

Guidance - NuSec Science Network Personal Development Grants

Aim

To support Early Career Researchers and established staff across a range of personal development activities related to Nuclear Security Science, including attending research conferences, undertaking industrial placements, or attending training courses.

The objectives of the Personal Development Grant are to strengthen the research and innovation capacity of scientists in the field of Nuclear Security Science, and to develop new collaborations between researchers and partner organisations.

Scope

The scope of the Personal Development Grant is open to include any mechanism which achieves the aims and objectives of the program. Funding will be offered to support travel and subsistence costs, accommodation, plus event registration fees or other associated costs.

Award Value

Grants of up to £1,000 will be awarded. 50% matched funding will also normally be required. It is the applicants' responsibility to secure any required match funding. Details of the matched funding are required in the application form.

Application Procedure

Applications must be made using the application form that can be downloaded from the NuSec website www.nusec.uk. Applications will be considered twice a year. The closing date for 2022 applications will be **23rd May 2022** and **31st August 2022**. Applicants will be informed of a decision usually within 2-4 weeks of submission. The assessment of proposals will be conducted by the NuSec Management Group. Details of awards and assessment criteria will be published on the NuSec website.

Please submit your completed application form by email to info@nusec.uk

Eligibility

Applicants should be researchers who are based either at a University, Research Establishment, or a Company within the UK. Applicants are expected to either be active in the field of nuclear security or wishing to apply their expertise from other areas into nuclear security research. They must be able to contribute or participate in NuSec Science network events. Applicants will normally only receive one award across the duration of the network.

Other Funding and Support

Applicants are expected to apply for other relevant funds or support which may be available. For conferences or training events this includes, but is not limited to, "early bird" or similar discounted registration fees, applications to conference/event organisers for any studentships or sponsorships, applications to other professional bodies such as *Institute of Physics* for support.

Reporting

Recipients will be required to provide a short-Written Summary (no more than 1 side of A4), explaining how the Personal Development Activity has strengthened research and innovation capacity or enabled new collaborations. This information will be shared with our members at future NuSec Sciences network meetings.

Payment Method

Recipients will receive their award **post- activity** following the submission of a **University of Surrey Visitor Expenses Claim Form & Receipts** and a **Written Summary, within one month** of the completed development activity.

NuSec Personal Development Grant – Assessment Criteria

The following criteria will be used to assess applications received for the NuSec Personal Development Grants:

1. Relevance and importance of the topic to NuSec (20%)
2. Potential to develop applicant's personal research or innovation (20%)
3. Potential to develop new collaborations or future activities (20%)
4. Suitability of the project budget (10%)
5. Does the award duplicate other available funding? (10%)

Further Information

Please visit our NuSec Science network website www.nusec.uk .

ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE - for [IEEE Nuclear Science Symposium \(NSS\), Medical Imaging Conference \(MIC\) and Room Temperature Semiconductor Detector \(RTSD\), 4 – 11 November 2023, Vancouver, Canada.](#)

NuSec welcomes PDG applications to attend this NSS-MIC conference. There is no fixed deadline to apply for a PDG to attend this event.

Applications will be assessed according to the following additional criteria:

- (1) the applicant's abstract has been accepted as either an oral or poster contribution, with priority for oral papers.
- (2) the relevance of the abstract to Nuclear Security research.
- (3) priority will be given to applicants who have also obtained an NSS-MIC conference training grant or similar award.

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