

RESEARCH, INNOVATION AND KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE (RIKE) AWARDS

What are the RIKE awards?

These are grants for research, innovation or knowledge exchange projects awarded internally through Research Innovation and Enterprise. The funding is through Solent's Quality Related Research (QR) fund or Higher Education Innovation Fund (HEIF) from UKRI.

What RIKE awards are available?

There are three types of awards. Starter, Accelerator and Catapult. More detail is shown in the table overleaf.

What are the rules for the RIKE awards?

- i. All spend for the RIKE award must be undertaken in the financial year that the grant is applied for, i.e. any grant for the 2019-20 financial year must be completed by the end of July 2020.
- ii. There is no deadline for applying for the awards. Granting of awards is based on the funding availability and therefore may run out. If more Research, Innovation and Knowledge Exchange can be reported in the REF and / or KEF, this will result in more funding being available in the future.
- iii. From May 2020, an award can be applied for the 2020-21 financial year.
- iv. Staff time is not included as a cost but must be signed off by the line manager in advance of acceptance of the grant award.
- v. All successful grants will require a written report to be submitted by the end of September 2020.
- vi. The aim of the RIKE awards is as seed funding, allowing development of an idea onto larger applications for external funding. It will be rare for a Principal Investigator to be awarded a second RIKE. Staff will only be eligible for a second award if they have completed all the conditions of a previous RIKE grant.
- vii. It will be possible to support colleagues on multiple applications and awards as a Co-I, if the hours can be signed off by the relevant managers.
- viii. Payment of external staff time (as Co-Is) is not permissible.
- ix. Extensions are permissible following career breaks only.

- x. All investigators must comply with university policies whilst applying for and carrying out a RIKE project.
- xi. Funding cannot be used for solely or directly for personal development.
- xii. Costs associated with conference attendance must be related to the project being applied for.

Eligibility:

1. Any staff on a fixed-term or permanent contract may make one application every two years.
2. An individual who, as a former principal investigator, has not submitted a final report on a previous RIKE award is ineligible for further RIKE funding.
3. An ethical application must be made prior to submission of the RIKE application form and ethical approval must be granted before an award can be granted.

Guidance Notes:

The funds are available for new projects which can be completed within a year or less. Therefore the reviewers are expecting short and to the point responses to the questions. Make sure you are clear on the title of your project, what you are trying to achieve, who will benefit and how you have identified the need for your project.

Tip: Ask someone to read your application who does not know about it. Can they summarise your project in 3 lines or 30 seconds? If not you probably need to refine it.

Further information:

Ethics applications: <http://portal.solent.ac.uk/portal-apps/ethics/ethics.aspx>

REF Units of Assessment: <https://www.ref.ac.uk/panels/units-of-assessment/>

Knowledge Exchange Framework: <https://re.ukri.org/knowledge-exchange/knowledge-exchange-framework/>

Researcher Development Programme: <https://www.solent.ac.uk/research-innovation-enterprise/researcher-support/researcher-development-programme>

Type of RIKE Award	Maximum value	Application process	Decision process	Key conditions of the grant
Starter Students as researchers	£1,500 100 student hours (hired through Campus Jobs)	Short online form <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is your project • Who are the beneficiaries/ how have you identified need • How long will the project run • What will the students do (break down of hours / tasks) Submit ethical clearance	Weekly review of applications - response within 10 working days of submission	Final report (expected length maximum 2 pages) Including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lay summary • Who the beneficiaries of the project are • What is the impact (or potential impact) • What are the next steps
Accelerator Developmental projects / partnerships / networks	£5,000 +	Online form As above with additional reference to tangible outputs/outcomes. What will the money be spent on?	Monthly review - response by the end of the 1 st week of the calendar month following submission	Final report (expected length maximum 4 pages) including information as for Starter Award and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lessons learned • Results • Achievements based on the application Maximum 100 hours per student, maximum 2 students. Recommend an element of public engagement and the Programme Officer can provide advice.

<p>Catapult</p> <p>Pilot studies / proof of concept)</p>	<p>£12,000</p>	<p>Online form and presentation to panel. As above with reference to a REF / KEF output (list of types of output to be provided).</p>	<p>2 month process. Response within 1 week of the presentation to panel.</p>	<p>Final report (expected length maximum 4 pages) including information as for Starter Award and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lessons learned • Results • Achievements based on the application • Planned follow-on actions • Mandatory public engagement - suggestions include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Blog post ○ Festival of Ideas event ○ Presentation to stakeholders <p>Maximum 100 hours per student, maximum 2 students.</p>
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