The Keynes Fund

15th Call for Projects

Deadline: 20th September, 2019

Proposals of high-quality projects consistent with the objectives and themes of the Keynes fund are solicited.

Proposers are expected to motivate their projects in light of the statutory goals of the Keynes Fund, clearly identifying the areas of originality and excellence in them.

For further information on the Keynes Fund please visit http://www.keynesfund.econ.cam.ac.uk/

Funding Options

The Keynes Fund has two funding options.

*Standard Applications*

- Applications for funds up to £50,000 are classified as standard grants.
- Proposals for a standard grant, excluding attached CVs, should be no more than 2,000 words and proposers are encouraged to suggest qualified referees.

*Large Grant Applications*

- Applications for funds in excess of £50,000 are classified as large grants.
- Proposals for large grants, excluding attached CVs, should be no more than 4,000 words and should suggest a list of qualified reviewers.
- Large grant applications will be refereed by two reviewers. Proposers of large grant projects may suggest qualified reviewers.
**Timetable**

Applications will be reviewed by the fund managers at the next managers’ meeting in November 2019. It is anticipated that the outcome of the applications will be communicated via email by the end of November 2019.

**Application Guidance**

All proposals must be structured in 6 sections

1. **Cover page**
2. **Technical description of the project**
3. **Timetable for completion of the project**
4. **Detailed budget by year**
5. **Other funding obtained**
6. **Qualifications of the research team members**

1. The cover page of no more than 400 words must provide (i) a non-technical description of the goals, structure and scientific merits of the research project, as well as potential applications of its results; (ii) a clear and detailed statement of why the project is appropriate for funding, in relation to the statutory goals of the Keynes Fund. Please use the following naming convention when submitting your electronic application: application_name_KF15_v1_Sept19

2. The technical description of the project should map the proposed research in the literature, and provide details about theoretical and methodological frameworks.

3. The timetable for the completion of the project should be as accurate as possible. Please provide expected start and end dates and the anticipated project duration.

4. The budget is expected to be mainly devoted to the costs of research assistants, post-doctoral fellows and data collection. As a guideline; dissemination activities can be included up to 2000 pounds, research visit up to 1500 pounds. Equipment, e.g. a PC or laptop for a Research assistant/associate of up to 1000 pounds is not funded unless fully justified by the specific activities of the project.

When preparing the budget, please note there is a 30.5% overhead (including 0.5% apprenticeship levy) on any salary costs that go through payroll, so when budgeting for salary costs, please include an additional line showing 30.5% of the total salary costs.

Note most purchases of goods or services are subject to a 20% VAT tax. Include the VAT tax in your budget where appropriate.
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5. Applicants should list any other awards currently funding the proposed project. This list would include, for example:
   a. External research grants from sponsors such as RCUK, Charities or the EC.
   b. Internal Grants from The Newton Trust, The Cambridge-INET Institute, CERF and other similar University based grant giving bodies.

6. Proposers are expected to provide evidence of the track record of the researchers. For instance, proposers who are out of graduate school for more than 4 years should provide evidence of publication in top international journals. Association of Ph.D. students and post-docs is strongly encouraged, consistent with the KF emphasis on raising the quality of the Cambridge research and teaching environment. Please provide CVs if available.

Submission

Applications should be sent to Marion Reusch, Keynes Fund Administrator to keynes-fund@econ.cam.ac.uk by 20th September 2019.