

What is the KEI fund?

The Knowledge Exchange and Impact Strategy Group (KEISG) has a budget to support various opportunities for knowledge exchange at any point throughout the research life-cycle – not just exploitation and dissemination at the end of a project. Success in KEI can be achieved in a number of ways, including:

- Engaging and communicating with non-academics about your research
- Going beyond existing networks and relationships to create new opportunities to share your research
- Building on opportunities to use novel and innovative approaches in sharing your research
- Thinking broadly and creatively about who you want to engage (beneficiaries), how you want to engage them (methods and activities), and how you will know about and measure the effects of your engagement activities (metrics and indicators).

Funds available

PhD students can apply for up to £2k towards their KEI activities.

Criteria

- The project or activity must focus on non-academic engagement or benefits
- You must explain why the project or activity cannot be funded from other sources
- The bids must be supported by your PhD supervisor

Bids will be assessed on the clarity and feasibility of objectives; the clarity of anticipated benefits to non-academic groups, organisations or individuals; and the effectiveness of the engagement plan.

Process

PhD students will need to complete an application form, with support from their PhD supervisor. They can seek advice in advance from the KEI Integrated Service (research.kei@lse.ac.uk) and view guidance online at lse.ac.uk/kei. Applications will be submitted on a monthly basis to the KEI Strategy Group (on the 1st of the month). Applicants and their Departments will be informed of the outcome within a month of submission. Funds will be allocated to the Department's KEI budget, and costs will need to be signed off by the Department's PhD Administrator or other nominated member of staff.

Applications are considered by KEISG on a monthly basis on the 1st of the month. You should allow at least a month to develop your proposal with the guidance of the KEI team, the longer you leave the more likely you are to be successful in your application.

In order to submit on the 1st of the month, a draft of your application and budget must be sent at least three weeks beforehand, you must respond to feedback in a timely fashion and have sent a final version at least three working days before the end of the month