



## The Criminal Cases Review Commission invites proposals for new Research Projects

**Deadline for submission of initial proposal Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023.**

Please email proposals to: [Researchcall@CCRC.gov.uk](mailto:Researchcall@CCRC.gov.uk)

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**Successful applicants will then be asked to submit a full proposal (information about submitting research proposals to the CCRC can be found here:**

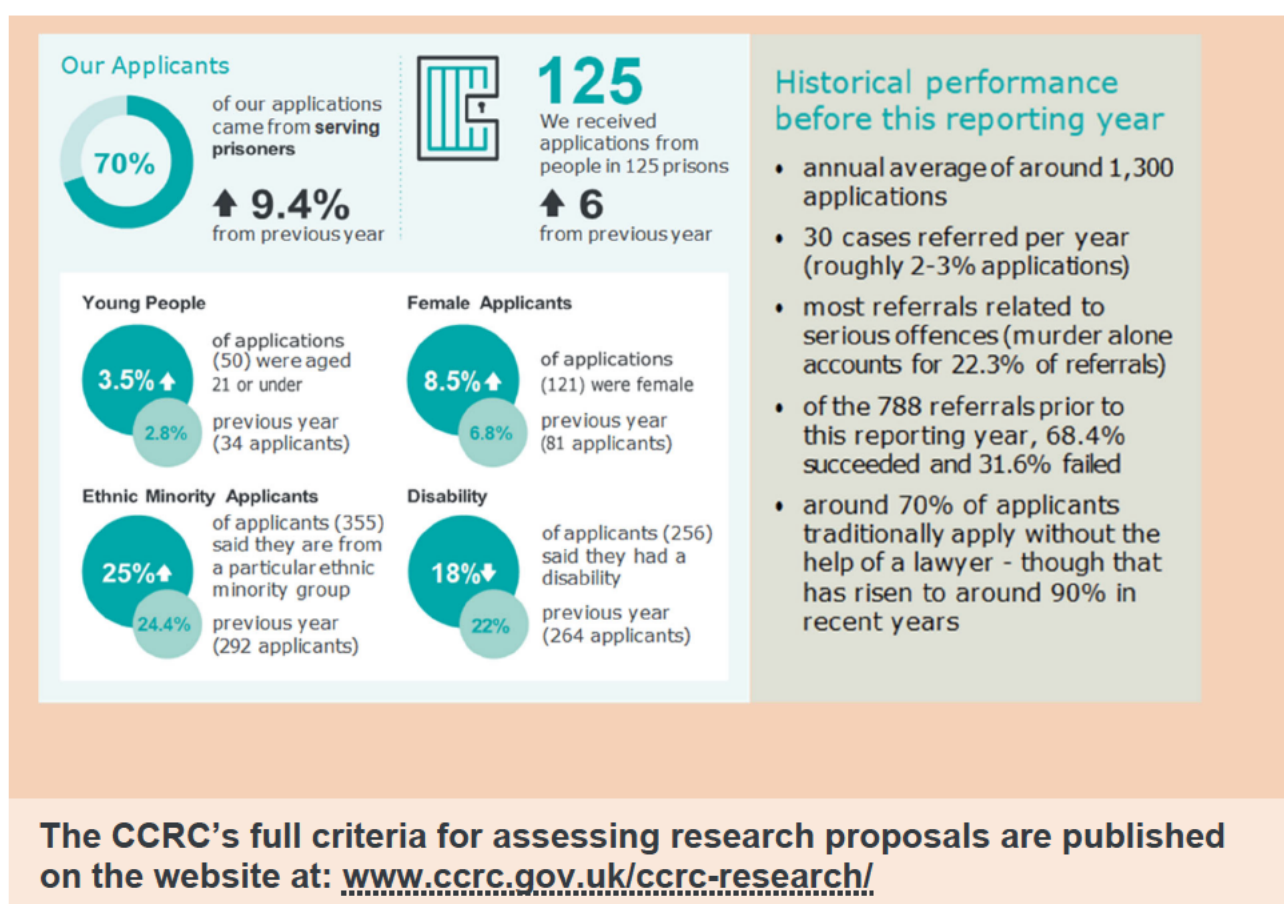
[Academic research - Criminal Cases Review Commission \(ccrc.gov.uk\)](https://www.ccrcc.gov.uk)

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?
- Private prosecutions and whether the existing safeguards are sufficient to guard against the risk of miscarriages of justice
- The admissibility of expert scientific and medical evidence either at trial or on appeal
- Issues of race and ethnicity in the Criminal Justice System
- Neurodiversities as new evidence relevant to the safety of convictions
- Legal aid and expert evidence – effect of legal aid cuts on the ability of CCRC applicants to explore new expert evidence
- Joint enterprise prosecutions/gang related evidence and race
- Retention of documents by public bodies – the current rules- suitability and compliance?
- Historical sexual abuse cases
- Coronavirus pandemic and whether the associated restrictions affected the fairness of trials / safety of convictions (both Crown Court and Magistrates' Court convictions)

# Funding

The CCRC is not in a position 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 further information about the CCRC's Case Management System and about data and case materials held by the CCRC, the CCRC will hold an **information webinar on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023 at 11am**. This will be by **invitation only** for those who contact the CCRC in advance of the webinar with their name, institution, job title, research idea and any specific question(s) for the webinar.

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\*Data available:

Data Supplied on the Application Form (Recorded in Dynamics)	
<p><b>Applicant Information</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Name</li> <li>Date of Birth</li> <li>Address/prison</li> <li>Custody/Liberty Status</li> <li>Email address</li> <li>Telephone number</li> <li>Paper or Digital Application</li> <li>How did they hear about us</li> <li>What they want us to review (conviction and/or sentence)</li> </ul> <p><b>Equality &amp; Diversity Data</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ethnicity</li> <li>Disabled or not</li> <li>Preferred Language</li> <li>Trouble reading or writing</li> <li>Are they a foreign national</li> <li>Gender Identity</li> </ul> <p><b>Representative Details</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Name</li> <li>Type of representative</li> <li>Address</li> <li>Are they the primary contact</li> <li>Relationship to applicant</li> </ul>	<p><b>Conviction &amp; Sentence Details</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Court name <a href="#">where</a> convicted</li> <li>Sending Court</li> <li>Court type</li> <li>Court reference number</li> <li>Plea</li> <li>Offence(s)</li> <li>Date of conviction</li> <li>Sentence type</li> <li>Length/value of sentence</li> <li>Date sentenced</li> <li>Convicting authority &amp; reference</li> <li>Investigating authority/force name</li> </ul> <p><b>Appeal Details</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appeal Court</li> <li>Appeal court type</li> <li>Appeal Reference</li> <li>Appeal Type</li> <li>Single judge date</li> <li>Single judge decision</li> <li>Judgment date</li> <li>Appeal outcome</li> </ul>

Case Process Information (Created and Recorded in Dynamics)	
<p><b>Case Details</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Case Reference Number</li> <li>Application Type</li> <li>Review Type</li> <li>Offences</li> <li>Case Category (review)</li> <li>Assigned staff &amp; Group</li> <li>Paper or Digital Application</li> <li>How did they hear about us</li> <li>What they want us to review (conviction and/or sentence)</li> <li>Co-defendants</li> </ul> <p><b>Process Flow Information (Time Intelligence)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Application Start Date</li> <li>Triage start/end date</li> <li>Screening start/end date</li> <li>Allocation date</li> <li>Decision ready date</li> <li>Date of decision</li> <li>Date provisional decision sent</li> <li>Date of further reps</li> <li>Date decision sent</li> <li>Date admin closed</li> </ul>	<p><b>Decision Details</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Type of decision</li> <li>Estimated reading time</li> <li>Actual reading time</li> <li>Nominated decision maker</li> <li>Date of committee</li> <li>Decision maker names</li> <li>Decision Outcome</li> <li>Victim Notification Approval</li> <li>Disclosure Approval</li> </ul>