

Sustainable Laboratories Grant example application form

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Eligibility check

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You must not begin a Sustainable Laboratories Grant application if you are unable to meet all of the following criteria.

Responses Selected:

The lead applicant is an RSC member (Affiliate or above)
Me and/or my co-applicant are not lead/co-applicants on any other application in this round
The lead applicant is either a PhD student, or holds a fixed term or permanent contract at an eligible organisation (university; industrial, private or commercial organisation; university spin-out company or research institute) that lasts for the duration of the grant period
The project starts after 1 March 2025
The lead applicant understands that if the application is successful, the RSC will only pay funds to the lead applicant's organisation's bank account. I have ensured that my organisation is able to accept payments from the RSC
I have read the Guidance for Applicants document

Personal information form

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The information provided in this form is for administration purposes only and will not be used to assess your application.

About you

The lead applicant is responsible for overall delivery of the project. They are the main point of contact and are responsible for the use of the grant and submission of the grant report upon completion of the project.

Salutation	(No response)
First name	(No response)
Surname	(No response)
Name of employer/affiliation	(No response)
What type of organisation do you work in?	(No response)
Job role	(No response)
What is your career stage?	(No response)
Country	(No response)

RSC membership

The Lead applicant must be an RSC member (Affiliate or above) at the application deadline. If you are in the process of applying for membership, please enter your application number and select the level you have applied for below. Your application will be rejected if your membership has not been confirmed by the grant deadline.

Affiliate Undergrad (AFU) is **not** an eligible level of membership for this grant. If you hold AFU membership you will need to upgrade to Affiliate or above. You can contact membership@rsc.org and they will be able to assist you with this.

IMPORTANT: Your application will only be eligible if you have been admitted as a member by the grant application deadline. If your membership application is still being processed at that time, then your grant application will not be eligible. Membership applications can take up to 2 months to process and approve. If you have any questions, please contact our [Membership team](#).

Your RSC membership number

(No response)

Your membership Level

(No response)

Are you applying with a co-applicant?

The co-applicant is someone that is part of the project team and makes a significant and essential contribution to the project proposal.

(No response)

Which areas of environmental impact/sustainability does the project focus on (select all that apply).

Please see the [Sustainable Laboratories report](#) (pages 10-13) for full descriptions of these categories.

No Responses Selected

Which areas of research is your project relevant to (select all that apply)

No Responses Selected

Your partners or collaborators

If your project includes contributions from anyone not already mentioned in this application, please include details of their name, institution and their role/contribution in this grant project. This could, for example, include research collaborators or others involved in delivering the project.

A collaborator is defined as an important participant of the project, providing specific expertise that complements those of the main project team, but are not responsible for the delivery of the project.

(No response)

Does the project in your application include research that involves the use of animals, animal tissue or human tissue?

If "yes", we will contact you for more information

(No response)

How did you hear about the Sustainable Laboratories Grant?

Please select all that apply

No Responses Selected

Declaration for the applicant

Please tick this box to acknowledge that:

- You have read, understood and accept the [guidance for applicants](#) document.
- You have read, understood and accept our [terms of use](#).
- We need to collect and manage your personal data in order to provide this service. Our [privacy statement](#) explains how we do this.

For more information, or if you have any difficulties opening the links above, please email funding@rsc.org.

No Responses Selected

Main application form

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Your application form

Lead applicant details

Co-applicant details

Title of your project

(No response)

Project summary

Please provide a summary (max 100 words) of your project that succinctly describes the challenge you are aiming to address and the actions you will take. This description may be used on our website should your application be funded.

(No response)

Project start date

Must be after 1 March 2025

(No response)

Project end date

Please note that the funding period is up to one year

(No response)

Where will your project take place?

Institution/organisation/venue	(No response)
Country	(No response)

How will your project benefit environmentally sustainable research practice beyond your lab?

This is an important aspect of this scheme, but we do not wish to be prescriptive in defining “wider benefit”. A key finding from the [Sustainable laboratories report](#) is the need for communities to share knowledge, resources or best practice. Our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) document provides some more information about this important aspect of the scheme.

(No response)

Please explain how your requested funding from the RSC will make a significant difference to your ability to deliver this project.

Please also provide context of any other funding sources that is available to you and how you will fund any costs not covered by this grant.

(No response)

Proposed Expenditure

Please use the table below to provide information on the overall costs associated with your project and the amounts you are requesting from the Sustainable Laboratories Grant. **Ensure to give all of your amounts in GBP as we are unable to consider amounts in other currencies.**

How will this be used?

The information you provide will allow reviewers to further contextualise your project and help them to assess the [Feasibility of proposal and Impact of funding assessment criteria](#).

How to complete the table

It is important to show that you have planned your project well and have considered how you will fund the entirety of your project. You do not need to itemise every single expense, but you can categorise sets of expenses. For example, you may wish to group solvents, reagents, glassware etc. into a “Chemicals/consumables” category and give details of the largest expenses or those most relevant to your project. You should make sure that it is clear how your completed budget table relates to the work presented in your project proposal.

Please refer to our [Guidance for Applicants](#) document for details of eligible and ineligible expenses. If you are unsure whether any costs are in the scope of this scheme, please contact us at funding@rsc.org before you submit your application.

	Category of expense	Full amount needed for your project (£)	Amount requested from this scheme (£)	Details and justification of costs
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				

Total		0	0	
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Project description

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(Strict maximum of two sides of A4 at 10pt font size) Please provide a clear and concise description of your planned project.

This should include:

- background of the specific issue you are seeking to address and why it is important with regards to the aims of this scheme. Please bear in mind that whilst reviewers will be chemical scientists, they may not be a specialist in your area of study.
- (if your project builds on a previous initiative/project - whether or not it was done by you - please give details of this previous project and how yours will look to make further developments)
- overall aims and expected outcomes
- a description of what you are planning to do and how it will be delivered
- timeframes and key dates

Please note that your entire uploaded document cannot exceed two sides of A4 at font size 10.

The panel will use the information provided in this section to determine whether the project meets the objectives and criteria of the Sustainable Laboratories Grant, and will take into consideration how your project:

- focuses on improving the environmental sustainability of research practice in the chemical sciences
- is aligned to the aims of the scheme
- has a clearly defined intended impact
- is deliverable, technically feasible, and does not duplicate existing effort or projects
- is likely to have wider benefit beyond the grant recipient
- includes clear evaluation plans

Declaration of support from a project sponsor

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A sponsor is someone in the lead applicant's organisation who is able to support or enable the delivery of the project (for example, someone whose permission is needed for successful delivery of the project). They do not necessarily need to be involved in the delivery of the project. This would typically be a supervisor/PI, line manager, Head of Department or other senior member of the applicant's organisation.

The project sponsor cannot be the lead applicant or co-applicant.

If you would like to confirm whether an intended person is suitable, please get in touch at funding@rsc.org.

Please provide details of your project sponsor here, who will be asked to provide their support of this application. To avoid delays, please inform your sponsor as soon as possible that their input is needed in order to complete this application. We recommend giving them at least one week's notice to complete their declaration.

Recommenders

Final check before submission

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Please ensure that your application meets the following conditions before you submit. You will not be able to make amendments after you have submitted your application.

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Your application *will* be rejected immediately if it does not strictly meet any of the following conditions.

Please confirm that:

No Responses Selected