

Contribution to UKRI Equipment Fund

UKRI grant applications which include equipment costing over £10k for a single item require the University to provide a contribution towards the equipment cost. For successful applications submitted prior to 1 April 2021, all UKRI funding bodies will provide 50% of the equipment cost and the University is required to fund the remaining 50%.

From 1 April 2021 some of the UKRI funders have changed their terms on funding for equipment on Research Grants:

EPSRC: From 1 April 2021, for proposals requesting items of equipment or combined assets worth between £10,000 and £400,000 (including VAT), where EPSRC determines that it is prepared to support the equipment, EPSRC will contribute 80% of the final purchase price and will expect the research organisation or project partner to contribute the remainder from non-EPSRC funding.

<https://epsrc.ukri.org/research/facilities/equipment/process/researchgrants/>

MRC: From 1 April 2021 MRC will fund this equipment at 80% FEC, or 100% FEC for agreed exceptions. The policy on MRC and research organisation contribution levels to equipment will be reviewed after 1 year.

<https://mrc.ukri.org/funding/guidance-for-applicants/resources/#3.2.2>

Departments should advise the School at the point of preparing a grant application when it includes equipment over £10k for a single item. The School will then record a commitment for the potential contribution required which can be funded from the School's annual capital equipment grant.

The School cannot guarantee to provide a contribution if a department fails to notify us when a grant application including equipment costing over £10k for a single item is submitted.

Details of the application and equipment should be sent to the School Finance Advisor:
SPSFinanceAdvisor@admin.cam.ac.uk