



Enterprise Education and Research Project Fund

The 9th call for bids to the Enterprise Education and Research Project Fund is now open.

The Enterprise Education and Research Project Fund (EERPF) provides funding to:

- (i) support the creation of enterprise education materials and resources
- (ii) facilitate impactful research which adds to our understanding of enterprise education and addresses the needs of the wider enterprise education community.

Bids are invited from staff employed by organisations that are fully paid-up members of Enterprise Educators UK (EEUK) who can demonstrate capacity-building through collaboration between experienced and early career enterprise educators/practitioners. A successful EERPF project with appropriate dissemination can also support an applicant as evidence towards an EEUK Fellowship application.

We are keen to receive applications from FE Colleges, small and specialist HEIs, and non HE/FE members of EEUK. Such members may consider a collaborative proposal with an HE partner. International members are eligible to apply, jointly with a UK-based institution.

Bids will be reviewed and judged against the criteria below. Individuals are invited to submit single-institution bids of any size up to £5,000. Collaborative bids from two members (but not more than two) may request up to £7,500. Only one bid per institution can be funded in any year. The total fund available for this round is £25,000.

Details of the projects that are being funded in the current academic year [can be found here](#).

Awards will not support full economic costing or additional salary payments to staff; only back-fill costs for staff will be supported.

Applicants will need to contact their Faculty/Service Finance Officer to have their project expenditure signed off prior to submission.

The closing date for applications is **Midnight, Monday May 20th 2019** with notifications of awards given towards the end of June.

The **Application Form** is attached with this document. The completed application must be sent electronically to lynn@enterprise.ac.uk by midnight Monday May 20th. All submissions will be acknowledged by email. Hard copies are not required at the time of submission but will be requested from successful candidates before any payment is made.

Any queries regarding the bidding process should be directed to Kate Beresford, Kate@enterprise.ac.uk in the first instance.

Bids will be reviewed by a Panel convened by the Chair of Enterprise Educators UK and judged against the following criteria:

1) Alignment with the aims of EEUK: indicate at least 3 aims to which the project will make a significant contribution.

- To increase the scale, scope and effectiveness of enterprise education initiatives (curricular and/or extra-curricular) delivered by members of Enterprise Educators UK
- To develop new areas of applied enterprise education which link with the national focus on the needs of the economy and employers
- To encourage more inter-faculty/department enterprise education
- To underpin the curriculum with research in new and developing approaches to embedding enterprise education in the curriculum
- To provide evidence of the effectiveness and impact of enterprise education
- To provide mentoring of early career enterprise educators by more experienced staff.

2) How well the project will address one of the following EERPF priority themes OR another clearly identified key economic, educational or social policy area. Priority themes proposed for 2019 are:

- Contributing to the Knowledge Exchange Framework (KEF) agenda, in the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) context [where applicable in England]
- Internationalising enterprise education and partnerships in the context of Brexit
- Social innovation, enterprise, community engagement
- Enterprising learning in Further/Higher apprenticeships and vocational FE/HE collaboration
- Innovative approaches and applications using conceptual and policy frameworks in enterprise / entrepreneurship education, such as EntreComp; effectuation; Design Thinking.

3) Effectiveness of proposed method and project plan.

4) Effectiveness of proposed dissemination plan. This must include a plan for making the findings / outputs of the project available to the wider enterprise education community in a transferable format which they can use. This may, for example, include contributing to an EEUK Enterprise Exchange event; producing resources for the [ETC Toolkit](#); via the [ISBE/EEUK Community of Interest in Research in Enterprise Education \(REntED\)](#); and by other means.

5) Realistic and effective use of funds – ‘value for money’ for EEUK and its membership.

Key dates

- Applications open: week commencing 25th March 2019
- **Applications close: Midnight 20th May 2019 (late submissions will not be accepted)**
- Panel deliberates: June 2019
- Applicants are notified of results: early July 2019
- Funding commences: 1st August 2019
- Funding ends: 31st July 2020
- Dissemination of outcomes: IEEC2020, Sept 2020
- Short post-project impact report: no later than 31st July 2021 (See Terms and Conditions 8)

Terms and Conditions

1. Applicants must be employed by organisations that are fully paid-up members of Enterprise Educators UK. Each organisation can benefit from only one project in any year.
2. Each single member award will be a maximum of £5,000. Each collaborative award (no more than two members) will be a maximum of £7,500. Enterprise Educators UK reserves the right to offer awards below the amount applied for.
3. The total fund available for this round of awards is £25,000. Enterprise Educators UK reserves the right to award less than this amount if the applications submitted are not of sufficient quality.
4. Board members of Enterprise Educators UK are not eligible to apply personally. Other applicants in their organisations may apply.
5. Successful applicants must agree to disseminate outcomes of the project via the EEUK website, ETC Toolkit, at IEEC2020 and via the ISBE/EEUK Community of Interest in Research in Enterprise Education.
6. Any materials produced as an outcome of any funded project will be made publicly available on the EEUK website.
7. Successful applicants must produce quarterly progress reports according to a schedule provided by EEUK.
8. Successful applicants must complete a short project impact report no later than 12 months after the completion of the funding period (a pro-forma will be provided by EEUK).
9. Any requests for extensions must be received by EEUK in writing ahead of stipulated reporting and other project fund deadlines.
10. EEUK will pay the first 50% of the funding awarded on receipt of an invoice, on or after the 1st August 2019. The final 50% of the funding will be paid when EEUK judges that the project has been completed satisfactorily.
11. EEUK retains the right to reclaim the initial 50% of the funding or withhold all or part of the second 50% of funding if they judge that adequate progress has not been made against project plans.
12. EEUK retains the right to reject funding applications from individuals or organisations where it considers that previous EERPF project commitments have not been fulfilled.