



Flexible Funding Call – Round Two

The current Flexible Funding Call is for proposals up to £120,000 at 80% of FEC. The total funding being made available to the call is £250,000. The scope is general covering all topics in wind energy, see Appendix. The call is open to all eligible for EPSRC funding. Flexible funding will be subject to the terms and conditions of the Consortium Agreement. Successful applicants will be required to fully engage with and apply for membership of the Hub, if that is not already the case, and become signatories of the Consortium Agreement.

Application procedure

The Flexible Funding Call has two stages.

Stage 1 – Outline proposal (due by 24th June 2016 @ 1700 hrs GMT)

- 2 pages (track record, research challenge and approach, novelty and timeliness, aims and objectives and indicative budget)
- Reviewed internally by the Hub
- A maximum of 10 applications will be requested to submit a full proposal.

Stage 2 – Full proposal (requested) (due by 18th November 2016 @ 1700 hrs GMT)

- Track record and additional 2 pages.
- Case for support 6 pages (research challenge, novelty and timeliness, aims and objectives, programme of work including methodology, management including integration into SUPERGEN Wind Hub and impact and dissemination, 3 potential reviewers).
- Budget and Schedule.
- 3 reviews of each proposal will be sought, normally one from the shortlist proposed by the proposer, one by an existing member of the Hub and one independent reviewer.
- The final decision will be ratified by the Industrial Advisory Board.

Review Criterion

The criteria on which proposals will be assessed are primarily the following:

- Sufficiently high/excellent quality as supported by the external reviews.
- The track record of the applicants.

Other criteria that will be taken into account are the following:

- The extent to which the research proposal meets Wind Energy research priorities as identified by the Consortium.

- The novelty of the proposed research.
- The potential for further development.
- The goodness of fit to the current programme and the additivity that would be brought in terms of increasing its scope and linking into other research programmes.
- The extent of additional support such as independent part-funding from other sources including industry and in-kind support such as internal researchers' time, data etc.
- The extent to which there is a strong collaborative element, particularly with the existing Consortium research programme.

The research priorities take cognisance of the following:

- National and international Wind Energy research roadmaps.
- Priorities identified by EERA JP Wind, TPWind and European Wind Energy Academy, through direct involvement by partners in these programmes.
- Discussion and feedback from the Industrial Advisory Board at their 6-monthly meetings.
- Discussion at the 6-monthly General Assemblies.

Deadlines

- **Friday 24th June 2016** - Close of Flexible Funding Outline Proposals
- **Thursday 6th October 2016** - Invitation for Full Proposals
- **Friday 18th November 2016** - Full Proposals Deadline
- **Friday 13th January 2017** - Flexible Funding Round 2 Decisions

Full Proposals should be submitted to michelle.morrison.100@strath.ac.uk with Subject: **SUPERGEN Wind Flexible Funding – Full Proposal** with a copy to olimpo.anaya-lara@strath.ac.uk.

Scope

- Topics related to the ORECatapult Levenmouth 7MW wind turbine.
- Proposals should be in accord with the restrictions defined by Ignacio Marti at the Flexible Call Launch.
- Since all proposals will need agreement with the ORECatapult, the requirement for additional measurements not listed in the document should be avoided wherever possible. If you have any questions before your application is submitted, please direct these to Michelle Morrison, michelle.morrison.100@strath.ac.uk in the first instance.
- Please refer to the '**Conditions Around Data Sharing**' document available here: <http://www.supergen-wind.org.uk/files/Conditions%20around%20Data%20Sharing.pdf>
- Please refer to the '**Levenmouth Turbine Information – Dimensions and Data**' available here: <http://www.supergen-wind.org.uk/files/Levenmouth%20Turbine%20Information%20-%20Dimensions%20and%20Data.pdf>