

[Academic research - Criminal Cases Review Commission \(ccrc.gov.uk\),](#)

specifically: [Research process notes.](#))

Support

The CCRC is not able to offer any funding. However, successful researchers will have access to a unique set of data spanning* from 1997 to the present day relating to applications to the CCRC to review convictions and/or sentences. The CCRC can also provide successful researchers with relevant contact details for sources of data, support for funding applications, and publication of resulting theses/reports/papers on its website and, where appropriate, reference to relevant findings in its annual report. The CCRC will also report any relevant findings to the appropriate public bodies and agencies as part of its remit to disseminate such information to key stakeholders to improve the Criminal Justice System to prevent miscarriages of justice.



Please ensure you have read our [website](#) for details of the CCRC's work and legal remit before applying. For information about the CCRC's Case Management System and data and case materials held by the CCRC please see the attached document.

*Please see next sheet for data available

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Data Supplied on the Application Form (Recorded in Dynamics)	
Applicant Information <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Name• Date of Birth• Address/prison• Custody/Liberty Status• Email address• Telephone number• Paper or Digital Application• How did they hear about us• What they want us to review (conviction and/or sentence) Equality & Diversity Data if disclosed <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ethnicity• Disabled or not• Preferred Language• Trouble reading or writing• Are they a foreign national• Gender Identity Representative Details <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Name• Type of representative• Address• Are they the primary contact• Relationship to applicant	Conviction & Sentence Details <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Court name where convicted• Sending Court• Court type• Court reference number• Plea• Offence(s)• Date of conviction• Sentence type• Length/value of sentence• Date sentenced• Conviction authority & reference• Investigating authority/force name Appeal Details <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appeal Court• Appeal court type• Appeal Reference• Appeal Type• Single Judge date• Single Judge decision• Judgement date• Appeal outcome
Case Process Information (Created and Recorded in Dynamics)	
Case Details <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Case Reference Number• Review Type• Offences• Case Category (review)• Assigned staff & Group• Paper or Digital Application• How did they hear about us• What they want us to review (conviction and/or sentence)• Co-defendants Process Flow Information (Time Intelligence) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application start date• Triage start/end date• Screening start/end date• Allocation date• Decision ready date• Date of decision• Date of provisional decision sent• Date of further reps• Date decision sent• Date admin closed	Decision Details <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Type of decision• Estimated reading time• Actual reading time• Nominated decision maker• Date of committee• Decision maker names• Decision Outcome• Victim Notification Approval• Disclosure Approval