

External Projects Team



Enterprise and Commercial Development

The External Projects Team (EPT) provides information and guidance on external funding, partners, and contracting activities. The team works with researchers and academic staff to diversify income for Staffordshire University and are part of the Enterprise and Commercial Development Department.

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Useful Links

www.staffs.ac.uk/researchfunding

www.researchprofessional.com

www.ukro.ac.uk

How to find funding

<http://bit.ly/1cKewBp>

How to use Research Professional <http://bit.ly/sufindfunding>

What Can the External Projects Team Do for You?

Help find the right fund Carry out a fund search for a project idea. Provide guidance on how to get funding information about specialist research areas sent directly to your inbox.

Project Development Advice and support on developing project ideas and guidance on how to write your funding bid.

Funding Events Provide the chance for you to attend events with external funders, this is through events run by the team.

Information Provide information and support for contracts compliance providing internal legal support and expertise in research and funding.

Our Web pages

The team provides lots of information on their Research and Funding Blog which can be viewed here:

www.staffs.ac.uk/researchfunding

This blog is updated daily. It includes information on up coming funding opportunities, factsheets for specific funds, upcoming events and access to the monthly newsletter -Wider Outlook.

£6,184,798
Total value of funding bids submitted in 2012-2013

Subscribe to the blog using the link on the site to get up dates sent directly to your inbox or add it to your rss feed.

Find Information on Funds

The External Projects Team has developed a number of ways to help researchers find information on funds

Current Funding Opportunities

The team are always on the look out for funding of interest to colleagues. Details are put in a spreadsheet which can be searched by funder, deadline date, date added, or by a keyword search. View the spreadsheet <http://bit.ly/1cKewBp>

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Bids supported in 2012-2013

Targeted Information

Funds are also emailed to University research groups. If you are new to the University and part of a research group, let us know so we can add you to the mailing list.

Plus you can sign up to the research

blog. The sign up process gives options of which parts of the blog you want to see. Once you are signed up, the blog sends an email each time your selected areas are updated. These are organised by university faculty and school, meaning you are sent research information tailored to your research interests.

Funding Search Engines

The University pays a subscription to two research funding websites:

Research Professional highly up-to-date information about funding. Any member of staff can use this site, there is no need to log in. However, if you do sign up, you can set the site to deliver extremely specific funding information directly to your email. To get the most out of this it

is worth setting up your preferences. If you need help EPT runs workshops during the annual Staffs Fest on using the site, email the team to book a place. Or you can download step-by-step instructions <http://bit.ly/sufindfunding>

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Contracts supported in 2012-2013

UK Research Office (UKRO), organisation helping the UK to secure European research funding. You can sign up for email updates on EU funding, policy events and job opportunities around European funds.

www.ukro.ac.uk.



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Contract Support

Chris Kenning is able to provide support to academics when they are negotiating contracts for their research work or for funding. Chris is a trained solicitor in civil and commercial litigation, he can provide advice on how enable us to distribute academic research yet at the same time protect the University's commercially exploitable academic and scientific knowledge to the benefit of the University and staff.

Funding Support

The team provides approval for electronic funding applications. This includes Je-S, e-gap, e-gap2, CDEportal and Leverhulme. If you are submitting an application, using these systems, let the team know as soon as possible. Aim to submit your bid at least a week before the deadline. This will give the team time to check your bid and submit it. If you do not do this it may not be possible to complete your application.

Join the Research and Funding Blog mailing list

email externalproject@staffs.ac.uk and put 'Add me to the blog mailing list' in the title

Developing an Application

EPT has supported many academics to apply for funding.

Bid Writing Support The team are experienced in bid writing. They can look through a funding application to advise how a bid should be developed to increase the chances of success.

Collate Information A database of documents like policies, and financial accounts can be accessed by the team to help pull together information for grant applications. This includes support with getting executive signatures or finding background university information.

Find Partners EPT keeps a record of partners the university has worked with. The team can use this to help you find new partners to join you on a project. They can also use external resources to find partners.

[Factsheet on finding partners](#)

Keeping up to date

There are a number of resources that can help keep academics up to date in the area of research funding.

Blog The team writes a regular blog with updates of information related to funding. Becoming a member of the website group will enable the blogs to be sent directly to your email, or you could sign up for the RSS feed. www.staffs.ac.uk/researchfunding

Wider Outlook Newsletter Monthly newsletter on research, policy and funding. Posted on our blog. bit.ly/1bXsAZa

Twitter [Follow us on Twitter](#) for regular updates. #externalproject

Fund Factsheets Information on specific funds. Sent out via email lists, and put on our blog bit.ly/18d73gm. If you are interested in a particular fund, ask the team if they have a factsheet.

Workshops The team invites guest speakers to the university to tell academics about specific funds. Look out for dates on University RSS feeds, or blog events or via email. If there is a particular organisation you would like to see, tell the team.

Training There are many opportunities to attend external training about particular funds. Information is posted in the events part of our blog bit.ly/1e7DnPS

Meet the Team

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Fund Search

EPT can carry out a fund search on your behalf, [email us](#) to request a search