

- 1.1 Up to £10,000 GBP (“Grant”) will be awarded by the RSC to the successful applicant (“Recipient”) to undertake a project, initiative or activity (“Project”) which helps make chemical sciences research more sustainable by either:
- a) advancing the understanding of environmentally sustainable laboratory practice; or
 - b) increasing the take-up of environmentally sustainable laboratory practices in the chemical sciences; or
 - c) facilitating the sharing of good practices.

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- 3.7.1 Hold a fixed term or permanent contract at an eligible organisation (university; industrial, private or commercial organisation; university spin-out company or research institute) that lasts for the duration of the grant. Or
- 3.7.2 Be undertaking an undergraduate or graduate course at a Higher Education Institution, for example university.
- 3.8 Any given Project v 1/BBox [B-22.602 -1.3.1 (e)-12.2 (2 Tc 0.030 Tw 2.458 0 T.9 (S)p12.-9)-12.3 (i.6 (ducns)-8 (t

- 5.3 Applications will not be considered for funding if any part of the application exceeds length limits specified in the application form.
6. Eligible costs
- 6.1 Applicants may apply for reasonable costs directly needed for their Project.
- 6.2 Sustainable Laboratories Grants will not be awarded to:
- Projects which do not focus on improving environmental sustainability in chemical sciences research practice.
 - Projects whose primary aim is to generate a financial surplus or for commercial development;
 - Projects for which our support would not significantly enhance the Project.
 - Projects which are likely to only benefit the applicant and will not help to improve research sustainability beyond the applicant's laboratory.
- 6.3 Funding should not replace or reduce institutional or funding agency support
- 6.4 Applicants may not seek funding for the following within their application:
- Costs for of general-purpose hardware, apparatus, or equipment
 - Departmental overheads
 - Costs for conference attendance
- 6.5 Any contributions to cover staff costs or student bursaries should be appropriate for the Project. They should not include costs that might reasonably be covered otherwise, for example by employers. All costs should be justified in the application.
- 6.6 Costs for consultancy will only be covered where the applicant is explicit about the need for a consultant or specialist to be involved in the Project and can demonstrate how the Project will benefit from the specific expertise or skillset provided. These costs must be fully justified in the application form.
7. Inviting Project Sponsors to provide their support of the application.
- 7.1 Lead Applicants must include confirmation of support from a Project Sponsor. **Please make them aware of this before entering their details into the application system.**
- 7.2 The Lead Applicant is required to complete all sections of the application form before the Lead Applicant can access the declaration of support section of the application form.
- 7.3 Once applicants enter the details of the Project Sponsor, the SurveyMonkey Apply system will send them an email, which includes a link to the application. Clicking this link will allow them to login (or sign up) to confirm their support. If they have not received a link, it may have gone to their junk folder. Please contact funding@rsc.org if there are any problems.
- 7.4 Confirmation of support needs to be completed by the grant application deadline. Please consider the availability of the Project Sponsor. We recommend giving Project Sponsors at least two weeks to complete their section of the application form. The RSC will recommend to the Project Sponsor that their declaration needs to be completed in advance of the Grant deadline. The Applicant will not be able to submit their application form until the status for the declaration shows as 'complete'.
- 7.5 If the Lead Applicant needs to make any final edits after submitting their application before the application deadline, they should contact funding@rsc.org for guidance.
8. Assessment Criteria
- 8.1 The assessment criteria are:
- Relevance to environmental sustainability of chemical sciences research
- The Project and its outcomes must focus on improving the environmental sustainability of research practice in the chemical sciences.
- The Project objectives should align with one or more of the scheme aims.

