**Policing Research in Scotland: Current Research and Opportunities for Practitioners**

There are a number of different ways in which SIPR can help those wanting to do research on policing in Scotland:

* It can provide information on recent and on-going research on policing in Scotland and help identify researchers with expertise in particular topic areas;
* It can help facilitate access to relevant police personnel and police data;
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* It can provide resources for a range of different types of research, from [**MSc Dissertations**](https://web.archive.org/web/20180425202912/http:/www.sipr.ac.uk/research/Police_MSc_Projects.php) and [**PhD Studentships**](https://web.archive.org/web/20180425202912/http:/www.sipr.ac.uk/research/PHD.php), to shorter [**Practitioner Fellowships**](https://web.archive.org/web/20180425202912/http:/www.sipr.ac.uk/research/fellow.php) aimed at police staff and others working in the policing field who wish to spend time at a university undertaking a piece of supervised research;
* By being the national focus for policing research Scotland, SIPR can help develop collaborative research networks nationally and internationally.

SIPR Small Research Grant Competition 2017

SIPR ran a sixth competition for **small research and knowledge exchange grants** (currently up to a maximum value of £8,000), and **made four awards in July 2017**. Members of SIPR based in Scotland were eligible to apply and applicants could be from the university sector, Police Scotland, or the Scottish Police Authority. Applications were eligible from single individuals/institutions or collaborative ventures involving more than one university and/or a partnership between the academic community and police service. Possible uses of the grants included: seed-corn funding to develop research projects; short study visits or 'learning exchanges'; and development of SIPR training/CPD course(s) for the Scottish police service. Details are also provided of awards made in previous years

[**Further details...**](https://web.archive.org/web/20180425202912/http:/www.sipr.ac.uk/research/Small_Grants.php)

Strategic Research and Knowledge Exchange (SRAKE) Programme and Improving Police Action through Knowledge Transfer (IMPAKT)

In late 2011, SIPR launched the Improving Police Action through Knowledge Transfer (IMPAKT) Programme, which was designed to provide support to researchers in Scottish HEIs to undertake knowledge transfer/exchange and impact generating activities in partnership with the Scottish police service.

Building on this initiative, SIPR invited proposals for **research and knowledge exchange projects** focused on issues relevant to one or more of the priorities outlined in the [**Scottish Policing Assessment**](https://web.archive.org/web/20180425202912/http:/www.sipr.ac.uk/downloads/SPA_Public.pdf).

**Two SRAKEAwards were made in January 2013, and a further award in May 2013.**

[**further details...**](https://web.archive.org/web/20180425202912/http:/www.sipr.ac.uk/research/IMPAKT.php)

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**Three IMPAKT Awards were made in March 2012.**

[**further details...**](https://web.archive.org/web/20180425202912/http:/www.sipr.ac.uk/research/IMPAKT.php)

PhD Studentships across Scotland

In recent years there has been a dramatic increase in the number of [**PhD projects relevant to policing**](https://web.archive.org/web/20180425202912/http:/www.sipr.ac.uk/research/PHD.php), with approximately 40 projects being undertaken at the SIPR Consortium of universities, of which nine projects are directly funded by SIPR. A list of both SIPR- and externally-funded projects is included in the [**SIPR PhD Studentships**](https://web.archive.org/web/20180425202912/http:/www.sipr.ac.uk/research/PHD.php) section.

SIPR Small Research Grant Competition 2010

SIPR is delighted to announce the winners of its second competition for small research grants

* Dr Lesley McMillan & Dr Annette Robertson, Glasgow Caledonian University: Evaluation of a Dispersal Zone in the East End of Glasgow (£3,000) [**Further details...**](https://web.archive.org/web/20180425202912/http:/www.sipr.ac.uk/research/McMillan_Robertson.php)
* Dr Alistair Henry, University of Edinburgh; Dr Simon Mackenzie, University of Glasgow; CI Tony Beveridge, Lothian & Borders Police: Community Policing and the development of Safer Neighbourhood Teams in Lothian and Borders (£3,000) [**Further details...**](https://web.archive.org/web/20180425202912/http:/www.sipr.ac.uk/research/Henry.php)
* Karen Kerr and Alanna de Korompay - Forensic Scientists (Toxicology), SPSA: Validation of a method for the detection of Mephedrone (£3,000) [**Further details...**](https://web.archive.org/web/20180425202912/http:/www.sipr.ac.uk/research/Korompay.php)
* Dr David La Rooy and Fiona Gabbert, University of Abertay Dundee: Assessing the quality of interviews with children alleging sexual abuse in Scotland (£3,000) [**Further details...**](https://web.archive.org/web/20180425202912/http:/www.sipr.ac.uk/research/LaRooy.php)
* Professor Peter D. Donnelly, University of St Andrews: A public health approach to the evaluation of the Glasgow Community Initiative to Reduce Violence (£2,743) [**Further details...**](https://web.archive.org/web/20180425202912/http:/www.sipr.ac.uk/research/Donnelly.php)
* Dr Penny Woolnough, Senior Research Officer, Grampian Police: Tell us what happened? An analysis of Grampian Police missing person 'closure-interview' forms (£3,000) [**Further details...**](https://web.archive.org/web/20180425202912/http:/www.sipr.ac.uk/research/Woolnough_SGC.php)

The winners of the previous Small Research Grant Competition held in 2009 were:

* Peter Wilson, Chair, SIPR Advisory Committee: To promote the European/International opportunities for SIPR through the exploration, documentation, and development of an international police research network. (£3,000)
* CS Angela Wilson & Janette McCrae, Scottish Police College: Scottish Police Leadership Development. Funds required for on-line questionnaires and feedback workshops. (£3,000)
* Hayley Kelly, Grampian Police Research Unit: The development of a targeted Education and/or Enforcement scheme aimed at reducing the number of 16-25 year olds involved in Road Traffic Collisions. Funding for KT activites. (£2,000)
* David Alexander, Robert Gordon University: Hostage and Crisis Incidents: an Evidence-based Analysis to Inform Police Negotiator Training Provision. Funds requested for employment of a Research Fellow. (£3,000) [**Research Report...**](https://web.archive.org/web/20180425202912/http:/www.sipr.ac.uk/downloads/Research_Summaries/Research_Summary_6.pdf)
* Martin Elvins, University of Dundee: An examination of the street drug market in Dundee and the impact of the national police "Street Level Up Approach (SLUA)". Funds required for visit to SLUA sites. (£2,700)

If you have a Research Proposal...

So that SIPR can respond to enquiries and provide guidance in developing a research proposal, in the first instance you should complete the [**Research Proposal Template [Word document]**](https://web.archive.org/web/20180425202912/http:/www.sipr.ac.uk/downloads/Enquiry_Proposal_Template.doc) or [**[pdf document]**](https://web.archive.org/web/20180425202912/http:/www.sipr.ac.uk/downloads/Enquiry_Proposal_Template.pdf), and return this to the Director of SIPR. The proposal will be assessed as shown in the flowchart.

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Where the proposal is not considered relevant to SIPR, it may be referred to the Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research (SCCJR), or another relevant body. The review panel will include representatives, as appropriate, from the SIPR Executive Committee.