**The Bartlett Synergy Grants 2019: Call and Criteria**

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The Bartlett Synergy Grants scheme funds activities that lead to, or support, interdisciplinary research collaborations in the Built Environment. It seeks to enhance the Bartlett Faculty’s cross-disciplinary research that can bring multiple perspectives and approaches to global challenges, and as part of this wider approach, to champion ethical values within Built Environment research.

We are keen to receive applications that support new interdisciplinary research ideas and activities. This covers all modalities of research, including action research and design research. Projects may comprise pilot studies, proof of concept work, and feasibility studies. We particularly welcome projects that articulate development beyond the lifetime of the grant, including plans for securing further funding from external sources.

Candidates are welcome to discuss ideas with the Faculty Research and Enterprise Manager (e.sivyer@ucl.ac.uk) in advance. Projects can start from 1 August 2019.

**Eligibility**

* Applications must include at least two members of academic staff (lead applicant and main collaborator) from two different Bartlett schools/units as a minimum. Priority will be given to collaborations between staff across Bartlett schools/units who have not worked together in the past.
* The lead applicant must be a permanent academic member of staff in the Bartlett Faculty. Researchers and Teaching Fellows are eligible as main or additional collaborators.
* BSEER is considered as four separate units: Energy Institute, Institute for Environmental Design and Engineering, Institute for Sustainable Heritage, and Institute for Sustainable Resources. Collaborations between these units are eligible and welcome, bearing in mind that a key criterion of the scheme is supporting new collaborations.
* The collaboration, in addition to at least two members of Bartlett staff (as lead applicant and main collaborator), can also include colleagues based in other UCL Faculties or HEIs, international organisations and other external partners.

**Assessment criteria**

* Quality of the proposed research.
* Nature of the proposed collaboration (team), with priority given to new collaborations.
* Plans / scope for future funding, with future funding plans to be articulated.
* Feasibility of the project, including ability to be completed by July 2020.
* Appropriate resourcing for the work.

**Funding**

The maximum budget available from the Faculty is £30,000 per annum. The fund can support three projects of up to £10,000 each.

* Projects can start from 1 August 2019.
* Funds cannot to be used to meet core staff salaries.
* Funds can be used for researcher time and casual payments (including to PhD students).
* Estates and indirect costs cannot be funded.
* External partners may qualify as subcontractors – contact e.sivyer@ucl.ac.uk with queries on this matter.
* Funds for this round need to be spent by 31 July 2020. This means all casual payments must be submitted to HR by 5 July 2020, and all goods and services received and invoices paid by 31 July 2020.
* Schools/units should only produce a Worktribe costing report as part of their application if researcher time is included.
* Individual schools/units are expected to manage the finance and HR administration for Synergy Grants.
* School/unit HoD should be aware of submissions and should be included on the submission email.
* Any extension of time for the project needs to be agreed in advance with the Vice-Dean Research, but all funds must be spent by 31 July 2020.