

FAQs - Partnerships to address crop pests and diseases in UK agriculture and horticulture – funding call 2022

Q - Where can I find a recording of the webinar?

A – A recording of the webinar can be found on the UKRI funding finder website page for the call ([Partnerships to address crop pest and diseases in UK agriculture and horticulture – UKRI](#)), under “Additional info”.

Q – Where can I find more information on the strategic guidance for the call, including information on the list of crop pests and diseases which are a threat to UK agriculture?

A – [BBSRC-010622-StrategicGuidanceforApplicants.pdf \(ukri.org\)](#)

Q – The pest or disease that I want to investigate isn't on the list, can I still apply?

A – Yes, the list is not exclusionary. We have worked with partners to develop a list of pests and diseases that are agreed to be highly relevant to farmers and growers, and this information is provided as a reference for applicants and the assessment panel. The applications will be assessed for relevance to the industry, if the pest and disease you wish to investigate is not included on the list then we advise you to take care to provide appropriate justification for its relevance to farmers and growers when you are writing your proposal.

Q – Are there any limitation on how many projects I can be involved with?

A – There are no limits, applicants can submit multiple proposals or be involved in multiple project teams. This also applies to business partners.

Q – Would potatoes be classed under ‘Arable’ or ‘Horticulture’?

A – For this call, we are classing any proposals relating to potatoes under ‘Horticulture’.

Q – Can organisations such as charities, levy bodies, and growers’ associations be considered as business partners?

A – Yes. Any organisation which is primarily funded by non-taxpayer sources may act as a business partner and be able make cash or in-kind contributions to the project. This includes levy bodies such as AHDB, PGRO and BBRO.

[For more information, please see the guidance on ‘Project Partners’ in the BBSRC Grants Guide: https://www.ukri.org/publications/bbsrc-research-grants-guide/](https://www.ukri.org/publications/bbsrc-research-grants-guide/)

Q – Can there only be one business partner on each project?

A – There can be multiple business partners on each project. We welcome applications both with a single business partner or with a consortium of business partners.

Q – Please could you clarify the total project costs and how these relate to the business partner contributions?

A – A 50% contribution will be required from business partners, either individually or as a consortium, for each award. This contribution must include at least 10% as a cash contribution, in which case the remaining 40% could be made as in-kind contributions.

Contributions from business partners can exceed these requirements and BBSRC is happy to discuss contribution details prior to submission.

The table below provides more detailed examples of the costs:

Grant amount (80% FEC)	Business Partner contribution (half of the 80% FEC amount)	Minimum cash contribution (10%)	Maximum in-kind contribution	Total grant value (100% FEC)	Total project value (100% grant plus all partner contributions)
£50,000	£25,000	£5000	£20,000	£62,500	£87,500
£40,000	£20,000	£4000	£16,000	£50,000	£70,000
£30,000	£15,000	£3000	£12,000	£37,500	£52,500
£20,000	£10,000	£2000	£8000	£25,000	£35,000

Q – Can the project duration differ to the 6 months, as stated in the call guidance?

A – Yes. As long as the projects start after 1 January 2023 and finish by 31 December 2023, the length can be shorter or longer than 6 months.

Q – Where can I get information about the call? How do I raise a query?

A – If your question relates to using the Je-S system to make your application then please contact the Je-S helpdesk directly: <https://je-s.rcuk.ac.uk/handbook/pages/JeSHelpdesk.htm>

If you have read the information on the call website and need further assistance, then please contact: business.unit@bbsrc.ukri.org

Please include 'pests and diseases' in your email subject. We aim to reply to all queries within 10 working days.