

# UK Research Partnership Investment Fund

## Round seven: 2023-25

### Expression of Interest (EOI) template

This document should primarily be text-based and no more than 10 pages long. Use minimum 11pt font size. Text box widths should not be adjusted. Delete guidance in text boxes as required.

<b>Lead Higher Education Provider (HEP)</b>		
<b>Project title</b>		
<b>Broad discipline area(s)</b>		
<b>Anticipated UKRPIF funding required (£)</b>		£
<b>Estimated level of co-investment to be leveraged (£)</b>		£
<b>Current level of co-investment secured (£)</b>		£
<b>Estimated capital cost (£)</b>		£
<b>Estimated operational costs (£)</b>		£
<b>Bid contact</b>	<b>Name</b>	
	<b>Position</b>	
	<b>Email</b>	
	<b>Tel</b>	
<b>Partner Higher Education Providers or Research Council institutes (or equivalent), where applicable</b>		add rows for additional partner HEPs/Research Council institutes

<b>Signed (head of lead HEP)</b>		
<b>Name</b>		
<b>Date</b>		
<b>Signed (head of partner HEP/Research Council institute)</b>		add rows for additional partner HEPs/Research Council institutes
<b>Name</b>		
<b>Date</b>		

## Summary

1. Provide an outline of the project, including the rationale for the investment. Explain how the proposed capital activity relates to your provider's strategic priorities in research.

2. Explain how the UKRPIF award and the proposed capital activity will support developments additional to existing activity within the provider.

Your response should include:

- i. The extent to which the development is new, has brought forward longer-term planning or has increased the scope of previously planned developments.
- ii. How the development would be taken forward if there were no UKRPIF funding, or if you were offered a lower level of funding than you are applying for.

Please note that UKRPIF funding should not be used to substitute for other sources of funding already secured.

3. Summarise the aims and objectives of the project. State how these will contribute to the four objectives of the UKRPIF.

Your response should include:

- i. Project objectives
- ii. Key outputs to deliver the objectives
- iii. Clear outcomes against which success will be measured

The following sections correspond directly to the EOI assessment criteria. See table 2 for the EOI criteria and corresponding guidance in paragraphs 39-53 in Guidance for applicants.

## Research Excellence

4. Describe **why the applying HEP(s) are best placed to undertake the proposed research activity.**

Your response should include the scale of research and track record of research excellence within the applying HEP(s), including the results of the Research Excellence Framework 2021 in disciplines specific to the focus of the proposal. You may also reference data sources outside of the REF 2021, provided they are relevant to the proposed activity.

## Co-investment

5. Provide details of all proposed co-investment in the table below. Add additional rows as required. Detailed guidance on co-investment can be found in Section 5, paragraphs 54-71 in Guidance for applicants.

At the expression of interest stage, we require a letter of intent from major co-investors committing £1 million or more. Letters should indicate:

- the estimated value of the co-investment
- the type of funding (capital or recurrent, in cash or in-kind)
- a high-level description of any in-kind co-investment (e.g. staff time, equipment, data)
- the indicative timing of the co-investment

Collate all letters of intent and provide as one separate PDF file to the EOI template.

Name of co-investor	Amount (£)	Funding type Indicate whether: capital cash, capital in-kind, recurrent cash or recurrent in-kind	Brief description of in-kind co-investment e.g. staff time, equipment, data If cash enter N/A	Indicative timing of co-investment	Security of co-investment e.g. secured or stage of negotiations reached	£1m or more committed? (Y/N)	If yes, letter of interest/intent provided? (Y/N, or if less than £1m enter N/A if no letter provided)

## Strategic partnerships

6. Describe how **the proposed capital activity will establish new or strengthen existing partnerships with other organisations active in research.**

You may include information on how both eligible co-investors and other stakeholder organisations relevant to the proposal will support, and benefit from, the proposed capital and research activity. Your response could include, but is not limited to:

- i. Shared objectives and outcomes
- ii. Risk sharing to support the delivery of the proposed capital activity
- iii. The extent and depth of collaboration
- iv. The longevity of collaborations with co-investors

## Feasibility, delivery and management

7. Summarise the plan for delivering the project.

Your response could include, but is not limited to:

- i. Project milestones for key aspects of the proposed capital activity (e.g. design, procurement, construction)
- ii. Project management
- iii. Governance arrangements for project delivery
- iv. Where planning permission is required, the status of any relevant applications and future requirements.
- v. How relationships with co-investors and any partner HEPs will be managed

8. In the risk register below, identify any risks that may impact the delivery of the project. Outline how these risks will be mitigated and classify their likelihood and impact as low / medium / high.

<b>Risk Description</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>	<b>Likelihood</b> <i>Low, medium or high</i>	<b>Impact</b> <i>Low, medium or high</i>
Add additional rows as required			

9. Describe the steps which will be taken to meet any operational costs associated with the infrastructure.