

Call for proposals to develop research links with non-academic partners in the UK



As part of the latest NERC Innovation Award being managed by the EnvEast NERC DTP, we are able to fund a small number of partnership development activities, such as workshops and sandpit events, in areas of NERC-facing science.

Examples of past awards have ranged from small round-table discussions with a single partner (e.g. Anglian Water), to CASE Award development workshops (e.g. a Workshop on Coastal Environmental Management at Essex University with BTO, the Environment Agency, Cefas, Natural England, and local conservation authorities), and larger events such as a Poster Symposium at the Met Office in Exeter.

Successful proposals will focus on non-academic end-user/stakeholder engagement. These can include industry, SMEs, other commercial organisations, policy-makers, government bodies, and third-sector organisations. We particularly welcome events that lead to the development of new collaborations involving opportunities for PhD students and Early Career Researchers, such as joint studentships, CASE Awards, internships, etc.

Funding can be requested for travel and subsistence of participants, catering and other meeting costs, publicity materials, etc., but not for salary costs or honorariums. We have £10,000 available and expect to fund a mixture of larger and smaller meetings.

All activities must be completed by 31 March 2017, and a report on outcomes provided by the end of April 2017.

Please provide a one page A4 proposal outlining the name and affiliation of the proposer, the purpose of the proposed event or visit, the likely academic and non-academic participants, dates, how the proposal maximises opportunities for PhD students and ECRs, and a budget. Proposers need not be NERC-funded to apply, but must address areas within the NERC remit.

Send applications to Env.East@uea.ac.uk.