

Enviresearch Foundation Travel Award Full Call Text

Submission Deadlines: Within 6 months of the notification of the award.

Contact for queries and submission of completed application form to:

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Call text

Applications are invited for the Enviresearch Travel Award Scheme. The award will cover travel costs and laboratory consumables of Early Career Researchers and PhD students from Newcastle University to visit research groups in Europe for a scientific project in the broad area of sustainable food production, agriculture and/or chemical safety.

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 £15,000 available for this award and it is anticipated up to 4 researchers will be supported.

Scope

The Enviresearch Travel Award is intended to add value, broaden the skill set and experience of Early Career Researchers (ECRs) and PhD students by providing the opportunity to visit European research groups to carry out research work in areas relating to:

- Sustainable chemical safety
- Sustainable food production
- Sustainable agriculture

It is expected that applicants will be able to demonstrate how their research activity will have benefit to Europe¹ and have considered how the relationship with the group visited may be sustained in the long term.

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

- Standard class travel (including subsistence and accommodation) to a research group² within the European Economic Area (EEA) to conduct scientific research.
- Return visits of research staff from other EEA institutions to Newcastle University

¹ By this, we mean that either:

a) It is of benefit to any Member State of the European Economic Area; or

b) It is of global benefit, and Europe will receive the benefit alongside other regions / continents.

² Groups could be in academia or non-academia. Visits could be to a research infrastructure or facility. It could be to an institution with which your group already has collaborations or a brand new contact.

- Research laboratory, computer modelling or field work within the EEA
- Essential consumables for laboratory or field work in the non-home institute

Please Note: Contributions towards travel to conferences or training events; travel outside of the EEA; staff time or general overheads are **NOT** fundable under the Enviresearch Travel award.

Eligibility

Applications must be submitted by a principal investigator (PI) who is a member of research or academic staff at Newcastle University. The person travelling must be a current member of NU staff who is in the early stage of their career or a PhD candidate. 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 project must involve a link between Newcastle University and another organisation. Internal collaborations within Newcastle University are not eligible for support.

The deadline for application for the next award will be end of March 2020. Awards will be allocated by the end of April 2020 and should be used by the 30th September 2020. The duration of the trip is not defined but is anticipated to be approximately 1 month.

No extensions will be granted to the submission deadline. No documents will be accepted after the submission deadline. No appeals will be considered. The Enviresearch award 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.

Criteria

The following criteria are listed in order of importance. Please note: projects will need to score more than 60% in each of the 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.

1. Potential to add value, broaden skill set and experience of the ECR or PhD student working in areas of sustainable chemical safety, sustainable food production or sustainable agriculture;
2. Potential Impact ([REF definition](#)), benefit to Europe, 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. Is the Enviresearch Foundation the best place to fund this travel?
5. Effective use of resources.

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 travel.
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 travel.
4. Acknowledge our contribution in publications and inform us when publication happens.

Panel

The panel taking the decision for the Enviresearch Travel Award Scheme will be drawn from the committee of the Enviresearch Foundation.

Terms

- There is a total budget of £15,000 available for this award, it is anticipated up to 4 researchers will be supported. There is no lower funding limit;
- The outlined travel must be completed and claim reimbursed by the 30th September 2020.
- The Enviresearch Foundation Travel Award is not able to fund retrospectively;
- Travel outside of the EEA or travel for the purposes of training courses or conference attendance are not permitted under this award;
- Staff time, indirect, estates costs (overheads) will not be eligible for funding under this award;
- 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.

Notes for ECRs:

- Where an ECR is contracted to work on a specific funded project on a fulltime basis between the stated start and end date of the proposed travel, evidence will be required to prove that the academic supervisor/line manager has given permission for the researcher to undertake the travel.
- Where a break in contract will be necessary in order to carry out the proposed travel, evidence will be required to prove both the academic supervisor/line manager and funding body have given permission (except in specific circumstances). This will be a condition of any award and must be satisfied prior to travel.

Notes for PhD Students:

- Where the applicant is a PhD candidate, evidence will be required to prove that the academic supervisor/line manager have given permission for the researcher to undertake the travel and permission for an Interruption of Studies and Outside Study approval has been granted by the Dean of Postgraduate Studies if required. PhD candidates must ensure they fulfil the necessary requirement of their funding body to undertake travel for research or fieldwork which is deemed beneficial but not integral to their studies. This will be a condition of any award and must be satisfied prior to travel.
- Travel insurance and visa arrangements are the responsibility of PhD candidates. Please note that visa and travel insurance costs are eligible for funding so you should ensure these are included in your application where relevant.