

Funding Levels for Projects

A summary of the funding levels for the types of projects listed in section 1.4 of the Guidance for Applicants is attached below:

Type of Project	Product Use	Grant Level – as a % of eligible project costs
Business to Business Collaborative R&D	Basic Research	50%
	Applied Research	40%
	Experimental development	25%
Business to Science Collaborative R&D	Basic Research	75%
	Applied Research	50%
	Experimental development	25%
Knowledge Transfer Network	Managed Networks	100% to cover marginal cost. Must be justified on your application.
	Information Networks	
	Issues Networks	

As in previous similar collaborative programmes, academic partners receive 100% of eligible direct costs and a contribution towards indirect costs at a level of 46% of the costs of staff employed on the grant for their work on the project.

EPSRC Funding of Science to Business Collaborative R&D Projects

The EPSRC have expressed an interest in co-funding the academic component of science to business collaborative R&D projects in specific technology areas of the April call that meet specific criteria additional to those listed in the Guidance for Applicants.

The technology areas are:

- Environmentally Friendly Transport
- Sensors and control systems
- Inter-Enterprise computing
- Advanced composite materials and structures
- Disruptive technologies for electronics and displays

The additional criteria are¹:

- Research Quality
- Feasibility of the proposed scientific methodology
- Adventure in research
- Research impact

This means that science to business projects in the technology areas and meeting the criteria above will have the option of applying for EPSRC funding for their academic partners.

To apply for EPSRC funding for academic partners at Outline stage you need to:

- Complete an online Outline Application form (go to www.dti.gov.uk/technologyprogramme)
- Tick the box that asks whether you wish your proposal to be considered for EPSRC funding
- Submit your application

Note that this is the only stage at which you can choose the co-funding option, so ticking the box is important.

If you are successful at outline stage, you will then be required to:

- Complete a Full Application form, which will be made available at www.dti.gov.uk/technologyprogramme)
- Academic partners will need to also complete an EPSRC Standard Research Proposal Form (Je-SRP1) and accompanying case for support. For a copy of this form go to:
(<http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/website/default.aspx?ZoneID=3&MenuID=1120>)

Your proposal will then be assessed by EPSRC using peer review², in addition to the standard DTI assessment process. If the final decision is that such proposals are approved, the EPSRC will award the grant to the academic partner under its normal terms and conditions for collaborative projects.

The co-funding route is particularly attractive if your project has a number of academic stakeholders and the science underpinning your project is novel and likely to have a potential impact on others in the science base. In such cases, research quality will form a key aspect of the assessment criteria as well as business impact.

Over the next few months we will be working with other funding bodies to broaden co-funding arrangements, and to improve the applications process for co-funded projects.

¹ For more information on criteria, see the EPSRC Standard Research Proposal Referee's Assessment form available at:

<http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/website/CommonPages/Downloads.aspx?CID=4489&ZoneID=3&MenuID=1121>

² For more information on the peer review process see:

<http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/WebSite/default.aspx?ZoneID=3&MenuID=350>

Applying for Knowledge Transfer Network Funding: Further Clarification

In this call (April 26th) we are announcing funding for 2 types of networks:

- Managed Networks (see page 7 of the guide, MGDKTN)
- Information Networks (see page 7 of the guide, INFKTN)

The detail of the type of network proposals sought for each technology area can be found at www.dti.gov.uk/technologyprogramme/opencalls.

The application process for each network is as follows:

Managed Networks

- Complete an Outline Application form and return no later than 21st June
- If successful you will then be required to complete a Full Application form and submit by 13th September

For this call there is a fast-track route for Managed Networks, if you submit an Outline Application by 21st May and then a full application by 21st June.

Information Networks

- Complete an outline application form and return no later than 21st June
- By 30th June you will be informed whether you have been successful or not

As an overall reminder, we are seeking strategic Knowledge Transfer Network proposals that establish or enhance overarching national networks in key technology areas. Applicants must therefore show how they will create and develop vibrant and diverse communities of interest who can also credibly assist Government in the development of the Technology Strategy.