



COLLABORATIVE CAMPUS

CHALLENGEFUND

GROWING YOUR RESEARCH IDEAS TOGETHER

AIM

To encourage enhanced collaboration in and around Inverness Campus – between academic organisations and with business

WHAT IS IT?

- Small scale funding to support the early stages of a collaborative project which will have a positive impact on Inverness Campus

WHO CAN APPLY?

- The project must involve 2 or more partners
- The lead partner and applicant must be an academic institution
- Applications from partnerships involving a commercial partner (business or social enterprise) will be marked more highly in the scoring process
- Partners can include public sector organisations, academic institutions, businesses, social enterprises and community groups
- Geographic location of partners is not important but applicants must clearly identify the positive impact that the project will have on Inverness Campus

WHAT DOES AN ELIGIBLE PROJECT LOOK LIKE?

- There will be a preference for projects from the broad Life Sciences sector, in keeping with the Inverness Campus development strategy. However projects from all sectors may apply
- The application must clearly demonstrate that the project has the realistic potential to impact positively on Inverness Campus
- Applications must clearly identify the outputs (both direct and indirect) from the project. The emphasis will be on tangible and demonstrable outputs and outcomes. As the Challenge Fund is intended as 'seedcorn' or starter funds, an output may be an application for larger funds to progress the project
- The project must have a clear timescale and identify critical project milestones. The project must be complete, with all evidenced claims made, by June 2021 at the latest

WHAT SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE?

- Normally up to £15,000 will be available per project
- There must be a minimum 50% match funding
- Match funding can be in cash or 'in kind' (e.g. staff time)

HOW DO I APPLY?

- Application forms available at invernesscampus.co.uk/collaboration
- Completed applications should be submitted to karen.thomson@hient.co.uk by 12 noon on Friday 15 June 2018

