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## UK Research Partnership Investment Fund: 2016-17

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This circular alerts universities to an opportunity to submit bids to a fourth round of the UK Research Partnership Investment Fund (UKRPIF). The Fund supports capital investment in major new research facilities in universities which have a significant track record of research excellence.

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## Introduction

1. This circular alerts universities to an opportunity to submit bids to a fourth round of the UK Research Partnership Investment Fund.

## Background

2. The UK Research Partnership Investment Fund (UKRPIF) provides funding for capital investment in major new research facilities in universities which have a significant track record of research excellence. The funding has been made available on a UK-wide basis through the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, to be distributed by the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) acting in conjunction with the other UK higher education funding bodies.

## Funding and Eligibility

3. A further £100 million is available through the new round of the scheme. The minimum award from the fund will be £10 million per project, and the maximum will be £35 million. As in previous rounds, there is a requirement for universities to obtain co-funding from private sources (business, charities or individual philanthropy) in the ratio of two:one to the sum requested from the Fund. Exceptionally, projects that do not meet the required lower level for UKRPIF investment of £10 million (£30 million including co-funding) may be considered by the panel, if it can be shown that they meet the objectives of the fund and would extend the reach of the fund beyond the balance of sectors and disciplines achieved so far. However, co-funding from private sources in the ratio of two:one would still be required.
4. The full call for proposals is available on the HEFCE website at [www.hefce.ac.uk/pubs/year/2014/201417/#d.en.88037](http://www.hefce.ac.uk/pubs/year/2014/201417/#d.en.88037)

A link has also been published alongside this circular under Secondary Documents.

## Applying for Funding

5. Awards will be made through a competitive bidding process. Institutions which wish to apply are invited to submit expressions of interest using the template provided alongside the call for proposals.
6. The completed template should be emailed directly to HEFCE at [researchpartnership@hefce.ac.uk](mailto:researchpartnership@hefce.ac.uk) by **noon on Friday, 10 October 2014**.

## Further information

7. For policy queries, institutions in Wales should contact Linda Tiller, at HEFCW (email: [linda.tiller@hefcw.ac.uk](mailto:linda.tiller@hefcw.ac.uk); tel 029 2068 2228). For queries about the UKRPIF process, institutions in Wales should contact Steph Lynch at HEFCE (email: [s.lynch@hefce.ac.uk](mailto:s.lynch@hefce.ac.uk); tel 0117 931 7048).