**Researcher Development Fund Awards – Industrial Strategy**

**Eligibility:** For existing Engineering Physics Science Research Council (EPSRC) funded students working in areas of relevance to the industrial strategy.

The EPSRC Researcher Development Fund awards are intended to enable postgraduate research students and early career research staff from the University of Exeter to be proactive and empowered to undertake activity to support and increase the impact arising from doctoral research which is relevant to the [Industrial Strategy.](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/664563/industrial-strategy-white-paper-web-ready-version.pdf)

The awards support short-term, initiatives that maximize impact and experience outside the University such as:

* Entrepreneurial placements
* Relevant placements with industry
* Relevant placements with policy organisations relevant to the Industrial Strategy
* Exploratory small projects/placements with SMEs
* Activities to support & increase the economic and social impact of doctoral research

**Overview of criteria:**

* Applicants must be Postgraduate Research Students funded by the EPSRC or incorporated to an EPSRC CDT
* The activities must be completed by the 30 September 2019
* The proposed activities must be in areas of relevance to the industrial strategy.
* We cannot fund activity that is essential for any already-funded project’s success – activities must be additional to that planned for existing funded activity
* Successful applicants are required to complete a report detailing impact achieved through their activities, any potential for future impact to be achieved as a result of their activities (e.g. relationship developed with industrial partner that will lead to future collaborative projects) and any other highlights and achievements.

**Researcher Development Fund Awards Application Form**

Please complete this form as fully as possible and check you meet the eligibility criteria for these awards before submitting the application form. Applications must be submitted to the Doctoral College Partnerships team, Room 1.01, The Innovation Centre, Streatham Campus, or email Doctoral.College@exeter.ac.uk, **by 30 April 2019**. Please direct any queries the Doctoral College Partnerships Team.

1. Applicant’s Name
2. Departmental / College Address
3. Email Address
4. Applicant’s student or staff reference number
5. Research Student’s year of study
6. Type of Activity (e.g. Industrial Placement)
7. Details of any collaborative partners (e.g. Company Name)
8. A brief summary of your proposed activity and expected outcomes (Max 500 words)
9. Total Funding being applied for (£)
10. Details of Additional Funding Sources (if total costs exceed this funding being applied for)
11. Please indicate which areas of the [Industrial Strategy](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/664563/industrial-strategy-white-paper-web-ready-version.pdf) this proposal relates to.
12. Please provide a detailed breakdown of your costings. You do not need to provide evidence of quotes at this stage.
13. Please confirm that you have discussed this commitment with your supervisor and that they are happy for you to proceed with your application.