



**EPSRC**  
Engineering and Physical Sciences  
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## Engineering for Life

### Application for Seed Corn Funding

**Closing Date for second call: Monday 7 March 2011, 5pm**

**It is essential that you contact the project co-ordinator, Dr Vesna Milanovic, well in advance of your submission.**

Please return the completed application form to  
[engineeringforlife@shu.ac.uk](mailto:engineeringforlife@shu.ac.uk)

1A DETAILS OF LEAD APPLICANT	
Name	Title
Position	
Research Centre	
Email address	
Research Background	(Max 50 words)

1B DETAILS OF SECOND APPLICANT	
Name	Title
Position	
Research Centre	
Email address	
Research Background	(Max 50 words)



1B DETAILS OF THIRD APPLICANT (IF APPROPRIATE)	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>
<b>Position</b>	
<b>Research Centre</b>	
<b>Email address</b>	
<b>Research Background</b>	(Max 50 words)

Please continue onto a separate sheet if there are more than 3 applicants.

DETAILS OF NAMED RESEARCHER/S (IF APPROPRIATE)	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>
<b>Position</b>	
<b>School</b>	
<b>Email address</b>	
<b>Research Background</b>	(Max 50 words)

Please continue onto a separate sheet if there is more than 1 named researcher.



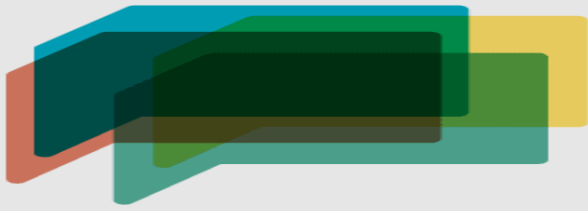
### 3 DETAILS OF PROPOSED PROJECT

**Start date/  
length of project**

**Title of project**

*Brief summary of the intended research and its aims (one page maximum). **Be sure to address the criteria set out in the Appendix below** but note that information about (i) future funding applications and (ii) resources requested are dealt with in separate sections.*

*Please consider, when writing your application, that the judging panel will be from a variety of schools and disciplines.*

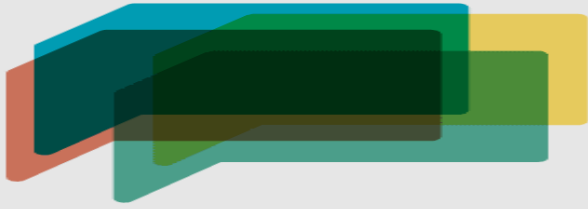


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#### **4 FUTURE ASPIRATIONS**

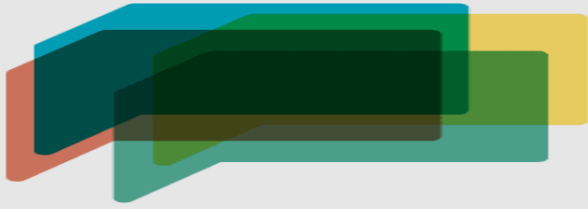
Brief summary (quarter of page maximum) of the future aspirations for this collaboration, including, in particular, details of future funding applications which are planned.



## 5 RESOURCES REQUIRED

	COST (£)
<b>Consumables</b> (please specify)	
<b>Staff costs</b> (please specify)	
<b>Other</b> (please state)	
<b>Total proposed cost</b>	<b>£</b>

## 6 JUSTIFICATION OF RESOURCES



**7 APPLICANTS' DECLARATION**

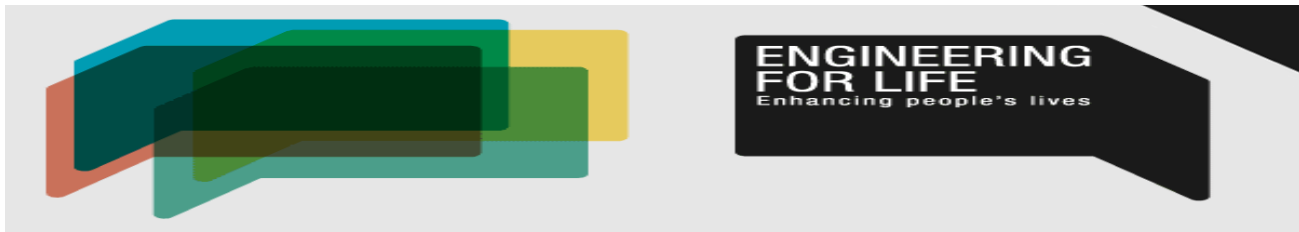
In typing my name below, I show that I have read the Call for Applications to the Bridging the Gap Engineering for Life Seed corn funding award Programme, and agree to abide by these conditions. I confirm that this is a new collaboration that has yet to receive funding either from external or internal sources.

I understand that if awarded a grant, I shall be required to write a brief report on the outcomes of the project and to provide a brief account of expenditure by the agreed deadline.

**Name (First Applicant)**.....

**Name (Second Applicant)**.....

**Date** .....



## Appendix

### Engineering for Life: Criteria for allocation of Seed Corn Funding

Engineering for Life (EfL) is an EPSRC funded project which spans five research centres in the University. The project aims to create multidisciplinary teams to find innovative ways to enhance peoples' lives. In particular, it will address problems related to the following three themes:

- rehabilitation and assisted living
- sport, physical activity and medicine
- sustainability

Engineering for Life is able to allocate seed-corn funding to support small scale feasibility projects. These feasibility projects must be multidisciplinary **and** lead to an application for funding from an external body (eg EPSRC, BBSRC, EU, TSB, RDA, industry). EfL will only support new projects.

The criteria against which funding will be awarded are (in no particular order):-

- The project must be interdisciplinary, with staff involved from at least two of the participating research centres.
- Projects which have previously been funded, either internally or externally, will not be supported by EfL. The team will normally include some members who have not previously worked together on a research project.
- The innovation and originality of the project.
- The quality of proposed research.
- The likelihood that research conducted during the pump-priming award will lead to the submission of a high quality external grant application.
- Potential impact in enhancing people's life.
- A clear justification for cost effective use of funding. Gearing with funds from other internal or external sources is encouraged.

The allocation of funding will be a competitive process with funding normally lying in the range £1k – £20k. The funding can be used in variety of ways including, for example, consumables, buy-out of staff or student time, visits from external collaborators.

A panel will be convened to oversee the allocation of the funding; the panel will have representation from each of the contributing research centres.

The more information is available from the EfL web site:  
<http://engineeringforlife.shu.ac.uk>.

The Project Coordinator, Dr Vesna Milanovic will work with research teams to give them full support in preparing their application to the panel. It is essential that Vesna is involved prior to submission of the application to ensure that the panel receives all the information it requires to make decisions.