

## 2019/2020 UKRI-BBSRC GREENHOUSE GAS REMOVAL (GGR) DEMONSTRATORS CALL

### GUIDANCE FOR APPLICANTS

#### CALL SUMMARY

Applicants should refer to the Greenhouse Gas Removal (GGR) Demonstrators call webpage for details of the call scope, including scientific focus, requirements, exclusions and available resources.

<https://bbsrc.ukri.org/funding/filter/2019-greenhouse-gas-removal-demonstrators/>

Up to £22.5 million is available to fund up to five Demonstrators covering greenhouse gas removal technologies as outlined in the Royal Society report <https://royalsociety.org/topics-policy/projects/greenhouse-gas-removal/>.

Please note that all Demonstrators must have a start date of no later than **14<sup>th</sup> February 2021** and will have the duration of 4.5 years (54 months) to cover the full duration of the programme.

#### APPLICATION AND ASSESSMENT PROCESS - SUMMARY

Stage	Assessment
Expressions of Interest/Outline stage - mandatory	<p>Expression of Interest (EoI)/Outline proposals will be assessed by an expert panel (GGR Demonstrators Expert Panel) comprising representatives of the national and international community.</p> <p>Successful applications will be invited to submit a full stage proposal based on the expert panel recommendations.</p> <p><b>The closing date for the EoI/Outline stage is 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019, 4:00 pm.</b></p>
Full stage – by invitation only	<p>Full stage proposals will be assessed by full external peer review with assessment undertaken by the GGR Demonstrators Expert Panel.</p> <p>As part of the assessment, UKRI-BBSRC may also invite the Principal Investigator (PI) and Co-Investigators (Co-Is) to an interview with the panel.</p> <p>The GGR Demonstrators Expert Panel will integrate all the assessment information and formulate a final ranked list with recommendations to UKRI-BBSRC for funding.</p> <p><b>The closing date for the full stage will be in May 2020 (date tbc)</b></p>

## ELIGIBILITY

This call for proposals is open to all institutions and applicants normally eligible for BBSRC funding. See Section 3 of the [BBSRC Grants Guide](#) for further information on institutional and applicant eligibility. A list of eligible organisations is available on the UKRI website: <https://www.ukri.org/funding/how-to-apply/eligibility/>). It should be noted that PIs and Co-Is from **any discipline supported by UKRI** are welcomed and encouraged to apply.

We expect that successful proposals will be led by researchers with a well as a proven ability to deliver a large-scale research project or centre successfully as well as a proven ability to interact successfully with business. We encourage inter-institutional and interdisciplinary applications and encourage partnerships with non-HEI organisations where they meet eligibility requirements for funding by a research council.

The Demonstrator PI (and host Institution) will be responsible for the development and directorship of the Demonstrator. Six to ten Co- investigators (also satisfying UKRI's standard eligibility criteria) may be named in the proposal. The inclusion of each Co-I should be fully justified as to their role in the proposed Demonstrator. A PI or a Co-I cannot be considered for this and the Directorate Hub Call simultaneously.

Investigators may be involved in **no more than two** Demonstrator proposals submitted to this call and only one of these may be as the lead Principal Investigator.

Public Sector Research Establishments (PSREs) with 10 or more researchers with PhDs (or equivalent) are eligible to apply. If PSREs wishing to apply have not previously applied for UKRI funding and are not currently designated IRO status they will be required to complete an eligibility form to ensure they have the required research capacity, systems and controls in place to manage the research and grant funding. PSRE applicants should contact [GGR@bbsrc.ukri.org](mailto:GGR@bbsrc.ukri.org) at the earliest opportunity to discuss their interests in applying.

At the outline stage, all we require is a list of potential PSREs and a brief introduction to the establishment; this can be uploaded on Je-S as an additional attachment.

## ELIGIBLE COSTS

The following is a guide to what applicants are able to request in support of their proposal.

### *Director salaries and research support costs*

The Director of the Demonstrator should be the named PI on the proposal and under full economic costing may request funds to cover their salary costs for the time spent developing and directing the Demonstrator. Requests may also be made for between six and ten co-investigators to assist the Demonstrator's Director in this. Co-Investigators must have a defined role within the Demonstrator to justify their inclusion. Costs can be requested for an appropriately skilled Demonstrator Managers (full time, part-time or job share) to be responsible for activities such as the day-to-day Demonstrator management, event coordination, and potential website development for the Demonstrator. The time spent

on directing and managing the Demonstrator should be reasonable and is not expected to form the majority of costs of the proposal. Capital expenditure of approximately 18% of the grant is available across all of the Demonstrators but this is not expected to support the acquisition of very large scale equipment.

#### *Demonstrator-led events*

Costs for supporting and facilitating meetings and events can be requested and associated costs should be justified.

#### *Proof of concept studies/Flexible fund*

Flexible funds for allocation by the Demonstrator for further research and development and particularly to facilitate early business interaction activities are available to be requested as part of the Demonstrator proposal. These funds can be used for projects ranging from feasibility studies or to provide preliminary data through to desk-based studies and visits to learn new techniques as well as facilitating early engagement with business. Activities should not duplicate already available funding streams (i.e. FOF <http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/FOF>).

The governance surrounding the use of the flexible funds should be clearly described including how these proposals will be assessed and selected for funding and how the progress and outcomes will be monitored and utilised to enhance the value of the Demonstrator and future business interactions.

Flexible funds will be funded at the 80% level by BBSRC and should be allocated at the 80% level for each project by the Demonstrator host institution. The Institution where the research is to be undertaken should be responsible for the 20% shortfall. As these are research-based projects, they can include a component to cover estates and indirect costs for the relevant institution.

The flexible funding will be managed as a separate part of the main grant by each demonstrator and will be held by BBSRC until requested (at any time) by the host institution to fund flexible funding proposals. All funds will be reimbursed at least 3 months in arrears and an audit trail is essential for the reimbursement.

#### *Summary of eligible costs:*

- The costs to support researching the effectiveness and limitations of a large-scale GGR Demonstrator.
- The salary for the Demonstrator Project Manager(s) are eligible and should be requested at 80% FEC.
- Costs for supporting events to develop the Demonstrator and its scaling including academic and business interactions requiring investment (i.e. room hire, catering, etc). Activities that will be used for the benefit of the wider community rather than just the host institution are eligible to be requested at 100% FEC.
- Flexible funds to support further academic or business interactions. These are also eligible for estates and indirect costs (note that Flexible Funding funds will be held by BBSRC until requested).

## APPLICATION AND ASSESSMENT PROCESS – OUTLINE STAGE

The outline stage is mandatory and applicants are required to make an **Expression of Interest (Eoi)** indicating the intentions of their demonstrator, the proposed scale of operation, overall aims and objectives and expected outcomes and likely funding required to meet these aims (this should include an outline of any Capital expenditure as well as resource expenditure).

### How to apply

Expressions of Interest should be submitted through the [Joint Electronic Submission \(Je-S\) System](#) by **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019, 4:00 pm** using the following information:

1. Log in the Joint Electronic System (Je-S)
2. Select Council: BBSRC
3. Select Document Type: Outline proposal
4. Select Scheme: Standard Outline
5. Select Call/Type/Mode: GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION OUTLINES
6. Select 'Create Document' and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the form.

In addition to the Je-S proposal form, the only attachment that should be provided is the Case for Support, CV for lead/PI and the PSRE additional information, if required. No other attachments (e.g. covering letter, additional CVs, letters of support) will be required.

**Proposals must be submitted on a single Je-S proposal form, even if they are multi-institutional bids.**

### Case for support (outline stage)

The Case for Support must be structured using the headings below and **must not exceed 4 pages of A4**. At a minimum, font size 11 in Arial or other sans serif typeface of equivalent size must be used with a minimum of single line and standard character spacing. Page margins should be no less than 2cm.

The following headings should be used:

#### **Section 1: Science Case** (one page recommended)

- Identify the overall aims of the proposed demonstrator, set in the context of the call's Greenhouse Gas Removal scope where the effectiveness, cost, interdisciplinary nature and limitations of large scale demonstration of GGR.
- Further, applicants should identify environmental risks and their management, co-benefits, risk management, business operating models, ethics, political and societal acceptability and engagement.
- The high-level objectives for the Demonstrator must be included (typically 3-5 bullets) with an explanation of how these will be tackled. If a full proposal is invited, it is expected that the high-level objectives will appear unchanged unless feedback from the outline assessment process indicates otherwise.

#### **Section 2: Statement of added value** (up to one page recommended)

- Justify the need for SPF GGR funding, describing the added value of funding through this mechanism. Describe how the work proposed is a fully integrated programme of work that must be tackled via an inter- and multi-disciplinary programme of coordinated activity with other demonstrators and the directorate hub.
- Outline how the proposed research complements other research funded in this area nationally and internationally, including the wider UKRI research councils (NERC, EPSRC, ESRC, AHRC, BBSRC and Innovate UK).

### Section 3: Strategic Case (one page recommended)

- The significance and importance of the proposed research, including how the Demonstrator will demonstrate the overall capability of the technology in relation to UK GGR targets as outlined by the Royal Society Report.
- How the Demonstrator will provide a quantitative assessment of the technology's effectiveness in CO<sub>2</sub> removal, its costs and its limitations if deployed at large scale.
- Outline potential routes for sustainable scalability. This should include scientific, technological, environmental, economic and social issues that may need to be taken into account for full scale deployment of that particular technology. This should be undertaken in cooperation with the Directorate Hub.
- Demonstrate how the Demonstrator will commit to working collaboratively with the other demonstrators in the programme as well as with the Directorate hub, and to identify and exploit potential opportunities to work with other existing UKRI investments, where appropriate, to maximise impact and to meet UK Government GGR targets for 2050..

### Section 4: Ability to deliver (one pages recommended)

- The contribution to the project of each named Investigator (PI/Co-I), including a clear time commitment. This should be in the form of a succinct personal statement, providing evidence of the skills and expertise they will bring to the project based on significant prior research achievements and broader impacts. This would be expected to include any engagement in previous collaborative projects by the investigators.
- The leadership track record of the Principal Investigator demonstrating capability to lead the project. This should include prior experience of managing and successfully delivering complex multi-investigator/PDRA research projects as well as any relevant professional development activities. Where relevant, their ability to mentor and support the development of Early Career Researchers.
- The resources or facilities that will be available within the team and their institutions to underpin the research.

### Resources

The Je-S form should include a summary of anticipated resources that would be requested at the full stage. **Detailed justification of the resources requested is not required at the outline stage and resources requested may be refined at the full stage.**

### Assessment process: outline stage

Outline proposals will be assessed by an expert panel (GGR Demonstrators Expert Panel) comprising representatives of the the national and international community. **There will be no external peer review stage.**

Expressions of interest will be assessed with reference to the scope of the call and against the following assessment criteria:

- **Appropriateness of the technology** to deliver GGR as a demonstrator and at an appropriate scale.
- **Leadership** – demonstration of experience and track record of leading multi- or interdisciplinary research, evidence of leading a large collaborative demonstrator or centre
- **Resources** – Provide a brief overview of the funds requested relative to the anticipated project outcomes.
- **Governance structure** to manage and deploy resources and to integrate with the central Directorate Hub and the GGR Programme Board.

In addition to considering the recommendations made by the panel, UKRI will consider the range of technologies covered by demonstrator proposals to ensure a broad suite of solutions is supported to full stage.

Successful applicants will be invited to submit a full stage proposal based on the expert panel recommendations.

Feedback will be provided to all applicants.

## APPLICATION AND ASSESSMENT PROCESS – FULL STAGE

The full application is only open to proposals invited by the GGR Demonstrators Expert Panel following the EoI/outline assessment. Feedback and guidance on the coverage and level of funding requested will be provided to Demonstrator proposals successful at the EoI stage; however the Office is happy to discuss your proposal in advance of the submission deadline (see contact details).

### How to apply (invited full proposals)

**Full proposals must be submitted on a single Je-S proposal form**, even if they are multi-institutional bids. The award will be made to the lead institution, which will be responsible for the management of the award.

Applicants should also refer to the [Je-S help](#) text and [BBSRC Grants Guide](#), in addition to this call guidance, when preparing a proposal.

Proposals must be submitted through the Je-S System in May 2020 (actual date tbc)

## Overview of submission documents for full stage

The following documentation is required:

Document	Description	Page limit
Cover letter	Full proposals should include a covering letter providing an explanation of how feedback provided on the EoI by the "Outline Sift Panel" has been addressed.	No page limit
Case for Support	The overall maximum page length for the combined case for Support is 14 pages. It must be self-contained - external links are not permitted. See detailed information below for Case for Support breakdown.	Maximum 14 pages
Justification of Resources	<p>A narrative description of the resources required for the project.</p> <p>Changes to indicative costs provided at the Outline stage are permitted. We recommend contacting us if the budget increases more than 10% from the outline stage.</p>	<p>Maximum 4 pages</p> <p>All resources requested (directly incurred, directly allocated and exceptions, including PI and Co-I time) must <b>be fully justified</b>. Items that would ordinarily be found in a department, for example non-specialist computers, should include justification both for why they are required for the project and why they cannot be provided from the Research Organisation's own resources (including funding from indirect costs from grants).</p> <p>Please see the <a href="#">Je-S guidance</a> for further details.</p>
Pathways to Impact	<p>Must be specific to the project and contain timelines and objectives. Further information is available at:</p> <p><a href="https://www.ukri.org/innovation/excellence-with-impact/">https://www.ukri.org/innovation/excellence-with-impact/</a></p>	Maximum 2 pages
CVs	Required for all named applicants and named research staff only. CVs are not required for named technicians.	Maximum 2 pages per investigator and named

		researcher, combined into a single PDF
Work Plan	A diagrammatic work plan and supporting narrative that relates to the management strategy, identifying appropriate time points and deliverables for each objective. A Gantt chart is recommended.	Maximum 2 pages
Data Management Plan	<a href="https://bbsrc.ukri.org/about/policies-standards/data-sharing-policy/">https://bbsrc.ukri.org/about/policies-standards/data-sharing-policy/</a>	Maximum 2 pages
Justification of Animal Usage (if applicable)	Signed animal usage declaration, Use of rodents overseas form  Only required for overseas animal usage. <a href="https://bbsrc.ukri.org/funding/apply/application-guidance/animal-use-in-research/">https://bbsrc.ukri.org/funding/apply/application-guidance/animal-use-in-research/</a>	Variable
Letters of support	Only directly relevant Letters of Support should be submitted.  These can include letters from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Head of Department (or equivalent)  Recommended for lead Research Organisation. This should confirm any institutional resources committed to the project. Letters from multiple departments/ organisations should be combined into a single pdf.</li> <li>• Collaborators and Project Partners  Required for all named collaborators/ project partners providing a contribution to the sLoLa project.</li> </ul> Other letters of support are not permitted.	Please combine letters of support into a single PDF.
Equipment Business Case (if applicable)	BBSRC's normal rules relating to research equipment apply. See BBSRC Grants Guide  For all equipment above the OJEU threshold of £115k (net VAT and Import Duty; £138k inc VAT) a business case is required.	Maximum 2 pages



## Case for support

Applicants should elaborate on the explanation provided at the EoI stage on how they will provide leadership to a potentially diverse group of collaborators and how the proposed programme of activities and resulting outputs will be managed. Proposals should include details of any advisory group that should include the Demonstrator PI that will be appointed to oversee the development of the Demonstrator and to advise on key activities and directions. Further details on how the Demonstrator will be managed and with details project management resources and administrative support should be provided.

### Case for support

A Case for Support of up to 14 sides of A4 is permitted. This should address all aspects of how the proposed Demonstrator will deliver, manage and govern the expected outputs of a Demonstrator as described in this Call Text. How research ethics, as well as health and safety issues will be dealt with should be noted as well in this section. Figures, diagrams and a management plan are included in this 14 side limit.

BBSRC recommend that you use typefaces Arial, Helvetica or Verdana and a strict minimum font size of 11 must be used for the entire Case for Support, Justification of Resources and CVs (excluding text on diagrams and the use of mathematical symbols). A minimum of single line spacing and standard character spacing must be used. Margins must not be less than 2cm

The Case for Support should build on the information provided at the outline stage and any feedback but should be a self-contained document. **The outline proposal will not be made available to external reviewers.**

The Case for Support must be a single document that includes the following sections. The suggested page lengths are indicative and applicants may use the overall space available in the Case at their own discretion:

### **Section 1: Science Case (eight pages recommended)**

#### **Background**

- Introduce the demonstrator technology and explain its wider academic and industrial context in reference to the range of GGR technologies in development.
- Demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of past and current work in the Demonstrator technology area both in the UK and internationally and how this is a suitable technology for the UK to deploy.
- Provide a summary of the results and conclusions of your recent work in the technology area(s) relevant to the proposal.

#### **Programme and methodology**

- Identify the overall aims of the proposed Demonstrator, set in the context of the call's Greenhouse Gas Removal scope where the effectiveness, cost, interdisciplinary nature and limitations of large scale demonstration of GGR.

- Further, applicants should details how the demonstrator will account for the environmental risks and their management, co-benefits, risk management, business operating models, ethics, political and societal acceptability and engagement.
- Provide the individual measurable objectives for the Demonstrator and explain how these will be tackled. This should include a detailed description and justification for the methods and approaches to be employed.
- Describe the programme of work, indicating the research to be undertaken and the milestones that can be used to measure its progress. The detail should be sufficient to indicate the programme of work for each member of the research team.
- Identify any potential project deployment risks within the research programme and strategies to mitigate these risks (e.g. alternative approaches).
- Identify any facilities or resources you will need to access.

### **Section 2: Statement of added value (up to one page recommended)**

- Justify the need for SPF GGR funding, describing the added value of funding through this mechanism. Describe how the work proposed is a fully integrated programme of work that must be tackled via an inter- and multi-disciplinary programme of coordinated activity with other demonstrators and the directorate hub.
- Outline how the proposed research complements other research funded in this area nationally and internationally, including the wider UKRI research councils (NERC, EPSRC, ESRC, AHRC, BBSRC and Innovate UK).

### **Section 3: Strategic Case (up to one page recommended)**

- The significance and importance of the proposed research, including how the Demonstrator will demonstrate the overall capability of the technology in relation to UK GGR targets as outlined by the Royal Society Report.
- How the Demonstrator will provide a quantitative assessment of the technology's effectiveness in CO<sub>2</sub> removal, its costs and its limitations if deployed at large scale.
- Outline potential routes for sustainable scalability. This should include scientific, technological, environmental, economic and social issues that may need to be taken into account for full scale deployment of that particular technology. This should be undertaken in cooperation with the Directorate Hub.
- Demonstrate how the Demonstrator will commit to working collaboratively with the other demonstrators in the programme as well as with the Directorate hub, and to identify and exploit potential opportunities to work with other existing UKRI investments, where appropriate, to maximise impact and to meet UK Government GGR targets for 2050.

### **Section 4: Ability to deliver (up to two pages recommended)**

- The contribution to the project of each named Investigator (PI/Co-I), including a clear time commitment. This should be in the form of a succinct personal statement, providing evidence of the skills and expertise they will bring to the project based on significant prior research achievements and broader impacts. This would be expected to include any engagement in previous collaborative projects by the investigators.

- The leadership track record of the Principal Investigator demonstrating capability to lead the project. This should include prior experience of managing and successfully delivering complex multi-investigator/PDRA research projects as well as any relevant professional development activities. Where relevant, their ability to mentor and support the development of Early Career Researchers.
- The resources or facilities that will be available within the team and their institutions to underpin the research

### **Section 5: Management strategy (up to two page recommended)**

- Describe how the project will be managed to ensure effective working of the investigators and successful delivery of the planned outcomes. The management approach should be appropriate to the nature and scale of the programme.
- Provide details about the governance, advisory and management structure, details of the approach to project and risk management, and the monitoring strategy for the proposed programme.
- An independent advisory board is required for large-scale programmes.

### **Assessment process: full stage**

The assessment of the full proposals is by GGR Demonstrators Expert Panel and full external peer review; applicants will be invited to respond in writing to the reviewers' comments.

As part of the assessment, UKRI may also invite the PI and Co-I's to an interview with the panel.

Assessment will take place during **September 2020 (date tbc)**

### **Assessment Criteria**

The expert panel will be asked to prioritise the **full** proposals based on the following:

- **Excellence of the research proposed.**
- **Appropriateness of the technology to deliver GGR as a demonstrator and at an appropriate scale.**
- **Leadership** – demonstration of experience and track record of leading multi- or interdisciplinary research, evidence of leading a large collaborative demonstrator or centre
- **Governance structure** to manage and deploy resources and to integrate with the central Directorate Hub and the GGR Programme Board
- **Management of resources** including staff, funding, relationships and support mechanisms and how outcomes of activities are recorded and communicated
- **Communication tools and collaboration activities** to ensure regular contact with the Directorate Hub and the other demonstrators, wider public, business and policy

makers and increasing the profile of the UK in global GGR activities

- **Impact:** being able to demonstrate how the proposal will make a substantial impact on GGR, including the 2050 targets, in relation to the technology proposed

## CONDITIONS OF THE AWARD

Awards will be made under standard [UKRI Research Grant Terms and Conditions](#) to the lead organisation, which will be responsible for the management of the award.

## REPORTING AND MONITORING

Each demonstrator is strongly encouraged to implement a Management Board for project oversight together with a Strategy Advisory Panel to provide strategic scientific oversight and direction of the Demonstrator. Representatives from the Demonstrators may be invited to attend programme board meetings run by the Directorate Hub, as well as relevant programme GGR workshops.

Demonstrator grants will be monitored on a regular basis. Activities of individual Demonstrators will be reported on a quarterly basis but information should be updated throughout the lifetime of the Demonstrator as and when relevant. An extranet site will be used as the main portal for data entry by the Demonstrator Project Managers. This will be managed by the BBSRC Project Officer on behalf of UKRI.

There will be a mid-term review to ensure that each Demonstrator still has the potential for large scale GGR removal. UKRI reserves the right to withdraw funding for Demonstrator that is not able to be ultimately deployed at a substantial scale to meet GGR targets. Further details of this activity will be made during the lifetime of the successful grants.

## ANNEX 1: ASSESSMENT CRITERIA AND SCORING DEFINITIONS

### Assessment criteria

Applications to the GGR Demonstrators call will be assessed with reference to the scope of call and against the following assessment criteria:

#### **Excellence of the research proposed.**

The project should fully address the scientific scope of the call and meet the highest current international standards in its area of research. The project should have a coherent focus on addressing a significant research challenge employing ambitious, creative and innovative approaches. Justification should be provided regarding how the project will lead to a distinctive and significant advancement with regard to both current state of knowledge and ongoing research efforts within the field.

#### **Appropriateness of the technology**

To deliver GGR as a demonstrator and at an appropriate scale.

#### **Leadership**

Demonstration of experience and track record of leading multi- or interdisciplinary research, evidence of leading a large collaborative demonstrator or centre. The work should be undertaken by a world-class research team comprising the full breadth of skills and expertise needed to achieve the expected outcomes, underpinned by an appropriate institutional environment.

Projects must demonstrate that they have the appropriate leadership expertise and experience to deliver the complexity and scale of work proposed. This includes overall scientific leadership to maintain the focus and momentum of the project, as well as the skills required to ensure the successful functioning of the team of individuals involved – this may include relevant professional development indicators (e.g. in leadership/project management)

**Governance structure** to manage and deploy resources and to integrate with the central Directorate Hub and the GGR Programme Board

#### **Management of resources**

Including staff, funding, relationships and support mechanisms and how outcomes of activities are recorded and communicated. The proposal must demonstrate that a robust strategy is in place to manage the award, the team and the research outputs, including information about governance and advisory structures, risk management, monitoring strategy, and project management.

**Communication tools and collaboration activities** to ensure regular contact with the Directorate Hub and the other demonstrators, wider public, business and policy makers and increasing the profile of the UK in global GGR activities

**Impact:** being able to demonstrate how the proposal will make a substantial impact on GGR, including the 2050 targets, in relation to the technology proposed

In addition, at the full stage the GGR Demonstrators Expert Panel will also assess the following:

## **Pathways to Impact**

The proposal must demonstrate that an appropriate strategy is in place to ensure maximum impact of the research is realised. Routes to achieving a broad range of potential impacts should be fully explored with specific activities, timelines, deliverables and measures of success identified. Details of this strategy should be contained in the Pathways to Impact document.

## **Data management plan**

Research proposals are expected to comply with BBSRC's data sharing policy and all proposals must include a data management plan. For the BBSRC policy please see the statement at <https://bbsrc.ukri.org/about/policies-standards/data-sharing-policy/>.

## **Ethics and Animal usage**

Applications proposing to use animals must abide by the guidance on Animal Use detailed in the BBSRC Grants Guide at <https://bbsrc.ukri.org/documents/grants-guide/>

## ANNEX 2: SCORING DEFINITIONS

### Outline stage

Proposals will receive an overall score of 1 to 6 using the standard BBSRC scoring framework (below) and ranked. Proposals must score within the 'exceptional' or 'excellent' range in order to be considered for progression to the full stage. Demand management may dictate that a higher scoring threshold is imposed.

### Full stage:

The GGR Demonstrator Expert Panel will propose an overall score based on the standard BBSRC scoring framework..

Score Range	Definition	Guidance
6.0 – 6.9	<b>Exceptional</b> Fully addresses the scope of the call and all of the assessment criteria, meeting the majority of them to an exceptional level. Likely to have a significant impact.	Fundable
5.0 – 5.9	<b>Excellent</b> Fully addresses the scope of the call and meets the majority of the assessment criteria to a very high level	Fundable
4.0 – 4.9	<b>Very Good</b> Addresses the scope of the call and meets the majority of the assessment criteria to a high level.	Fundable
3.0 – 3.9	<b>Good</b> Work that addresses the scope and scientific objectives of the call to a reasonable standard and meets the majority of the assessment criteria to an adequate level.	Fundable in principle but unlikely to be funded
2.0 – 2.9	<b>Not Competitive</b> Work that does not adequately address the scope and scientific objectives of the call and does not meet the assessment criteria to an acceptable level.	Not Fundable
1.0 – 1.9	<b>Unfundable</b> Work that does not address the scope and scientific objectives of the call and does not meet the assessment criteria f to an acceptable level.	Not Fundable