



## Accelerator R&D Call for Consortia webinar clarifications

### **Partners**

All partners for consortia are welcome, including engagement with industrial partners, and do not have to be UK-based. The consortium must be well-justified and it is important to ensure clarity around how the partnership will operate and how it will benefit all partners involved.

Further guidance will be provided by STFC if applicants intend to move funding outside of the UK. STFC would usually expect international partners to contribute to the funding of the project.

### **Funding period**

The funding period of this opportunity is four years from October 2023. The funding is split into two parts, 6 months from October 2023 – March 2024 and 3.5 years from April 2024.

The outline case for support should describe the four-year programme as a whole (10 pages). Applicants can provide an additional 2 pages that detail the initial 6-month period if a consortium is requesting that funding, but this is by no means compulsory and will not disadvantage the consortium. The 6 months of preliminary funding can be viewed as funding for priming activities that enable the following 3.5 years but should also have defined deliverable(s), such as equipment or travel for workshops, as continued funding is not guaranteed.

STFC would like to highlight that successful consortia at the outline stage will be provided with feedback prior to full proposal submission.

### **Available funding**

The available funding of £1M/year is indicative and should provide consortia with strong guidance as to the scope of the proposals.

### **Capital equipment request**

Requests for capital equipment are invited but applicants should bear in mind the indicative funding amount.

STFC would expect to contribute 50% of the total equipment cost for standard equipment or 100% for unique equipment that is project specific.

STFC will advise on capital requests for the full proposal submission.