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**Enhancing Research Culture Fund
2023/24 Guidelines**

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The university has been awarded an Enhancing Research Culture Fund from Research England. Our allocation this year is £50k. We are delighted to announce an Open Call for applications to this fund. Applicants are invited to apply for projects of no more than £15k as we hope to fund several projects from the Enhancing Research Culture Fund.

To apply for funding, applicants must complete the application form found in a separate attachment. Completed application forms must be returned to research@stmarys.ac.uk with the email subject: Enhancing Research Culture Fund Application.

Applications must be received by 5pm 30th November 2023 (*any applications received after this date/time will not be considered*).

Committee review and decisions will take place in December for work and projects to be undertaken between January - July 2024. **Any funds awarded need to be spent by the end of July 2024** (Please note that there is no facility to rollover unspent funds into the next financial year).

Eligible costs include:

- Research Assistant salaries
- Activities related to research and data collection
- Engagement with stakeholders
- Training and development events
- Workshops
- Travel and conference attendance.

Activities which will not be supported by the fund include:

Buyout of teaching (unless in exceptional circumstances where there is a letter of support from Head of School and Faculty Dean) and costs associated with publishing a journal article.

Overview of Enhancing Research Culture Fund Priorities and Criteria

The enhancing research culture fund is funding that is specifically to be used to support projects that address research culture challenges or enhance existing practice.

Areas for potential investment identified by Research England include, but are not limited to:

- Improving access to and participation in research, including postgraduate research study, for people from currently underrepresented groups;
- Furthering open research practices;
- Improving research conduct and reproducibility;
- Tackling bullying and harassment;
- Improving research leadership skills across all career stages;
- Creating routes for collaboration and exchange with businesses, third sector organisations and government;
- Securing and supporting the careers of researchers and associated professions;
- Diversifying recruitment, reward and recognition approaches at all career stages;
- Delivering new approaches to public dialogue and community-led research.

Ethics

If the proposed activities within your application present new research, it will be necessary to gain ethical approval before commencing the work.

Reporting

It is a requirement that anyone awarded funding from the Enhancing Culture Research Fund must complete a report of their project.