

CE-Hub Call for Feasibility Study Proposals

Call Details

The CE-Hub is looking to fund its second round of Feasibility Studies to accelerate Circular Economy research, innovation and implementation across disciplines, sectors and value chains.

The fund will provide the 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 £250,000 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 9 and 12 months in length and must be completed before the end of September 2023. 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,
- Complimenting the work of the NICER programme
- Demonstration of Circular Economy Principles across scales, disciplines and industrial sectors,
- 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

Date	Action
Thursday 24th February 2022	Call goes live
Wednesday 2nd March 2022	Announcement & Facilitated Networking @ CE Showcase
Monday 21st March 2022	Webinar for interested participants
Thursday 5th May	Deadline for submissions (4pm)
Monday 13th June	Invitations to Panel Pitch Day issued; Unsuccessful proposals advised
Thursday 30th June	Panel pitch
Monday 11th July	Applicants notified of Panel Pitch outcomes
Thursday 1st September 2022	Feasibility studies start
Thursday 15th September	Feasibility studies kick-off meeting
Friday 29th September 2023	Feasibility study completion