



CE-Hub Call for Feasibility Study Proposals

Call Details

The CE-Hub is looking to fund its first round of Feasibility Studies to accelerate Circular Economy research, innovation and implementation with a specific focus on the five resource flows connected with the UKRI funded National Circular Economy Centres and cross cutting enablers.

The fund will provide the wider Circular Economy community with the opportunity to undertake speculative and potentially high-impact research to accelerate innovative solutions. Proposals that consider different scales (including regional and place-based research), new collaborations between sectors and disciplines, and involve early career professionals (from academia, industry and government), will all be encouraged. Funded projects will be expected to deliver a tangible piece of work that would achieve a specific output such as early stage concept development, decision making tools and methods or demonstrator projects focussing on evidencing the transferability of Circular Economy principles across scales, disciplines and industrial sectors.

The total funding available for this call is £200,000 and we want to fund as many high-quality applications as possible. Feasibility Studies will be funded to a maximum of £50,000 at full Economic Cost (fEC). Funding will be awarded at 80% fEC (total project value cannot exceed £50,000) Projects can be between 6 and 12 months in length and must be completed before the end of November 2022. Applications where a portion of the project costs are met by industry funding are also welcomed.

Selection Criteria

Applicants should consider that the following criteria will be used by the review panel when assessing the proposal:

- Multidisciplinary,
- Involvement of Early Career Researchers,
- Involvement of Industry and / or Government Stakeholders,
- Commitment to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion,
- Demonstration of Circular Economy Principles across scales, disciplines and industrial sectors,
- Complementary to the overall work of the NICER Programme,
- Potential for the development of future funding applications,
- Potential to lead to strong dissemination materials,
- Pathways to accelerate the impact of the research to ensure rapid transfer to industry, government and other end users.

Key Dates

8 th June 2021	Call goes live
21 st June 2021	Webinar for interested participants
12 th July 2021	Deadline for submissions (4pm)
4 th August 2021	Invitations to Panel Pitch Day issued; Unsuccessful proposals advised
14 th September 2021	Panel pitch
November 2021	Feasibility studies start
16 th November 2021	Feasibility studies kick-off meeting
November 2022	Feasibility study completion