

# 2024 WUN RDF EOI Submission Form (PDF Preview)

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## Introduction

UTS has opened a call for Letters of Intent (LOI) for the 2024 WUN Research Development Fund. This LOI is only for prospective applications where UTS will be the lead institution.

## Research Development Fund

The WUN Research Development Fund (RDF) is an annual competitive fund aimed at bringing together researchers to undertake innovative, high quality, sustainable research that addresses global challenges. The WUN RDF provides grants of up to £10,000 (A\$19,000) for one year to foster research collaborations among academic staff at WUN member universities. UTS will contribute up to A\$5,000 towards each successful UTS application, where necessary and justifiable. The project must engage at least three WUN member universities (including UTS) in at least two regions. Projects may include non-WUN universities and external partners but must have an active core of WUN member universities. Projects led by early career researchers are especially encouraged.

## WUN RDF 2024 Focus

In line with the WUN Strategic Plan 2023-2026, we encourage 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; ageing
4. Responsible and ethical applications of Artificial Intelligence

## Application Process

This LOI submission is part of the initial internal review that takes place **prior** to a formal application submission to the WUN. The UTS WUN Coordinator will approve two LOIs to develop into full proposals. Applications, submitted online through the WUN online application portal, are due by 11pm AEST on Friday 18 October 2024.

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Q2 Program guidelines

I have read the 2024 WUN RDF guidelines and shared this information with the collaborator(s).

Start of Block: 1. UTS STAFF DETAILS

Q3 UTS STAFF DETAILS

Q4 Title (e.g. Mr, Ms, Dr, Associate Professor, Professor, Distinguished Professor)

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Q5 Full name (First and Last name)

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Q6 Gender

Female

Male

Non-binary/other

Q7 Position title

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Q8 UTS Faculty or Institute (e.g. ISF, IPPG)

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Q9 Work email

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Q10 Mobile / Work phone

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Q11 If you are an academic, at what stage of your academic career would you classify yourself:

- Early Career Researcher (A researcher who has held a PhD or equivalent qualification for a period less than or equal to five years)
  - Mid-Career Researcher (A researcher with between 5 and 15 years' research experience since the award of a PhD or equivalent qualification)
  - Senior Academic
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Q12 Have you previously applied to or participated in the WUN Research Development Fund?

- Yes
- No

Q13 If yes, please provide details of previous involvement with the WUN Research Development Fund (year of application, project title, etc.)

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## WUN COLLABORATOR DETAILS

A project must engage at least **three WUN member universities** across at least **two regions** (regions are defined in the 2024 WUN RDF [Guidelines](#)).

**Q15 Please select the WUN Member Universities involved in this project.**

Note: this survey will automatically generate a question block for each university you select.

- University of Alberta
- University of Auckland
- University of Bristol
- University of Cape Town
- Chinese University of Hong Kong
- University of Exeter
- University of Ghana
- University of Lausanne
- University of Leeds
- Maastricht University
- Mahidol University
- Makerere University
- Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais
- Tecnológico de Monterrey

- National Cheng Kung University
- University of Pretoria
- Renmin University of China
- University of Rochester
- Ruhr University Bochum
- University of Sheffield
- University of Southampton
- University of York

Q16 Title of  $\${Im://Field/1}$  collaborator (e.g Mr, Ms, Dr, Associate Professor, Professor, Distinguished Professor)

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Q17 Full name of  $\${Im://Field/1}$  collaborator (First and Last name)

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Q18 Gender of  $\${Im://Field/1}$  collaborator

- Female (1)
- Male (2)
- Non-binary/other (3)

Q19 Position title of [\\${Im://Field/1}](#) collaborator

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Q20 Faculty, College or School of [\\${Im://Field/1}](#) collaborator

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Q21 Work email of [\\${Im://Field/1}](#) collaborator

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Q22 Mobile / Work phone of [WUN](#) collaborator

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Q23 At what stage of their academic career is the [WUN](#) collaborator?

- Early Career Researcher (A researcher who has held a PhD or equivalent qualification for a period less than or equal to five years)
- Mid-Career Researcher (A researcher with between 5 and 15 years' research experience since the award of a PhD or equivalent qualification)
- Senior Academic

Q24 Please provide a link to the academic profile of your [WUN](#) collaborator

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Q25 Has your **WUN** collaborator previously participated in the WUN Research Development Fund?

Yes

No

Don't know

Q26 If yes, please provide details of your collaborator's previous involvement in the WUN Research Development Fund (year of application, project title, whether they were an Academic Lead or a supporting researcher)

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## EXTERNAL PARTNER DETAILS

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Q29 Does your project involve any non-WUN members or external partners?

Note: WUN RDF Projects may include non-WUN universities and external partners, but must have an active core of WUN member universities.

Yes

No

Q30 Non-WUN Member Title (e.g Mr, Ms, Dr, Associate Professor, Professor, Distinguished Professor)

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Q31 Non-WUN Member Full name (First and Last name)

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Q32 Position title

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Q33 Organisation, company, peak body or equivalent

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Q34 Email Address

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Q35 Mobile / Work phone

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Q36 Please provide a link to the non-WUN member/external partner website

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## **BUDGET**

### **Funding Categories**

Please tick the activity or activities for which you are seeking support. You may select multiple options.

Please note: Should you identify categories of expenditure that would benefit the success of your project and are not listed here, the WUN Secretariat would be happy to respond to your queries.

- A maximum of one in-person event that requires air travel (for example planning workshops, international project team meetings or conferences). Costs associated with virtual meetings are not subject to this restriction.
- Exploratory research initiatives
- Formation of collaborative networks
- Engagement of students through remote guest lectures and master classes
- Assistance from individuals where critical to the project (see “what expenditures are not funded by the RDF for further detail)
- Access to necessary software
- External project website or other multimedia production and development
- Data collection
- Development and implementation of survey instruments
- Access to online databases
- Access to general samples from panel survey companies
- Contribution to open access fees of up to £1500 (approximately A\$2,900.00)
- Primary data collection costs
- Activities related to other data collection (Costs of /acquiring/copying policy documents and literature where these are not available via institutional libraries/databases)
- Transcription costs

- Consumable equipment costs for the sole use of the project such as primers, probes, reagents, pipettes etc.
- Prototype production
- The development and production of dissemination reports
- Other

Q39 If you have selected 'other', please provide details in space below. Please list any budget amounts in AUD.

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Q40 Please enter the total amount you are requesting in AUD. The proposed total budget must not exceed £10,000 (A\$19,000.00).

*Please note: Award funds should be expended within 12 months. Funds unspent at the conclusion of the 12-month award period may be recalled by WUN.*

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## Project Details & Evaluation Criteria

Q42

**Project Title**

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**Q43 Project Summary (max 200 words)**

Please provide a summary of your project and clearly articulate your research goals.

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Q44 Please select the WUN RDF Focus Area(s) that your LOI relates to (you may select more than one).

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; ageing

4. Responsible and ethical applications of Artificial Intelligence

Q45 **Relevance to Call (max 200 words)** Within the context of sustainable development, please articulate how the project addresses a problem of consequence in **one or more** of the WUN

RDF focus areas:

1. Social justice and human rights; inequality
2. Sustainable world: cities and urbanization; energy transitions; water, and food security
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**Q46 Sustainable Design (max 100 words)**

Please elaborate on the sustainability of your project e.g. are resources used responsibly, with adequate concern for any potential environment impact of the project?

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**Q47 WUN Advantage (max 300 words)**

Please highlight how your project **and** the research team demonstrate a distinct WUN advantage. WUN is likely to have a special advantage when the research problem:

- Requires distinctive constellations of talent that are best assembled (or can only be assembled) by drawing on multiple partners.
- Presents opportunities for comparative analysis, stemming from member universities' locations in different geographical and cultural contexts.
- Requires access to unique environments/resources possessed by one or more partners.

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**Q49 Impact (max 200 words)**

Please provide an overview of a clear and realistic plan to secure impact. Desirable outcomes include one or more of the following: an authoritative and influential publication, potentially aimed at influencing policy; making the investigators competitive for major research funding.

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**Q50 SIGNATURE OF UTS APPLICANT**

I acknowledge that I have discussed this application with my WUN collaborators.

Once you submit your application, an internal review of all UTS submissions will be undertaken. A maximum of two submissions will be selected to be developed into full applications for WUN. Guidance will be provided to the two selected applicants on the next steps, which will include submitting a full application to the WUN by **11pm AEST on Friday 18 October 2024**.

End of Block: 5. SIGNATURE

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