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**How is UKSA considering the longer term impacts on the HE sector (e.g. anticipated reduction in student recruitment) in relation to future space skills capacity?**

Answered live. From the panel, UKSA understand the issue and need to work with universities to understand the impacts first. There is still a lot of uncertainty.

**How is UKSA responding to the need of international cooperation programmes such as IPP, which needs lot more direct engagement with international partners and stakeholders?**

Answered live.

**How has UKSA funding activities changed in light of Covid response?**

Answered live.

**We deliver all the PM/Risk/Agile/SC training for ESA and also at lots of Unis and research centres across Europe. Does anyone else have concerns over a dis-connect (and therefore disadvantage to UK academic and industry organisations) between the European schedule for lockdown, and a slower UK releasing of travel restrictions and the 14-day quarantine?**

Answered live.

**What are the agencies thoughts in how COVID induced delays might impact on grants. For example, might there be extensions?**

Answered live

**Does UKSA have a policy on furlough support, i.e. will it "top up" the government funds (JRS), and will it be retrospective back to March 23?**

Answered live

**Is there a timetable for UKSA decisions on upcoming Space Science programmes e.g. Comet Interceptor/M5? These were delayed as the CSR was delayed.**

Answered live

**Will UKSA funded students be eligible for the UKRI like 6 month extension?**

Answered live

**With regards to Furlough, is there any clarity as to how that can be implemented for researchers on fixed terms contracts?**

Answered live

**Re impact - are high priority areas more or less impacted by covid?**

This may not have been addressed by the panel's answers.

**BEIS recently announced R&D funding allocations for UKRI/UKSA etc... What are the expected timescales before these allocations are launched as new funding competitions? i.e. IPP, NSTP etc...**

Addressed in the live discussion.

**Organisations like Ordnance Survey are making data freely available to support R&D activities that support the Covid response. SSGP requires public sector sponsorship, is there a possibility to open this high-res data source up?**

Addressed in the live discussion. If further information is required, you can contact UKSA, or if you do not have a point of contact, please address your question to [info@span.ac.uk](mailto:info@span.ac.uk)

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Answered live

**Will space sector workers get an exemption from the travel quarantine regulations coming into place next week?**

Not specifically addressed in the live responses.

**EU and UK movement is one thing, is due consideration being given to the impact of localised lockdowns?**

Answered live

**FAO Sue, should we expect to hear about Aurora in time to start this year? What happens when colleagues are furloughed, and so cannot respond to the review comments?**

Answered live.

**There is a space cluster under digital, industry and space in horizon e urope. UK probably won't have access to this. Will there be an equivalent UKSA programme - that potentially could allow some sort of matched UK-EU projects in horizon europe. Any other updates on UKSA post 1 jan 2021 brexit planning? my question relates to UKSA planning potentially being disrupted by Covid - and that research has major issues coming up once we leave the H2020/Horizon Europe programme (for instance)**

Answered live.

**What are the next steps to working in collaboration with UKSA and Academic Institutions on Covid-19 environment data ?**

Answered live.

**There was a final round of H2020 Space. Will UK led projects be funded?**

This question was missed at the end of the Q&A.

**If there's an economic downturn in aerospace, this would create a problem for those graduating now with fewer jobs around, but also an opportunity for the UKSA to invest in training these fresh graduates for the future development of the UK space industry, e.g. through additional research studentships or other (semi-) sponsored training. Perhaps SPAN should discuss this? Any thoughts?**

Panel member response: Good Q - we can take it onboard moving forwards..