



NSUP Research Seed Funding Scheme - Call 2026

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North Sea University Partnership Seed Fund Application Form 2026

This form is to be submitted by the lead applicant. Application deadline: 20 May, 12pm GMT.

NSUP is launching its first call for seed funding to further strengthen research collaboration among its partners.

The call will prioritise proposals addressing the NSUP key priority area:

North Sea: energy, the green transition, marine/maritime research, and resilience/security. We encourage interdisciplinary perspectives across science, humanities and social sciences related to these North Sea priorities

Proposals are invited for up to £25,000 for projects lasting 12-24 months. Proposals must include researchers from at least (1) UK and (1) Norwegian NSUP institution, with any bi-lateral projects having a strong element for multi-lateral collaboration. Proposals including more than two NSUP partners are strongly encouraged.

Proposals will be assessed based on the following criteria:

Academic quality of the proposal including ambition, value for money, impact and originality (50%);

Importance of funding for the likely success of any future, external grant applications (25%);

Clarity of intentions, including a tentative project timetable (25%).

2. For full details of the call, please refer to the [APPLICATION GUIDELINES](#). For institution-specific guidance, please consult your organisation's internal webpages. *

I confirm that I have read and followed the application guidelines and that each NSUP participant in this project has read and followed their institution-specific guidance.

3. Project Title: *

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4. Project Duration: *

- 12 months
- 18 months
- 24 months

5. Start Date *

6. Primary Priority Area: *

- Energy
- Green Transition
- Marine/Maritime
- Resilience/Security
- Other (please specify)

7. If other selected, please specify:

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8. Secondary Priority Area (optional)

- Energy
- Green Transition
- Marine/Maritime
- Resilience/Security

9. Summary - provide a summary of this project (maximum 250 words): *

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10. Interdisciplinary Dimension: Describe how different disciplines will be integrated in the project and why this interdisciplinary approach is necessary to achieve the project's aims. (maximum 200 words)

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Proposal Description

11. Provide an overview of the project activities, including its aims, research approach, and relevance to the identified NSUP priority area (maximum 200 words/ about 1,200 characters): *

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12. Briefly outline the relevant expertise of each academic participant involved in the project. (maximum 250 words/about 1,500 characters): *

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13. What outputs will this seed funding enable and how will it lead to future external funding. Include timescales for future external grant applications and approximate value of any identified call. (maximum 250 words/about 1,500 characters): *

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14. Describe how collaboration with NSUP partners adds value to this project. Outline each partner's role and their contribution to its success. (maximum 250 words/about 1,500 characters): *

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15. Provide a bullet-time project timeline including specific project activities and milestones (maximum 150 words/ about 900 characters) (*Note that an interim report is required at the halfway point for any projects running more than 12 months*):

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NSUP Lead Applicant, Co-Lead Applicant Details

16. Lead Applicant Name:

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17. Lead Institution: *

- Durham University
- Newcastle University
- University of Leeds
- Norwegian University of Science and Technology
- University of Bergen
- University of Oslo
- UiT The Arctic University of Norway

18. Lead Applicant post held: *

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19. Lead Applicant Department/School

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20. Lead Applicant Email *

 

21. Co-lead Applicant Name: *

22. Co-Lead Institution: *

- Durham University
- Newcastle University
- University of Leeds
- Norwegian University of Science and Technology
- University of Bergen
- University of Oslo
- UiT The Arctic University of Norway

23. Co-lead Applicant post held: *

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24. Co-Lead Applicant Department/School *

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25. Co-Lead Applicant Email *

 

Additional NSUP Partners

26. Are there any other NSUP partners

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Yes

No

Additional NSUP Co-Lead Partner(s)

27. Names of Additional NSUP Partner Applicants — Please list all other participating applicants *

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28. Additional NSUP Institution(s) (select all that apply):

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- Durham University
- Newcastle University
- University of Leeds
- Norwegian University of Technology
- University of Bergen
- University of Oslo
- UiT The Arctic University of Norway

29. Additional NSUP Co-lead Applicant(s) post held:

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30. Additional NSUP Applicant(s) Department/School:

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31. Additional NSUP Applicant(s) Email: *

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Any External Partners?

Please note Non-NSUP partners may participate, but must do so at their own expense.

32. Are any external partners involved in the project? *

Yes

No

External Partners Details

All external partner(s) will not receive any funding for their participation in this project

33. Institution name of external partner(s) *

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34. External Partner(s) Name(s): *

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35. External partner(s) Email: *

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36. please read and confirm: *

I confirm that all external partner(s) are aware they will not receive any funding for their participation in this project

Budget

Please upload the project budget with the data for **each NSUP partner institution participating in this project**, using the supplied Excel spreadsheet Template. For each partner, list all relevant cost types (e.g., travel, workshops/events, research costs/consumables, administrative support, research assistant) and provide a short justification for each cost. Please consider Value for Money. Ensure that the total funding requested across all partners does **not exceed £25,000**. Follow the guidelines in the call for further details.

Note for Norwegian applicants: The conversion rate used will be the rate in effect on the award letter date.

37. Download the [NSUP Project Budget Spreadsheet](#).

Follow the instructions in the spreadsheet on how to complete the project budget.

Once you have completed all the information, save the spreadsheet as a PDF.

Upload the saved PDF file here in your application form, following the on-screen instructions.

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 Select file

38. Total Project Funding Requested (GBP) - Max £25,000 *



39. Total Funding Requested (GBP) for Lead applicant:

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40. Total Funding Requested (GBP) for Co-Lead applicant:

*



41. Are there any other NSUP partners with project expenses? *

Yes

No

42. Total Funding Requested (GBP) for Additional NSUP Partner(s) — Please list each partner and their requested total (*for example Durham: £2000*): *

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43. Confirm Budget Compliance *

- Costs comply with eligibility rules
- Consumables \leq one-third total
- Comply with institutions financial practices

Reporting Requirements

All successful NSUP Seed Fund projects are required to submit progress and completion reports in order to ensure accountability and track outcomes.

Progress Reporting

For projects longer than 12 months, a mid-term progress report is required.

Reports must include:

Summary of activities completed

Any deviations from the proposed plan

Key results and outputs to date

Updates on partner participation and engagement

Total Expenditure to date

Final Reporting

A Project Completion Report must be submitted no later than 2 months after project end.

Reports should include:

Summary of all project activities

Outcomes and impact

Outputs such as joint publications, workshops, or other deliverables

Lessons learned and recommendations for future collaboration

Total project expenditure, including a brief explanation of any underspend

44. Please read above declaration and check all boxes to confirm: *

I agree to reporting requirements

I agree to be contacted by the NSUP secretariat in the future to provide insights on our project's return on investment.

Please upload CVs for the Lead Applicant, Co-Lead Applicant, and all other NSUP partners participating in the project.

45. Upload Lead Applicant's CV (no more than 2 pages)

⤴ Select file

46. Upload Co-Lead Applicant's CV (no more than 2 pages)

⤴ Select file

47. Are there any other NSUP partners joining the project? *

Yes

No

48. Upload Additional Applicant's CV (no more than 2 pages) *

⤴ Select file

49. Are there more NSUP partners joining the project? *

Yes

No

50. Upload Additional Applicant's CV (no more than 2 page) *

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51. Are there more NSUP partners joining the project?

Yes

No

52. Upload Additional Applicant's CV (no more than 2 pages) *

⤴ Select file

53. Are there more NSUP partners joining the project? *

Yes

No

54. Upload Additional Applicant's CV (no more than 2 pages) *

⤴ Select file

55. Are there more NSUP partners joining the project? *

Yes

No

56. Upload Additional Applicant's CV (no more than 2 pages) *

⤴ Select file

Institutional Approval and Declarations

All applications must be approved by the relevant institutional authorities (Head of Department and your university research office) before submission. By completing this section, you confirm that all required approvals have been obtained and that all information provided is accurate. Once submitted an email notification will be sent to all applicants listed on this project and their Heads of Departments.

Download the [NSUP Partner Approval Template](#) to complete the project's budget. Please follow the call guidelines for more information

Instructions:

- *Download the NSUP Partner Approval Template*
- *List all partner institutions participating in this project. For each partner, provide:*
 - *Partner Institution*
 - *Lead/Co-Lead/Additional NSUP partner Name, Email and digital signature*
 - *Head of Department Name and Email, Head of Department Approval (digital signature)*
 - *Once completed, save the document as a pdf file*
 - *Upload the pdf document in the Jisc application form.*

The Lead Applicant and Co-Lead Applicant are responsible for ensuring all partners and their Heads of Department have approved participation.

Once the application form is submitted an email notification will be sent to all applicants listed on this project and their Heads of Departments

57. Please upload the NSUP Partner Approval File (in pdf format) *

↑ Select file

Lead Applicant Declaration:

I confirm that all partners and Head of Departments listed in the uploaded 'NSUP partner approval file' have approved their participation in this project.

58. Lead Applicant Name: *

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59. Date: *

Co-Lead Applicant Declaration:

I confirm that all partners and Head of Departments listed in the uploaded 'NSUP partner approval file' have approved their participation in this project.

60. Co-Lead Applicant Name: *

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61. Date: *