

Research Fund Guidance for Applicants

The following document provides guidance in respect of the **03 June 2024 – 08 July 2024** application round of the Royal Society of Chemistry (“RSC”) Research Fund.

Please read the following guidance for applicants before making an application.

1. About the grant

- 1.1 Up to £5000 GBP (“**Grant**”) will be awarded by the RSC to the successful applicant (“**Recipient**”) to undertake a new chemical sciences research project at a university, higher education institute or research institute.

2. Duration and start of award

- 2.1 Funding is available for a period of up to 12 months.
- 2.2 Recipients will be able to request a no cost extension of up to 12 months at any point within the duration of the grant.

3. Eligibility

- 3.1 Applications may also involve a co-applicant. A co-applicant should be involved in developing the project proposal as well as making a significant and essential contribution to its delivery.
- 3.2 Each applicant and co-applicant (“**Named Applicant**”) must be an RSC member (Associate Member or above) at the time of the application deadline and for the duration of the Grant Period. This means that the Named Applicant’s RSC membership must have been confirmed by the RSC before the grant application deadline – it is not sufficient to simply have a membership application in process.
- 3.3 Each Named Applicant must be employed in a position that allows for independent research at a university, higher education institute or research institute. Each Named Applicant must not be a Recipient of another active RSC Fund Grant (i.e. previous Research Fund Grant Recipients on Fund Reser

4. Application timelines

4.1 The application timelines are:

- 4.1.1 Applications open: 3 June 2024
- 4.1.2 Application close: 8 July 2024 14:00 UK time
- 4.1.4 RSC funding decisions: Late September 2024

5. Application requirements

- 5.1 Lead Applicants must make their applications through the RSC's online application system, [SurveyMonkey Apply](#). Before completing the online form, all Named Applicants should check that they comply with the eligibility requirements that are stated in section 3.
- 5.2 The application form will ask the Applicant to provide:
 - a) Information on the research project for which they seek funding, and the expected outcomes.
 - b) The approximate costings of the research project and a breakdown of how the awarded Grant will be used. This should include quantities and approximate costs for each item.
 - c) Sources of any financial assistance normally available to the Applicant(s) for research, whether these are available in this instance and to what value.
 - d) A document of maximum two sides of A4 (at font size 10) on the proposed project.
 - e) A referee report assessing the scientific content of the proposed research proposal (see section 7).
 - f) Approval from the Lead Applicant's Head of Department (see section 8)
- 6.1 Applications will not be considered for funding if any part of the application exceeds length limits specified in the application form.

6. Eligible costs

- 6.1 Applicants may apply for costs directly needed for their research project. These can include:
 - a) Chemicals and/or equipment
 - b) Consumables
 - c) Licences for specialist software required for the project
 - d) Equipment repairs not covered by University funds
 - e) Equipment access, for example at a synchrotron facility
- 6.2 Funding should not replace or reduce institutional or funding agency support.
- 6.3 Applicants may not seek funding for the following within their RSC Research Fund application:
 - a) Travel costs
 - b) Salary contributions

funds will be paid directly to individual Applicants.

11.4 The Recipient shall submit to the RSC a report (“**Final Report**”) on completion of the project.

12. Contact information

If you have any questions about the Research Fund please contact funding@rsc.org. Before contacting us please check the [Frequently Asked Questions](#)