Climate Repair Student Grants: Applicant Information Pack

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1. Objectives of the Climate Repair Student Grants

The Climate Repair student grants will provide up to **£1000** for initiatives that address **one or more** of the objectives below. The bullet-points are suggestions rather than an exhaustive list of fundable projects.

1. **Explore** – generating new knowledge or understanding about climate repair.
   - Climate repair science research
   - Climate repair social science research

2. **Build** – turning a climate repair idea into something new and tangible.
   - Prototype or proof-of-concept projects
   - Building a climate repair data tool. e.g. map / dashboard / interactive database
   - Building interactive demonstration tools
   - Creating teaching resources

3. **Connect** – bringing students from Cambridge or other UK universities together on the topic of climate repair.
   - Student events and workshops
   - Student research network
   - Collaborative projects with other UK universities
   - Conference participation – bringing knowledge back to students
   - Field visits – bringing knowledge back to students

4. **Engage** – engaging non-student stakeholders on climate repair
   - Climate repair films or other media.
   - Writing op-eds or policy briefs
   - Meeting and engaging policymakers
   - Public facing events or exhibitions

2. Terms and conditions

All applications must:

- Address at least one or more of the objectives outlined above.
- Relate primarily to Climate Repair, namely greenhouse gas removal, solar reflection methods, or the governance of these technologies.
- Have a clearly defined goal with impacts extending beyond the funding period.
- Be realistic and deliverable. Applicants must ensure that their project can be delivered by 11 months after receipt of the grant.
- Include a clearly defined evaluation plan specifying how the impact of the project will be monitored.

- Include at least one applicant who will have a contract/be on their course for the duration of the project.

- Include a specific breakdown of proposed costs, including evidenced quotes.

3. Funding limitations

- Funds will not be awarded to projects that replicate or compete with an activity already happening at the university.

- Funds cannot be used as payment for labour. Funds can be used for purchase of equipment, items, prizes, travel, etc. We will accept applications that include catering costs, but we will not accept applications where the only cost is catering.

- The University cannot fund direct action against itself but welcomes applications for projects and initiatives that open debate and conversation on relevant climate repair issues.

4. Criteria

A representative panel of staff will assess all applications based on the below criteria:

1. Has a strong potential for impact, meeting at least 1 objective
2. Has a clearly defined goal with impacts extending beyond the funding period
3. Has a feasible implementation plan
4. Has a clearly defined evaluation plan
5. Contains evidence of innovation and/or collaboration

Successful applications will contain the following details:

- A project which meets multiple objectives alongside a clear, detailed explanation as to how these objectives will be met.

- An extremely clear, detailed project goal with the potential to be self-sufficient in the future.

- A clear, detailed project plan which explains how the outcome will be achieved and delivered.

- A detailed and clearly defined evaluation plan in which the outcomes can be analysed and reported up to 11 months after the receipt of funds.

- An explanation about how the activity achieves something new or additional.

5. Eligibility

Undergraduate and postgraduate University of Cambridge students are welcome to apply.

Projects involving collaboration between students and staff are permitted. Please be advised that only one application per individual or group can be submitted for each funding round.

7. Reporting requirements

- Funds will be released in three equal instalments. Each instalment will be released upon submission of receipts demonstrating full use of previous instalment. Please use '**Receipt Form'** to submit receipts.
- Alongside the submission of the Receipt Form, successful applications will report on the progress of their projects using the '**Reporting Form'**.
- Successful applicants will be required to submit a final report up to 11 months after the receipt of funds outlining how the project met its objectives and the impact that it had.

8. How to apply

Please complete the '**Application Form'** and send it to info@climaterepair.cam.ac.uk. The Application Form will require you to provide the below information:

- Description outlining how the project meets the Climate Repair Student Grant objectives, terms, and conditions.
- Project budget, total amount applied for, and bank details where the budget will be assigned to.
- A list of students working on the proposed project.

A panel will assess all applications following the principles of fairness and transparency.

Application deadlines:
Round 1 – Friday 11th December 2026 at 5pm
Round 2 – Friday 26th March 2027 at 5pm
Round 3 – Friday 2nd July 2027 at 5pm

Notification of outcome:
Round 1 – Early January 2027
Round 2 – Early April 2027
Round 3 – September 2027

9. Information for successful applicants

- If your funding application is successful, groups will be expected to use the Centre for Climate Repair logo on any promotional or communications materials associated with the project.
- Funds will be released in three equal instalments. Each instalment will be released upon submission of receipts demonstrating full use of previous instalment. Please submit the '**Receipt Form'** alongside the '**Reporting Form'**.

10. Resources

Project management

The University's Personal and Professional Development (PPD) Team offers various courses related to project management via LinkedIn Learning. Booking links are provided below:

- SMART Objectives
- Project Management
- GANTT Charts
- Introduction to the Principles of Risk Management at the University of Cambridge
- Stages of Problem Solving
- Team Working

Project evaluation and monitoring impact

Applicants will be required to explain how they will evaluate their project and monitor their project's impact. The below resources provide guidance on how this can be done:

- Indeed – A Guide to Project Evaluation
- Float – How to Evaluate and Measure the Success of a Project
- Sopact – Impact Measurement

Ethics and data protection

Ethical approval may be required if your project involves gathering data or publishing content (e.g., journal articles) about your project. Please consider this when planning your project. More information about data protection regulation and gaining ethical approval can be found at the below links:

- Data Protection Training (Online PPD Course)
- Information Compliance Team – Data Protection Quick Guide
- Research Integrity – Applying for Ethical Approval