WHITE ROSE COLLABORATION FUND 2022

Learn more about the scheme, hear from a past project lead, and find out what the judging panel look for when they are scoring the bids.
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(PI, Leeds)
“The funding has helped me obtain my first major research grant (EPSRC) as PI.”

(PI, Sheffield)
“It is a great way to boost collaboration with colleagues across the WR universities - and beyond. Four funding bids came out of the network award - and so far, two have been successful. This would not have been possible without the support of the WRUC.”

(PI, York)
What is the White Rose Collaboration Fund?
White Rose: Supporting Collaboration

- Bottom-Up approach via the Collaboration Fund
- Steer from White Rose Research & Innovation Group
- Large scale funding opportunities (reactive)
- Ad hoc approach for new collaborative ideas

- 9,500 academic staff
- 60,000 undergraduates
- 27,000 postgraduates
- £1.9bn annual income
➢ A strategic investment to encourage emerging research collaborations

➢ 99 Projects funded to date

➢ Supports new research collaborations in any discipline

➢ Build academic connectivity

➢ Lead to larger and longer-term initiatives

➢ Support career development of staff members
External Investment

From Collaboration Fund Review, 2016 – 2018

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Jim Uttley, Architecture, Sheffield

58% of projects successfully secured external funding.

Collaboration Fund investment: £286,773

Total value of external investment: £14.4M

Value to the White Rose universities: £7.35M

12 funding bodies
Partnership Working

96%
agreed that the Collaboration Fund project enhanced partnerships across the WR universities

“This scheme is a brilliant opportunity to foster a truly collaborative and intellectually generative environment among researchers who might not otherwise have the chance to engage with one another.”

Simon Toner, History, Sheffield

72%
continued to collaborate in one form or another
Supporting Career Development

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Lucie Middlemiss, Earth & Environment, Leeds
1) **Infectious illness presenteeism in the age of COVID-19**
   Led by Rebecca Webster, Psychology, Sheffield

2) **Innovating the future of bio-inspired autonomous robots for offshore renewable energy inspection**
   Led by Mark Post, Electrical Engineering, York

3) **Domestic Violence and Marginalised Communities**
   Jointly led by Parveen Ali, Health Science and Michaela Rogers, Sociological Studies, Sheffield

4) **Incept – Informedated Circular Economy Products**
   Led by Prof Peter Ball, Management School, York

5) **The Violent State in Historical Perspective**
   Led by Simon Toner, History, Sheffield

6) **Oral Health White Rose Consortium**
   Jointly led by Julia Csikar and Karen Vinall-Collier, Leeds
What makes a good application?
Eligibility
must include participants from all three Universities

- a minimum of two members of staff per institution, with a lead member of academic staff at each University and an overall project lead

- between 12 and 18 months duration

- each project should have a value of between £8k-20k

- no payment made for academic staff time

- consumables are eligible but must be appropriate within the overall budget (guideline: 30% of the budget.)

- budgets should reflect the collaborative activities of the project

- panel is made up of the White Rose Research and Innovation Group (PVCs for Research, or equivalent position).

One Round per Year

Closing date: 1200 on Friday 30 September 2022
# White Rose Collaboration Fund – Application Form 2022

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## Section 1: Proposed Project

[Assessment Criteria: Quality of the Proposed Project]

Please describe the proposed project, making sure to cover the following aspects:

- **Vision, Aims, Objectives**
- **The Project Plan** (Describe all the project activities that will be undertaken.)
- **Project Outcomes** (What this project will deliver? What are the intended outcomes of the project in the short, medium and long term?)

(maximum 900 words)
1. Ambitious projects with well-defined goals and measurable outcomes
2. Genuine collaboration with complementary expertise
3. Networking and relationship building
4. Career enhancing for all
5. Clear and viable routes to research excellence
To stand out from the crowd?
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UNLEASHING THE POWER OF VIRTUAL INFLUENCER MARKETING TO STIMULATE PROSOCIAL CAUSES

White Rose Collaboration Fund webinar

Hossein Olya

June 2022
Background

**White Rose Project** (£11k Sheffield, Leads, York)-Sep 2021-one year project

York: KE project (£15k) → Develop AI algorithm for target marketing in social media

A number of research projects → quality outputs

HEIF fund (£70k-UoS) → Virtual influencer with creative company

NERC Discipline Hopping (£20k) → bespoke game about recycling

Long term plan: A sophisticated green game (£1-1.5 m)- VI is the key character-CCF
Sheffield University Management School.

- Human Studio
- Script Writer

Vida Kit
A virtual girl who loves the outdoors, videogames, sustainable living, and her cat Hank 🐱.
NERC Discipline Hopping project

Bespoke game with a Sheffield-based company (P&P)

Synergy with HEIF and WR projects:
introducing the character and her hobbies (green games)

Nine items: people confused about recycling

https://uos-match3-2022.appspot.com
UK Universities: January 2022

NERC Discipline Hopping Event
Creative Solutions to Tackle Climate Change
Prof. Hossein Olya
March 2022

Thailand, June 2022

Rotherham, World capital culture 2025
Opportunities & Challenges

New opportunities (e.g., projects, talk)

Building an interdisciplinary team
Thanks

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* Associate Editor, International Journal of Consumer Studies
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JAN 2018
NIHR MODES
£2.4m
York, Leeds, TEWV

JAN 2019
WR FUNDING
Leeds, York, Sheffield, KCL

JUNE 2020
NIHR SPACES
£3m
Leeds, York, Sheffield/Halla m/SHSCT, KCL

JUNE 2022
NIHR Weight Management in SMI
Leeds, York, Sheffield/Halla m/SHSCT, KCL, Liverpool, TEWV

Access to physical activity in SMI

PI Diabetes funding £125k
1 x RA

1 x RA

DR GEMMA TRAVISS-TURNER
Lecturer in Primary Care
• HOW EASY WAS IT TO GET FUNDING?

• WHAT BENEFITS DID IT BRING?
TIPS FOR A GOOD APPLICATION

• MANAGEABLE PROJECT WITH COSTINGS

• FOCUS ON DEVELOPING A STRONG COLLABORATION

• DEMONSTRATE HOW THE PROJECT WILL BE MORE SUCCESSFUL WITH THE 3 INSTITUTIONS

• EARLY CAREER RESEARCHER DEVELOPMENT

• MENTOR
Thank you
Questions?
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