

# Enviresearch Summer Bursary Full Call Text

**Submission Deadlines:** 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020

**Contact for queries and submission of completed application form to:**

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## Call text

Applications are invited for the Enviresearch Summer Bursary. The award will cover legitimate research costs for scientific projects to be carried out over the summer of 2020 at Newcastle University in the broad area of sustainable food production, agriculture and/or chemical safety, which aim to provide a positive environmental impact, and which actively involve Early Career Researchers and students from Newcastle University.

This opportunity has been generously provided by the [Enviresearch Foundation](#) which was established in 2014 to provide funding support to scientific research into sustainable, chemical safety and to promote community engagement activities in environmental science. [Enviresearch](#) provides a regulatory and risk assessment service in Europe, for the global chemical industry. There is a total budget of £10,000 available this year for this award and it is anticipated to be split between up to 5 projects. Preference shall be given to projects which involve students and/or staff from different subject areas, to promote inter-disciplinary research.

## Scope

The Enviresearch Summer Bursary is intended to add value, broaden the skill set and experience of Early Career Researchers (ECRs) and students by providing the opportunity to be involved in research projects in the following areas over the summer period.

- Sustainable chemical safety
- Sustainable food production
- Sustainable agriculture

It is expected that applicants will be able to demonstrate how their research activity will have potential benefit to the environment.

The types of activities intended to be covered by this award include:

- Research laboratory, computer modelling or field work
- Essential consumables for laboratory or field work
- Reasonable expenses incurred by research staff

## Eligibility

Applications must be submitted by a principal investigator (PI) who is a member of research or academic staff at Newcastle University. The project must involve students or early career researchers. For the purposes of this funding call, 'early career stage' is defined as those staff employed at the level of Lecturer and below (i.e. Teaching or Research Fellow, Senior/Principal Research Associate, Research Associate or Research Assistant) at the deadline for this funding call.

The next award will be allocated in May 2020 and should be used by **the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020**. The duration of the research is not defined but must include work conducted outside of the normal academic year.

No extensions will be granted to the submission deadline. No documents will be accepted after the submission deadline. No appeals will be considered. The Bursary may not be granted retrospectively.

## Submission

The application form can be downloaded from the [Enviresearch Foundation Website](#) and once completed should be sent to [foundation@enviresearch.com](mailto:foundation@enviresearch.com).

## Criteria

The following criteria are listed in order of importance. Please note: projects will need to score more than 60% in each of the essential criteria to be eligible for funding. Those applications which meet this minimum average score will be in competition with each other for funding. If the application does not meet these criteria, it will not be eligible for funding under this call.

Essential:

1. Potential to add value, broaden skill set and experience of ECRs or students working in areas of sustainable chemical safety, sustainable food production or sustainable agriculture;
2. Potential Impact ([REF definition](#)), benefit to the environment, proposed outcomes and deliverables, including a proven ability to consistently realise research outcomes;
3. Potential for publication in good journals with high impact factors for the field of research;
4. Effective use of resources.

Desirable:

5. Is the Enviresearch Foundation the best place to fund this research?
6. Does the project promote interdisciplinary research work and collaboration?

## Reporting requirements

The reporting requirements are essential to demonstrate the value of the investment made by the Enviresearch Foundation and to assist with promotion of the work carried out by the funded researchers.

As part of the application process, applicants agree to:

1. Provide a Final Report and Lay Summary to the Enviresearch Foundation within 1 month of completing the project.
2. Allow the Enviresearch Foundation or Enviresearch Ltd. to use project content in promotional activities
3. Present a summary of the work undertaken and the resulting outcomes/outputs to the Enviresearch Foundation in person within 6 months of completing the funded work.
4. Acknowledge our contribution in publications and inform us when publication happens.

## Panel

The panel taking the decision for the Enviresearch Summer Bursary will be drawn from the committee of the Enviresearch Foundation: Dr James Garratt, Dr Robert Shiel, Dr Philippa Rickard & Nick Martin.

## Terms

- There is a total budget of £10,000 available for this award, it is anticipated up to 5 researchers will be supported. There is no lower funding limit;
- The outlined work must be completed and claim reimbursed by the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020
- The Enviresearch Summer Bursary is not able to fund retrospectively;
- Where an application is approved for funding, the PI will need to have (or get set up) an account in their School or Unit for the funds to be transferred to;
- Only eligible costs (as outlined in award letters) will be reimbursed: where a variation to the award is required (e.g., due to a change in circumstances) these must be discussed in advance with the Foundation; amended award letters will then be issued to reflect these changes;
- Only actual costs will be reimbursed, and claims for reimbursement must be accompanied by receipts and submitted to the appropriate Newcastle University administrator;
- Applicants must not incur expenditure before approval.
- Applicants will be informed of the decision within 4 weeks of the submission deadline.