



**SEFARI Gateway**

**RESPONSIVE OPPORTUNITY FUND**

**April 2018 CALL**

SEFARI Gateway (herein referred to as the Gateway<sup>1</sup>) exists to improve the flow of research, knowledge and expertise to and from the Scottish Government funded Strategic Research Programme (SRP) to commercial, policy and public audiences – and to improve the impacts of those activities.

As one of the Gateway's core programmes, we are pleased to open the Responsive Opportunity Fund again (herein referred to as the Fund). The Fund is designed to increase the visibility of the invaluable contributions the Strategic Research Programme (SRP) makes towards sustainable economic growth and improving the lives of people in Scotland and beyond.

The Fund will support collaborative knowledge exchange ideas which enhance impact and add value, and proposals are welcome from across the SRP. Projects should be inter-disciplinary, cross-institutional, timely, have clear stakeholder involvement, show creativity and how they will improve impact. To reiterate, proposals must be cross-institutional (i.e. more than one of the six Research Institutes) – if we can help with making connections please get in touch.

The fund will provide funding to support activities, events and/or the preparation of materials but will not fund staff time. Please also note that funds awarded are on the basis that they are **inclusive** of VAT.

Currently the Gateway has a particular focus on three key areas, namely Good Food Nation, Climate Change and International Opportunities and we would be interested in applications that could connect with these. Equally, we are especially interested in applications that could link up with our other ongoing activities such as events (e.g. our annual Parliament [Showcase](#), [Royal Highland Show](#), [Food Matters Live](#)) or digital media (e.g. [website](#), [video](#), social media, [blog](#)) to facilitate mutual impact.

Opportunities in this call must be taken up and completed by the end of September 2018. We apologise for the tight timeline, but on this occasion this is beyond our control. We would be willing to consider funding a pilot activity or smaller event that clearly has the potential to deliver more impact later.

If you have any questions on this, or any general aspect of the Responsive Opportunity Fund, then please don't hesitate to contact the Gateway via [michelle.wilson@sefari.scot](mailto:michelle.wilson@sefari.scot)

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<sup>1</sup> The SEFARI Gateway is the rebranded name for the Centre for Knowledge Exchange and Impact. The remit of this Fund remains the same however.

For this call, funds of up to £10,000 are available per award, and we expect to be able to make around three awards.

Proposals will be assessed against the following criteria that they:

1. Are creative and add value to knowledge exchange activities which are not already factored into SRP work or clearly demonstrate an opportunity for enhanced impact and added value above any original plans;
2. Are cross-institutional and ideally inter-disciplinary;
3. Demonstrate well considered knowledge exchange mechanisms;
4. Have clear outcomes, including how impact will be enhanced, and how this will be measured;
5. Involve external (to the Institutes) relevant key stakeholders;
6. Identify target audiences, and justifies them;
7. Demonstrate value for money, fully detail costs and demonstrate an opportunity to attract external resource.

Applicants are requested to complete the attached application form and return to the Gateway (email: [michelle.wilson@sefari.scot](mailto:michelle.wilson@sefari.scot)) by 5pm Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

Shortly after the deadline a panel will meet to decide upon which project(s) are selected to be funded. The panel will involve the Gateway's Director and members of the Gateway's team (including knowledge exchange sectorial leads). Decisions will be communicated to applicants in late May 2018.

The Gateway will support and offer guidance to successful applicants who will be expected to regularly update the Gateway on their progress, acknowledge funding (including in wording and by the use of appropriate logos – SEFARI & the Scottish Government), link up with SEFARI social media presences (@SEFARIScot), share events details (dates, materials etc.), write a final report and a blog.