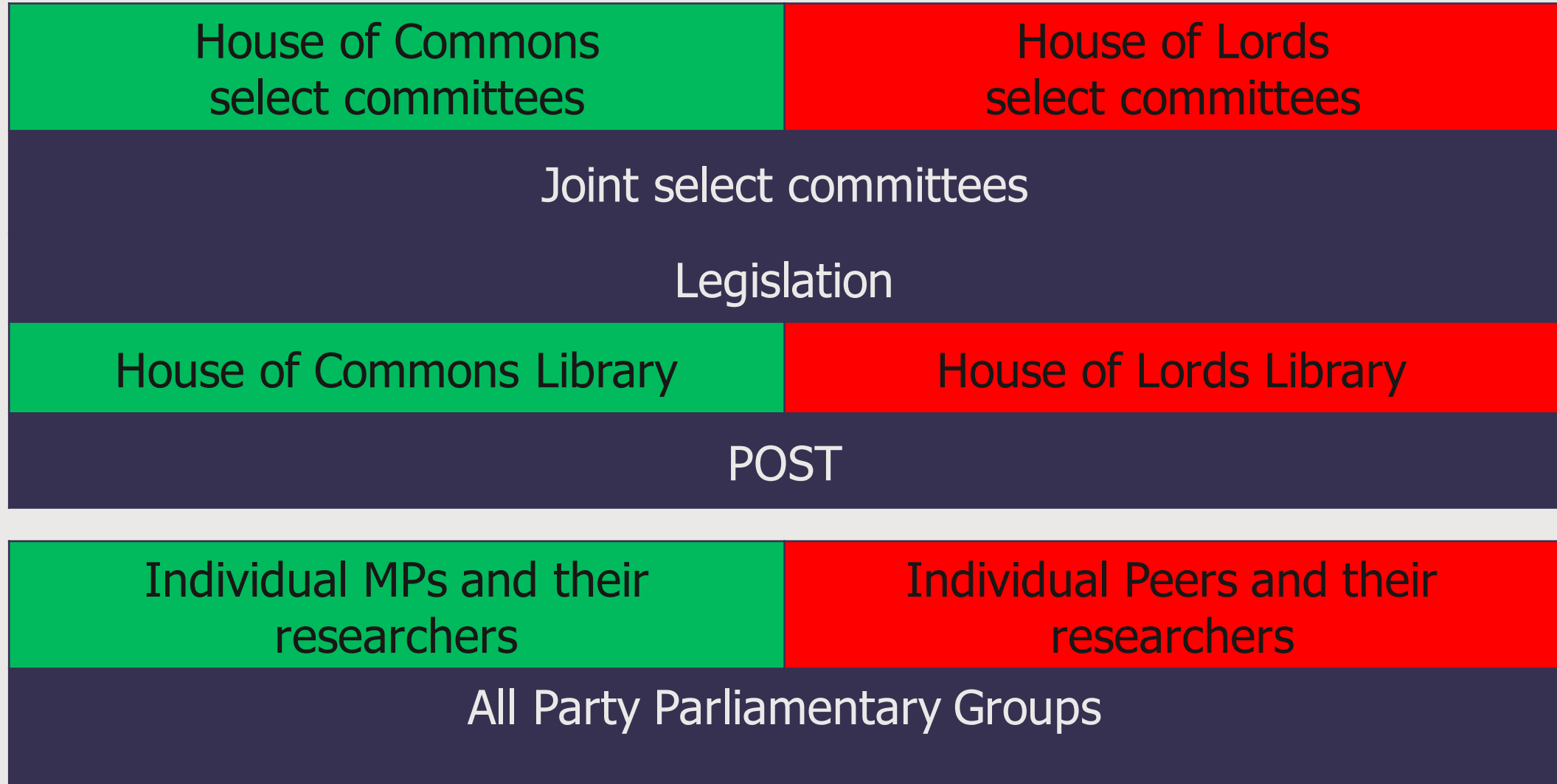


**Thematic
Research Leads
2024:
Information
session agenda**

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Who uses research in the UK Parliament?



What is a Thematic Research Lead?

Eight Thematic Research Leads

AI and Digital

Arts and
Humanities

Business,
Economics and
Trade

Climate and
Environment

Crime and
Justice

Health

International
Affairs and
National
Security

Transport

What do TRLs do?

- Facilitate and enhance research evidence and expertise
- Work across parliamentary policy, research and analysis communities
- Stimulate demand for research
- Work with a range of stakeholders, evidence types, and researchers
- Bring research insights into Parliament
- Innovate and trial new methods to connect research into Parliament
- TRL network: holistic cross-disciplinary shared insights to identify big picture implications

Thematic Research Leads and UKRI

The application process

Application process: eligibility

- Post-PhD up to, not including, professorial level
- Researcher
- Substantive employment
- Right to work and residency
- Political impartiality
- Ineligible institutions: [public sector research establishments](#)
- Eligible institutions:
 - Universities/HEIs, eligible for UKRI funding
 - [Independent research organisations and catapult centres](#)
 - [Research Institutes](#)

Applying for the TRL role

- Read the [guidance notes](#) before applying
- [Apply for the role](#) through the individual link, include CV
- Demonstrate how you meet the criteria
- Interviews during period: 15-26 April, 1 hour, panel
- Security vetting, fellowship agreement
- Submit funding application on Je-S
- Begin role: September 2024

Hear from a current TRL

Dr Kristen Harkness

Hear from a current TRL

Prof Rick Whitaker

Next steps

- **Sunday 3 March:** application deadline, 11.55pm
- **Second half of April:** interviews are expected to take place
- **May-August:** security clearance and fellowship agreement
- **September:** role commences

Find session recording and information on how to apply: www.parliament.uk/trls

Find engagement resources: www.parliament.uk/research-impact

Questions? Get in touch: keu@parliament.uk

Parliament for Researchers training updates: www.parliament.uk/keunews