

SULSA Network Support

Funding Guidelines

Scope

SULSA wish to support new and existing Life Sciences Networks with our **SULSA Network Support**. This funding aims to support new and existing networks by providing funds towards the running of a network event. The network must fall within the SULSA Life Sciences remit which includes everything from human health to animals, plants, and microbes. Networks must be led by at least two SULSA members but can include co-applicants from across the UK and internationally.

The funds must be used towards the costs associated with running a network event such as:

- Venue hire and catering
- Travel and accommodation costs
- Speaker costs
- Registration costs
- Conference materials

Networks are invited to apply for up to **£1,000** and we will fund up to **three** networks.

Eligibility

- This call is open to the following SULSA members only: University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh Napier University, University of Glasgow, Glasgow Caledonian University, Heriot-Watt University, University of the Highlands and Islands, James Hutton Institute, Robert Gordon University, University of St Andrews, University of Strathclyde, University of the West of Scotland. Please refer to our **SULSA Funding Eligibility Key** at the end of this document to confirm you are eligible for this call.
- This bursary is open to applicants at all levels (please see eligibility key).
- Networks must be led by at least two SULSA members but can include co-applicants from across the UK and internationally. The lead applicants must be employed by a SULSA member and work within life sciences.
- The network must be cross-university and should promote cross-university working through its activities. Applications which only involve two Universities, will not be viewed favourably.
- The network event must be an open meeting that shows clear benefit to the life sciences community in Scotland.
- Awarded networks must include SULSA logo in promotional material and invite a SULSA representative to the event. Invitations should be sent at least 4-weeks before the activity takes place.
- The event must take place after the awarding date to ensure all funding conditions can be met.

- If a network has previously received funding through the Network Support Grant, they will not be eligible to apply for funding again until 12-months after the date that the funding activity has taken place. After 12-months have passed, the network can apply for the Network Support grant again, but it cannot be for the same activity that was previously funded, and the lead applicant must come from a different SULSA member than the previous application.

Funding Information and Conditions

- Events must have a clear benefit to life sciences research or researchers in Scotland. This includes events that are not specific to life sciences but offer networking, training, or career development support to researchers within life sciences.
- This call will run twice per year with a max. of 3 networks being awarded per round.
- Round one will open in September 2025 and close in February 2026 (with the event taking place between March and August 2026). Round two will open in March 2026 and close in August 2026 (with the event taking place between September 2026 and February 2027).

Judging Criteria

- Benefit of the event to the life sciences community in Scotland
- Collaborative nature of the event
- Creation of new opportunities for life scientists in Scotland
- Sustainability of the network long-term

Key Dates

- **Call Opens:** Monday 1st September 2025
- **Application Deadline:** Monday 2nd February 2026
- **Applicants Informed of Outcome:** End of February 2026
- **Funding End Date:** event must take place by 31st August 2026

Submitting Your Application

Please submit your application (**a single PDF**) to jill.inkster@glasgow.ac.uk at SULSA by **5pm** on **Monday 2nd February 2026** for round one.

Notification of Outcome

Applicants will be notified by email by the end of February 2026.

Payment of Funds

If successful, funds will be transferred to the institution of the lead applicant. Funds must be spent by the end of August 2026. If your event takes place later than this, you should apply for a later round of funding.

Awardee Reporting

You must provide the SULSA administration with project updates and outcomes when requested for reporting purposes. Post-event, SULSA will request attendee numbers and a breakdown of what university attendees were from. You must also supply a ~250 word LinkedIn post summarising the event.

If this event leads to a published article, or leverages grant funding, please contact the SULSA administration to make them aware.

SULSA Funding Eligibility Key

Please refer to our funding eligibility key for all SULSA funding calls:

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