

To provide financial support for research that cannot easily be obtained through School based funding;
To match fund with external research income or to enhance considerably the ability to attract external income funding, including large research capital;
To provide funding that will enhance our international reputation in world rankings;
To provide funding that will enhance our standing in either REF or KEF.

PURPOSE OF THE FUND

This form is for applications to the SDF for **"match funding" requests only**.

Applications will be prioritised where institutional match funding is explicitly required by an external funder and stated in their call documentation. However, applications will also be considered where there is a clear funder expectation for match funding.

Applications should outline the specific added value of the match funding and explain why institutional investment is an appropriate and strategic use of University funds.

Applications are expected to be aligned with [strategic objectives of the University](#) and/or Schools, and in particular will be aligned with both areas of strength or growth and external opportunities.

Requests to match fund large equipment bids need to evidence their strategic value and benefit to a wide user community.

Applications should represent good value for money, i.e. a good benefit to cost ratio.

Cross-School applications are particularly encouraged.

DURATION AND FUNDING LIMIT

The maximum duration of an SDF award is five years, however, it should not exceed the duration of the external funding award.

The minimum SDF request is £100k.

Costs requested must be for Directly Incurred Costs only. Directly Allocated costs are not eligible.

There is no maximum level of funding that can be requested from the SDF, however, it must be proportionate to the external funding request. Value for money will be considered against the expected benefits described in the application.

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ELIGIBILITY

The SDF for match funding is open to faculty from all disciplines.
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expected benefits, e.g. total grant income, contribution income, outputs, positioning for future funding opportunities, engagement with strategic partners etc.

The PVCRE will also consider the "opportunity cost", i.e. how this project would limit future possible uses of SDF bearing i

Appendix – Financial Examples

Example 1

Funder only pays direct costs and expects match-funding for equipment over 50k
Equipment at 400k is required – 200k match-funding is being requested from SDF
Bid is eligible for QR
School is providing a school funded studentship

Financially, this example would be appropriate for a match funding application. The school would not receive any Research Contribution Income with which to offset the 200k match-funding required to purchase the equipment.

Example 3

Funder pays at 80% FEC

Bid is not eligible for QR

School wants to provide 2 x studentships and 126k matchfunding is being requested from SDF to pay for these