**Making environmental science equal, diverse, and inclusive**

**Word Online Form**

## **Closing date: 16:00 on 11 October 2021**

NERC invites proposals from the NERC eligible community to pursue equality, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) research enrichment activities with the following overall objectives to:

* tackle the specific EDI challenges facing an academic team and/or department or a or a discipline
* test, verify, and in response further define effective approaches to improve EDI within their specified remit
* bring together academics to raise awareness of the opportunities for increasing EDI within the environmental sciences
* provide new evidence for the improvement of EDI within disciplines, captured in the form of written case studies and through award holders’ participation in a NERC organised knowledge exchange event (by October 2022)

There is £0.6M available for this call. We will fund up to twelve successful proposals at the level of £50,000 to £100,000 per award over a period of up to six months. The latest start date for projects is the 1 December 2021 and projects must be complete by 31 May 2022.

NERC values equality, diversity, and inclusion across all its funding programmes, and actively encourages proposals from diverse groups of researchers, particularly from underrepresented groups.

To apply, please complete this form and submit it as a PDF document to EDIEnrichment@nerc.ukri.org. No attachments are required.

**Contact**

For all enquiries, please contact: EDIEnrichment@nerc.ukri.org

##  Section 1: Application Summary

**Proposed start date** (mandatory)

This date must be written as DD/MM/YYYY and be no later than 01 December 2021

**Activity title** (mandatory)

This is a brief one sentence summary of your proposed activity

**Principle Investigator details** (mandatory)

**Title**

**First name**

**Surname**

**Department**

**Organisation**

**Email**

**Do you have costed Co-Investigators and/or recognised researcher as part of your proposal?**

* **If yes, please continue here and add their details**
* **If no, please move to Section 2**

**Co-Investigator / recognised researcher details**

Please copy and paste the below section to match the number of Co-Investigators and/ or recognised researchers that are within your team. Please complete these fields for each individual.

**Role**

Please specify if the additional individual is a Co-Investigator or recognised researcher

**Title**

**First name**

**Surname**

**Department**

**Organisation**

**Email**

##  Section 2: Proposal Summary

**Please provide an outline of what your successfully completed proposal will look like and what you will have achieved.**

NERC uses this as a short ‘abstract’ and for reporting purposes. **It will not be assessed.** This text should summarise your proposal overall. If you are successful, we may use this summary on our website and for other publishing purposes. The summary should be as complete as possible within the word limit and should include key words which best describe the proposal to enable text searching (maximum 250 words).

##  Section 3: Details of Proposal

**Please provide details of your proposal, including details on the following:**

**(i) Level of novelty and innovation in the proposed approach** (maximum 250 words)

**(ii) Proposed activity and outcomes/outputs** (maximum 250 words)

**(iii) Feasibility of delivery within the 6-month timescale** (maximum 250 words)

**(iv) Capability of the team to deliver** (maximum 250 words)

When describing your activity, you can also consider text to cover: (i) the vision for your proposal, including aims, target audiences, activities and outcomes; (ii) how you will monitor and evaluate your proposal, including success indicators; (iii) how this proposal will influence diversity and inclusion practices in your field; and, (iv) how the host organisation will support your work. **This section will be assessed at panel** so include all necessary details here. Please include references as you see necessary.

References should be included in the reference box at the end of Section 3 (but referred to in the four boxes below as necessary). Links to references, such as associated numbers in text (and references in the last box), will not be included in the word count.

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**References box**

Please provide your full reference list here as needed (include hyperlinks if readily available). There is no word count limitation for this reference box.

##  Section 4: Cost Requested

**Total amount requested** (mandatory)

You should not request any costs which are included in any other request for NERC funding.

Ensure that all the costs you need are covered here.

**Total**

£

**High-level budget breakdown of costs requested** (mandatory)

Please provide a high-level budget breakdown (at Full Economic Cost) using the fields below. Please insert ‘0’ if no costs are required for any specific fund heading. Please input values to 2 decimal places. Please use the ‘Other Directly Incurred Costs’ section to provide sub-contracting costs for EDI experts from organisations ineligible for direct funding.

**Financial resources**

Directly Incurred Costs

Staff

£

Travel and Subsistence

£

Other Costs

£

**Sub-total**

£

Directly Allocated

Investigators

£

Estate Costs

£

Other Directly Allocated

£

**Sub-total**

£

Indirect Costs

Indirect Costs

£

**Sub-total**

£

All personal data submitted on this form will be processed in accordance with current UK data protection legislation.

We will record your information for the purpose of assessing, processing, and contacting you regarding your application.

We will not pass your information on to any other third party without obtaining your prior permission.

The [UKRI Privacy Notice](https://www.ukri.org/about-us/privacy-notice/) sets out how NERC, as a constituent part of UKRI, handles personal data.

To submit your application, please email your completed form as a PDF document to EDIEnrichment@nerc.ukri.org by **16:00 on 11 October 2021**.