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Calling all SUSTAIN Early Career Research Applicants – Autumn 2020

I imagine you are all very busy talking to your Scientific Leads (SLs) and Early Career Research (ECR) Champions to complete your applications in time for 18th December submission date.

Some important information at this stage of developing your proposal:

Point 10 in the [ECR Proposal](#) requires you to provide a clear understanding of the costs required for your project. This process can take longer than expected, so if you haven't already done so, it's a suggestion to start this now and not to leave this until the end. This is due to the time required for you to liaise with different departments and people to pull figures together, in particular salary information.

To request salary information:

Swansea applicants: Please contact SUSTAIN project Officer s.a.roberts@swansea.ac.uk

Sheffield applicants: Please contact Pre-award Research Hub Manager - Neil Lowrie (neil.lowrie@sheffield.ac.uk).

Warwick applicants: Please refer to [WMG Intranet](#) for an NOI form to complete that goes to the finance office via the intranet. If additional help is required please contact WMG SL Claire.davis@warwick.ac.uk

A reminder of the process to follow for preparation and submission of your proposal

- Attendance at the [ECR webinar workshop](#) on 6th November 2020 (not mandatory but alignment to the SLs is important to the assessment of the project).
- Applicant considers new idea
- Applicant to discuss proposal with their line manager, confirm letter of support will be forthcoming, understand and follow their institutions internal procedures for applying for funding
- Develop Proposal (with support from ECR champions [Dr Hollie Cockings](#) and [Dr Elizabeth Sackett](#))
- Academic evaluation and proposal shortlisting
- Feedback to unsuccessful applicants from SLs;
- Panel interview – A limited number of applicants will be invited to interview. (A full EPSRC style panel evaluation and interview will be performed to provide applicants with experience)

REMAINING KEY DATES

Activity	Date
Closing date for applications	16:00 Friday 18th December 2020
Evaluation for shortlist of applications by	End January 2021
Shortlisted candidate interviews	February 2021
Grants announced and feedback given by	March 2021

If you have further questions regarding the content of your application, please get in touch with your Scientific Lead. For process or submission questions please email info.sustainsteel@swansea.ac.uk

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