**Wales Innovation Network: Business case for bid development support for health, climate and people**

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| Total Funding:  | £5k  |
| Maximum available per bid:  | Up to £1k   |
| Bid Submission date (Annex A): | 11 April 2025  |
| Funding decisions:   | 30 April 2025   |
| Final report and expenditure complete (Annex B): | 30 September 2025   |

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| **WIN Bid development support:** |
| * To support WIN’s activity across health, climate and people, bid development support can be provided to a Welsh university involved in **developing a partnership to lead to a collaborative Welsh bid.**
* **Eligible applications should be led by a Welsh university and must involve at least another two other Welsh universities as partners**. WIN also welcomes, where appropriate, the inclusion of university partners from outside of Wales, or external stakeholders such as business, industry, community groups, and public sector. Applications should be submitted using the pro-forma at **Annex A** by **11 April 2025.**
* Funding is available to support activities which help expedite the development and submission of a joint bid. Funding can be used to buy-out staff time, to enable multiple universities and partners to convene in person, or any other **activity which is required to support a partnership to develop a funding submission**.
* Funding must be linked to activities supporting the work of health, climate and people.
* Applications will be reviewed by the WIN team, and this will consider the **scale of the opportunity** **and the likelihood of future funding**. WIN will also consider the **feasibility of the plans** put forward and their value for money.
* Applicants should ensure that all partners listed have the relevant approval from their institution to be part of the collaborative Welsh bid. Any additional speculative partners must be clearly indicated as such.
* Funding should be based on actual costs incurred and Universities Wales reserves the right to request access to supporting records for audit purposes.
* Any funding unspent by the submission date will be returned to WIN for reinvestment.
* Successful applicants must provide a monitoring report by completing and submitting **Annex B** by **30 September 2025** to innovation.network@uniswales.ac.uk
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| **Level of funding available:** |
| * WIN has £5k committed and expects to fund five bid development grants. Up to £1k is available for support from WIN where this will enable universities to develop and submit a collaborative Welsh bid.
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**Annex A: Application Form – WIN Bid Development Grant**

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|  **Lead Institution and Contact(s): (including email)** |  |
| **Welsh University Partners**  |  |
| **Other UK / International university partner(s):** |  |
| **Other external collaborative stakeholders:**  |  |

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| 1. How much WIN Bid Development Grant is required?
 | Total: £ |

**Details of project:**

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| Name of collaborative research group / project:  |  |
| Briefly provide details of the planned research collaboration: | *[Please outline why this is a grouping of acknowledged strength in health, climate and people. Be clear how this funding will enable the collaboration to develop and seek funding opportunities. Max 200 words]* |

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| 1. Provide a basic breakdown of expenditure with activity supported and dates:
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| Date of expenditure | Activity | Cost |
|  |  | £ |
|  |  | £ |
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|  |  | Total £ |

**Outcomes:**

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| WIN is providing this seed funding to support bid development and increased grant capture.   |
| 1. Provide details of funder(s) you plan to target (and specific funding calls if known) following this period of bid development:
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| 1. Estimate the likely level of funding which will be targeted per funder:
 | e.g. Funder A: £ |
| Funder B: £ |
| Funder C: £ |
|  | Total: £ |

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| **Signature PVC R&I:****[for lead university who will receive the WIN funding]** |  |
| **Date** | Click or tap to enter a date. |

Please submit this application form to innovation.network@uniswales.ac.uk

**Annex B: Wales Innovation Network: Bid Development Support Grant**

**Monitoring Return**

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|  Lead institution and contact(s): (including email) |  |
| Welsh University Partners  |  |
| Other UK / International university partner(s): |  |
| Other external collaborative stakeholders:  |  |

1. **Expenditure:**

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| Total WIN Bid Development Grant awarded:  |   |
| Expenditure by 30 September 2025: | £   |
| Please note any underspend and provide details of how and when any remaining committed funding will be spent in full  | *[To note WIN can reclaim unspent funding which is not committed]* £ |

1. **Partnership investment of WIN bid development grant**

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| WIN Bid Development Grants are provided to support collaborative university groups submit research applications, and where without additional support partners may fail to finalise the bid. Please outline how the WIN Bid Development Grant has been used by your partnership to develop and plan external grant application(s): |
|  *[include information relating to meetings, workshops, bid writing, etc directly facilitated by this support. Max 200 words*] |

1. **External funding application outcomes:**

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| Section APlease complete this section to outline R&I bids which have already been submitted to external funders: |
| Number of bids submitted to external funder(s): | [where bids have been submitted, please list funder(s)] |
| Bid details, including level of funding targeted: | [provide details for each individual bid - including the funding call, confirmed bid partners, level of funding targeted, and outcome date]£££Total: £ |

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| Section BPlease outline R&I bids which are in the final stage of development and provide details of the external funder /funding call being targeted: |
| As a result of the WIN Bid Development Grant, which funders and funding calls will be targeted by your research group: | [provide details for each individual bid - including the funding call, confirmed bid partners, level of funding targeted, and outcome date if known] |
| Provide details of the level of funding which will be targeted for each funder / funding call and when bids will be submitted: | £ |
| £ |
| £ |
|  | Total: £ |

1. **Feedback on WIN Bid Development Grant**

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| Are there any improvements WIN could make to the Bid Development Grant process to better support collaborative research applications in Wales? |
|  [Max 200 words] |

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| Signature: PVC R&I  (WIN Board Member for lead university)  |   |
| Date   | ​​Click or tap to enter a date.​  |

Please submit a completed **Annex B** monitoring report to innovation.network@uniswales.ac.uk by **30 September 2025.**