

Research Fund 2020

Terms & conditions

General

1. It is expected that the grant will normally be used for the purchase of equipment (glassware, computer software, *etc.*) and chemicals. Applicants may not apply for access charges to equipment available in their home institution.
2. The Fund is designed for use by the applicant for his or her personal research.
3. Under the usual conditions of funding, no portion of the grant may be used for personal expenses such as the payment of an assistant or research student and will not normally be used for the purchase of books or subscriptions to journals or magazines. Only in exceptional circumstances, and specifically to aid the furtherance of the research programme, may a portion of the grant be used for travel; details must be explicitly identified in the application.

Application and Assessment

4. Applicants must be members of the Royal Society of Chemistry (AMRSC or greater) at the time of the application deadline.
5. Applicants must hold an independent research post for the duration of their project.
6. Applications are limited to one per department and MUST receive approval from the head of that department prior to submission.
7. Strong preference is given to those working in less well-endowed institutions. Applicants from developing countries and early career researchers are encouraged.
8. Persons employed as research students at time of application (including PhD students) will not be considered for funding.
9. All applicants will be required to obtain a scientific reference as part of their application.
10. Applicants are required to provide information on:
 - i. The nature of the research in which he or she desires to engage and of the scientific results expected to follow there from.
 - ii. The approximate full cost of the research and a breakdown of the manner in which it is proposed to spend any grant that may be awarded. This should include quantities and approximate costs for each item.
 - iii. What sources of financial assistance are normally available to the applicant for research, whether these are available in this instance and to what value.
11. The Grant recipient will be expected to submit to the RSC a report outlining the outcomes of the work. This should include scientific outcomes, proposed future steps and wider benefits to the applicant and others working on the project, including (but not limited to) publications, new job/promotion, new grants, *etc.* This should be authored by the Grant recipient. Over the longer term, the RSC will ascertain from the recipient whether the Grant led to further benefits. The RSC will provide a standard form to capture this.
12. The Grant recipient will be expected to submit to the RSC a short financial report outlining the breakdown of funds spent. Any unused funds remaining at the conclusion of the Grant should be returned to the RSC. The financial report should be submitted to the RSC together with the scientific report.

Other

13. All papers or publications describing investigations conducted with the aid of an RSC Research Fund grant must contain acknowledgement of that fact. One reprint of each such publication should be submitted with the final report or as soon as possible thereafter.
14. A grant will not normally be awarded to the same applicant for more than three consecutive years.
15. Please note that grants are only payable to institutional bank accounts and cannot be made payable to individuals.
16. The RSC reserves the right to modify the size of grants in accordance with the sums annually accruing to the Fund.

17. The RSC has the power to alter the above Regulations and to attach any grant other conditions it may deem desirable.
18. The RSC's decision is final and applications cannot be resubmitted or reconsidered in the same round.