**WUN Research Development Fund (RDF) 2025**

**Question Guide**

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| **Directions** | |
| * This application form provides a **guide only** to the questions that will appear on the [online application platform](https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=wun). Applications for the 2025 round will **only** be accepted via the online application form, with a firm deadline of Friday, 17 October 2025 at 21.00 UK time. No extensions to this deadline will be possible under any circumstances. * The [RDF 2025 Guidelines](https://wun.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/WUN-RDF-Guidelines-2025.pdf) should be carefully read before applying. * A link to the guidelines and online form can also be found on the[WUN website Research Development page](http://wun.ac.uk/research-development.html)**.** * Responses should be completed using lay terminology. It is likely that one or more reviewers will not be a specialist in the field to which the program pertains. * Do not attach additional pages to your application, other than those specifically requested in this form. * Enter responses by clicking on the marked fields. Some fields are restricted to predefined lengths. * In submitting this application, the Principal Investigator is confirming the commitment of partner institutions and people named on this form. * Before commencing the application, we require applicants to discuss proposals with their university’s [WUN Coordinator](https://wun.ac.uk/contact/).  **Data Use** Information gathered through the online application is handled and stored in accordance with [WUN’s Privacy Policy](https://wun.ac.uk/privacy-policy). The online survey provider does not claim ownership of survey data and will not share or sell your information, nor will WUN sell your data. To maintain a historical record of applications and awarded projects for member university representatives, your application and any subsequent reporting may be retained in this system, and by WUN, indefinitely.  WUN may share the information contained in your application with WUN member representatives (such as Presidents, Vice-Chancellors, Coordinators, other WUN academics, etc) to conduct an application review, compile and share accomplishments, build further research partnerships within the Network, and to monitor WUN membership impact.  By proceeding with your application, you agree to these terms on data use. **Principal investigator at the lead institution** | |
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| Title | Professor/Associate Professor/Dr etc. |
| First Name |  |
| Last Name |  |
| University |  |
| Contact phone | Include country code and area code |
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| CV | Please provide the CV of principal investigator (File Size Limit: 3 MB). |
| Career Stage | The RDF is open to WUN member universities’ academic staff (faculty members) from across all career stages. Projects led by early career researchers are especially encouraged.  WUN defines an early career researcher (ECR) as:  A researcher who is in the final year of their terminal degree program (e.g., PhD) or has completed fewer than seven years\* of their first appointment as a member of faculty/academic staff.  \*The age of the researcher has no bearing on this timeframe, and career breaks within this period do not count against the total.   By this definition, are you (the principal investigator) an early career researcher? |
| **Research Team** | |
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| Please include publicly accessible links to the CV/profile page of each member of the research team. | |
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| **Project Summary** | |
| Enter a summary for non-specialists (maximum 2000 characters).  What do you want to do? Why do you want to do it? How will you do it? What is the expected outcome? | |
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| **Relevance to RDF 2025 Focus Area** | |
| Describe briefly how the project falls within the grant round focus area according to the [RDF 2025 Guidelines](https://wun.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/WUN-RDF-Guidelines-2025.pdf) (maximum 2000 characters). | |
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| **Description** | |
| In language intelligible to the non-specialist, describe what you intend to do. Explain its significance (what is new and why it is important to scholars and/or society generally). Explain how (and, if relevant, where) you and your collaborators will undertake the work. Where special skills or techniques are required at any point, make clear who will supply them. Provide details on the project timeline (e.g., research milestones, key meetings, workshops, etc.) within the one year of period of support, and covering also any subsequent work that will bring the project to maturity. (maximum 7000 characters) | |
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| **WUN Advantage** | |
| Explain what is distinctive about the collection of individuals and/or resources contributed by the participating WUN member universities. What are the special benefits they bring to the solution of the research problem?  How does the project capitalise on the cultural and geographic diversity of the network? (maximum 2000 characters). | |
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| **Teamwork** | |
| Outline how the program team will be led and constituted (maximum 2000 characters). | |
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| **Outcome and Impact** | |
| What specifically will the project have achieved by the end of the funding period of one year?  (maximum 2000 characters). | |
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| How will this project achieve impact? (maximum 2000 characters). | | |
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## **Funding**

Please note that standard conversion rates to GBP are listed on the budget template form.

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| **Funding requested** |
| Enter funding amount requested in GBP up to a maximum of £10,000. Please enter whole numbers without commas. |
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| **Program budget** |
| Please provide the program budget outlining how your WUN RDF award would be spent. Applicants must use the official budget template, which can be downloaded [here](https://wun.box.com/s/wm4casl2z7hjxr3ld0d9t40s6ipyxlxj). (File Size Limit: 3 MB)  An exemplar budget form can be found [here](https://wun.box.com/s/022aue6t16t5911y8vnnmq8zx93jcgc2). |
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| **Document Checklist**  **Guidelines and teamwork** |
| Program budget outlining how your WUN RDF award would be spent (official WUN template required)  CV of principal investigator (1 page maximum) |
| **Statement of support of collaborating institutions** |
| I confirm that as Principal Investigator I have   * read the [Research Development Fund 2025 Guidelines](https://wun.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/WUN-RDF-Guidelines-2025.pdf) and understand and accept my  responsibilities should my proposal be accepted, and * obtained the commitment of the collaborating institutions and people named in this application to this project (note that all research team members will be verified by the WUN Secretariat before any awarded funds can be released). |

## **Confirmation of institutional consultation**

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| I confirm that as Principal Investigator I have discussed this application with my university's WUN Coordinator. |