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## Circular letter

# UK Research Partnership Investment Fund (UKRPIF) round 7 launch

To	Heads of Research England-funded higher education providers
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Dear Vice-Chancellor or Principal

1. This letter is to notify that a new £100 million round of [UK Research Partnership Investment Fund \(UKRPIF\)](#) is launched today. Full details of this competition, including bid guidance and competition timelines, can be found on the UKRI Funding Finder <https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/uk-research-partnership-investment-fund-round-seven/>.
2. UKRPIF invests in UK universities to enhance their research facilities, driving strategic partnerships between universities and other organisations active in research and stimulating significant additional private investment in the research and development, strengthening its contribution to economic growth.
3. First launched in 2012, to date UKRPIF has awarded £900 million to 53 projects across the UK, which have secured over £2.2 billion in committed co-investment from private sources. The impressive track record of UKRPIF is discussed in more detail in a recent Research England [blog post](#).
4. In its recent [Guidance letter to Research England](#), the UK Government reiterated its support for the UKRPIF. Projects must secure double match co-investment from private sources, i.e. £2 co-investment for every £1 invested by the fund.



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5. If your institution would like to apply for funding, please complete an 'intent to submit' form and return it to [researchpartnership@re.ukri.org](mailto:researchpartnership@re.ukri.org) by **midday on Thursday 4 August**. This form can be downloaded from the UKRI Funding Finder <https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/uk-research-partnership-investment-fund-round-seven/>.
6. If you or colleagues have any questions regarding the call, please don't hesitate to contact the UKRPIF team at [researchpartnership@re.ukri.org](mailto:researchpartnership@re.ukri.org).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Sweeney', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

David Sweeney  
Executive Chair