# SPRITE+ Virtual Sandpit

# Application Form

Applications are invited from SPRITE+ Members and Expert Fellows to join our online Sandpit on **Digital Vulnerabilities** in July 2021. Up to £160k of SPRITE+ funding will be made available to fund interdisciplinary projects arising from this sandpit.

Questions we might address include:

* How should we conceptualise, identify and assess susceptibility to future digital harm?
* How might we protect networks, hardware, individuals and organisations from increasingly complex harms and/or make them resilient in the face of harm?
* What roles will technology, people, organisations, governments, and societies play both in enabling and reducing digital risks and harms?

Novel project ideas will be co-created by sandpit participants from scratch. Applicants should demonstrate their relevant skills and approach to participating in the sandpit rather than their research and/or publication track record.

Up to 30 participants will be selected to take part in the sandpit. Applicants from academia are welcomed at any stage of their research career if they meet [UKRI eligibility requirements](https://www.ukri.org/apply-for-funding/before-you-apply/check-if-you-are-eligible-for-research-and-innovation-funding/who-can-apply-for-funding/#contents-list) to receive grant funding. Selected applicants from academia should inform their University Research Office in advance of the event that they are going to attend the sandpit. If they are part of a successful project their institution will be required to fund 20% of the fEC project costs (as standard).

Please note that the information you provide in sections 1, 2, 3 and 6 may be shared with other participants prior to the sandpit.

For full details including selection criteria, please see the [call document](https://spritehub.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Sandpit-2021-Call-Document.pdf) and list of [FAQs](https://spritehub.org/call-for-participants-in-the-sprite-virtual-sandpit-faqs/) on the SPRITE+ website. FAQs will be updated until 14 May 2021.

**Notes**

* Please submit this form by 19 May 2021 to admin@spritehub.org.
* Successful applicants will be notified by 11 June.

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| **1. Applicant details** |
| Name:  | Job title:  |
| Department:  | Organisation: |
| Email: | SPRITE+ role (*please tick all that apply*): Member [ ] Expert Fellow [ ] Early Career Researcher [ ]  |

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| **2. Expertise** |
| Briefly describe your area of expertise [max. 20 words] |

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| **3. Summary of background** |
| Please provide a summary of your background relevant to this Sandpit [max. 100 words] |

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| **4. Contribution to the Sandpit** |
| Please describe how your background and research interests could contribute to the topics of this Sandpit [max. 150 words] |

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| **5. Approach to the Sandpit** |
| Please outline your approach to the following [max. 75 words each]:* Team work
* Communicating complex research / technical information to non-experts
* Contribute to research at the interface between disciplines
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| **6. Anticipated benefits** |
| Please explain what you hope to gain from participating in this sandpit [max. 100 words]: |

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| **7. Confirmation** |
| Please check the boxes to confirm the following:[ ]  I confirm that I am available for all sandpit activities [ ]  If I am selected for this sandpit, I consent to the information I have provided in sections 1, 2, 3 and 6 being shared with other participants, mentors, and the SPRITE+ Management Team [ ]  If I am selected for this sandpit, I will inform my University Research Office in advance of the event (Academic researchers only). |

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