

STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY – FUNDING FOR SMALL OPEN RESEARCH PROJECTS

The University of Reading's Strategy for Research and Innovation recognises that, as a research-intensive university, meeting our ambitions of excellence in research and global impact relies on developing and encouraging open and robust research practices in our community as an Institution, enhancing collaborations across disciplines and developing our infrastructure.

Building from, and amplifying our sector-leading achievements in open research, through its 2021-23 Open Research Action Plan, the Committee for Open Research and Research Integrity (CORRI) thus seeks to fund projects that will promote the adoption of open research practices: The aim of the call is to strengthen what we can achieve together and facilitate collaborations amongst our community. Projects are therefore encouraged to draw support widely, across student bodies, professional services and academic staff.

A budget of £5K is available to fund one project. Project proposals will be assessed by an evaluation panel and ranked (see Section "Evaluation process and criteria" for details). Should the first project not exhaust all funding available, the evaluation panel may consider funding subsequent projects in the ranked list.

Proposed projects should be supporting the uptake of open research practices at the University, in remits that might otherwise fall outside of other internal research funding opportunities, such as the University's Research Endowment Trust Fund (University Research Fellowships, Open Fund, and Strategic funding) and other schemes. The funding is intended to provide flexible support, including funding for small equipment, access to data, research and travel expenses, fieldwork and practical work, create training material or support T&L projects about open research. The funding must be spent by the end of July 2023, but it is expected that proposals will contain a vision of the impact and mechanisms for sustainability that will extend beyond the funding period.

Projects are expected to engage with the Open Research working group on CORRI, and the wider dissemination of Open Research in the University, and therefore we recommend reading

- <https://www.reading.ac.uk/research/research-environment/open-research>
- <https://www.reading.ac.uk/research/research-environment/open-research/open-research-12-tips>

Questions regarding the call can be addressed to Etienne Roesch (e.b.roesch@reading.ac.uk).

Eligibility

- Applications must be made within the established timeline (see Section "Timeline" for details)
- Applications must be made by a member of staff (research, support or academic, any School or Function) whose employment with the University extends to at least July 2023. Project can involve research students but the member of staff must oversee the project throughout the funding period, and ensure alignment with the University's Strategy for Research and Innovation.

Timeline

- December 20th, 2022, midnight: Deadline for application.
- January 16th, 2023: Decision announced.
- End of the financial year, July 31st, 2023: All expenses of the project claimed.

Evaluation process and criteria

The evaluation panel is composed of

- Adrian Bell (Research Dean)
- Alison Sutton (Research Engagement)
- Etienne Roesch (PCLS)
- Maria Broadbridge (DTS)
- Robert Darby (Research Data Management)
- Katie Powell (Research & Enterprise Development)

Applications receive a 1-5 grade on the following criteria:

- Alignment with open research principles and University of Reading's Strategy for Research and Innovation
- Potential impact on our community
- Mechanisms for sustainability beyond the funding period

Application form

Applications must be made using the online form at: <https://forms.office.com/r/4XSKzi7GRs>

The breakdown below reproduces the online form, for information only.

Application summary

- Title of application
- Total amount requested
- Lead applicant's affiliation

Lead applicant

- Full name
- School or Function
- ORCID number (optional)

Team members and collaborators

Full name	School or Function	Position	ORCID number (optional)

Transparent decision making

Are you happy for us to contact you, and share details of the project on the University website (e.g. asking you to write a case study, to participate in future Open Research Forum events to showcase your work).

Yes / No

Details of the project

The description of the project should be submitted as a PDF file, which should fit on maximum 2 pages, including a narrative (1 page) and a breakdown of the costs requested (1 page).

The narrative (1 page max) should describe

1. Potential impact on our community: vision, aims, target audiences and proposed activities
2. Alignment with open research principles and University of Reading's Strategy for Research and Innovation
3. Mechanisms for sustainability beyond the funding period

Formatting:

- 500 words maximum
- One A4 page
- Arial, size 12
- Spacing 1
- Margins top/bottom/left/right: 2.5 cm

The breakdown of costs (1 page max) requested should contain a table with 3 columns:

Item (incl. unit cost)	Total	Justification for request

Formatting:

- One A4 page
- Arial, size 12
- Margins top/bottom/left/right: 2.5 cm

Summary of costs requested

- 100 words maximum