

WUN RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT FUND 2024

WHAT IS THE WUN RDF?

The Worldwide Universities Network (WUN) is a world-leading research university network, tackling global challenges through international collaboration. The University of Rochester has been a committed member since 2012.

The WUN Research Development Fund (RDF) provides grants of up to **£10,000**, for one year to **foster research collaborations** among academic faculty at WUN member universities. Grants from the RDF are intended to help stimulate larger collaborative projects that will strengthen WUN and make the collaborating partners competitive for major awards.

Proposals should engage at least three member universities, in at least two geographic regions so that they best capitalize on the network's distinct advantages of geographic and cultural diversity.

Applications that incorporate engagement by early career researchers are particularly encouraged.

The planned activities should look to offer opportunities to stimulate larger collaborative projects that can compete for major funding awards.

WHAT IS PRIORITIZED?

In line with the WUN Strategic Plan 2023-2026, the WUN encourages proposals that address problems in one or more of the following areas within the context of sustainable development:

1. Social justice and human rights; inequality
2. Sustainable world: cities and urbanization; energy transitions; water, and food security
3. Mental health; child and maternal health; aging
4. Responsible and ethical applications of Artificial Intelligence



HOW CAN I APPLY?

There is a two-stage application process for WUN applications.

1. Review the RDF Guidelines.
2. Complete the online internal application by September 6, 2023.
3. Make connections with WUN members to engage at least 2 additional member universities. WUN Coordinator will assist.
4. Collaborate with co-researchers to formalize proposals based on final submission requirements.
5. Internal review and discussion.
6. Finalize proposal.
7. Complete the final submission through the online portal with assistance from WUN Coordinator by October 18, 2024.

The link to the online portal can be found here. A simple video tutorial for applicants that demonstrates how to use the online application system can be found here.

TIMELINE

Internal Application:
August 5

Final Submission:
October 18

Announcement:
December 13

Funds Awarded:
February 2025