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**BBSRC 2021 ALERT Mid-Range Equipment Funding**

***Internal Oversight Process Instructions***

BBSRC is accepting applications for their [2021 ALERT mid-range equipment funding call](https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/purchase-mid-range-equipment-for-biosciences-research-alert-2021/). Capital equipment (one piece) can be requested, between £200k to £1,000k.

There is no restriction on the number of applications that UCL can submit, and the Research Coordination Office for Life and Medical Sciences will therefore coordinate oversight of applications from UCL to this scheme. We ask that **applicants please complete BBSRC 2021 ALERT Expression of Interest (EOI) form and send as a PDF file to Matt Wakelin** **(m.wakelin@ucl.ac.uk****) by 13:00 Friday 5th November 2021.** The **EoI Form** and **Guidance Notes** can be found on the [**RCO website**](https://www.ucl.ac.uk/school-life-medical-sciences/about-slms/office-vice-provost-health/research-coordination-office-life-and-medical-sciences-1).

Please note that **we do not intend to restrict applications** to the call. The aim of this process is to ensure that UCL bids do not overlap and are as competitive as possible.

**Important dates:**

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| **Internal**  |
| UCL deadline for internal notification | **Friday 5th November 2021 at 13:00** |
| **External** |
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| BBSRC application deadline  | **Thursday 25th November 2021 (16:00 UK time)** |
| BBSRC Panel meeting  | **date tbc** |

**Scope:**

* equipment that is widely used and underpins capability across all scientific areas within UKRI-BBSRC remit.
* applications that pioneer the use of emerging advanced research technology or utilise equipment in new ways of working
* applications that promote collaboration and equipment access between users within industry, public sector and other institutes.
* Value for money will be an important factor in assessment.

**Funding:**

Applications may seek the following only:

* + the cost of capital equipment over £200,000 and less than £1,000,000 including VAT, requested under the ‘Directly Incurred Equipment’ heading only.
	+ only one piece of capital equipment, although this can include equipment that requires assembly or involves several components provided they constitute a single technology platform. If you plan to request several components that could constitute a platform, it is important that you approach UKRI-BBSRC for permission before submission.
	+ costs such as initial installation or service maintenance contracts if they are one-off costs and part of the manufacturer’s offer. These costs should be included in the equipment quotation.

Please visit [BBSRC’s 2021 Alert webpage](https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/purchase-mid-range-equipment-for-biosciences-research-alert-2021/) for further details about the call and the [Research Coordination Office (RCO) website](https://www.ucl.ac.uk/school-life-medical-sciences/about-slms/office-vice-provost-health/research-coordination-office/supporting-researchers/funding-2) to access the **Expression of Interest Form** and the **Guidance Notes**.