



Development fund

Cambridge Reproduction: Development Fund guidance (2023–24)

Cambridge Reproduction welcomes applications from early career researchers (ECRs) for training and development activities. Activities may include training courses, attendance at conferences or workshops, or any other event that supports the training or professional development of the applicant. Please note that we will only consider applications for costs associated with conference attendance in exceptional circumstances; to discuss whether this might apply in your case, please [email Christina Rozeik](mailto:christina.rozeik@repro.cam.ac.uk). Applicants should be a current postgraduate student or member of staff at the University of Cambridge or its affiliated institutions.

Assessment criteria

The key criteria for assessing applications will be:

1. Relevance of the activity to reproductive research;
2. Benefit of the activity to the applicant.

Funding available

Each application will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. Awards will typically be up to £500, and applicants are strongly encouraged to look for additional sources of co-funding.

Application and review process

Applications can be made via the online form or by emailing the Word application form to Tamsin Smyth (admin@repro.cam.ac.uk), ensuring that you include a 2-page CV and a letter of support from your supervisor, line manager or head of department with your application. Submissions should be made at least 4 weeks before your proposed activity will take place.

Applications will be considered once per term; please see our website (www.repro.cam.ac.uk/development-fund) for current deadlines. In exceptional circumstances, we may be able to consider applications outside these timescales; if you think this applies to you, please [email Christina Rozeik](mailto:christina.rozeik@repro.cam.ac.uk) to discuss your situation.

The review process is expected to take 3-4 weeks to complete. The review is conducted by the Development Fund Panel.

Preference may be given to those who have not previously received a grant from Cambridge Reproduction.

Awards and report

Successful applicants are required to submit a brief report within one month of the funded activity. The report should be submitted to coordinator@repro.cam.ac.uk using the provided Post-Award Report form, along with proof of expenditure (receipts, travel documents, etc). A brief report summary will be made available on our website (www.repro.cam.ac.uk), together with one or more images from the training activity.

Contact

Applicants may discuss the Events Fund with Tamsin Smyth (admin@repro.cam.ac.uk).