



# Statements of Need for National Research Facilities

<b>Opportunity status:</b>	Open
<b>Funders:</b>	<a href="#">Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC)</a>
<b>Funding type:</b>	
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This is the seventh call for **Statements of Need** for new and existing National Research Facilities that will support excellent engineering and physical sciences research. These facilities provide leading edge capabilities and technique development at a national level and/or access to European research facilities.

## Funding available

**No direct funding is available through this call.** Where a clear community need for a facility has been identified, the responsible EPSRC theme will convene a specification panel to further identify any requirements an open call will be issued for a full facility.

## How to apply

Submission of full Statements of Need. Applicants are requested to provide their intention to submit via SmartSurvey by **16:00 on 31 August 2020**. Applicants should read the Call document in full before applying [Call for Statements of Need 2020 NRFs \(PDF, 160KB\)](#).

## Assessment Process

Statements of Need will be initially filtered by EPSRC for fit to remit, strategy and the call. Submissions which go forward will be assessed by a prioritisation panel covering a wide range of expertise across the EPSRC remit. This will meet in December 2020 or January 2021 to assess the Statements of Need for both new and existing facilities and large capability infrastructure according to the published assessment criteria.

Applicants intending to apply to this call must inform EPSRC by **16:00 on 31 August 2020** of their intention to submit via SmartSurvey prior to submitting a statement of need proposal.

## Key Dates

Activity	Date
Intention to Submit	31 August 2020 16:00
Submission deadline	30 November 2020 16:00
Prioritisation panel	December 2020 or January 2021

## Contacts

For any questions regarding the general process, please contact Dr Simon Crook:

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## Resources

- [Call for Statements of Need 2020 NRFs \(PDF, 160KB\)](#)

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