

**SEFS Strategic Infrastructure Fund**

The ‘**SEFS** **Strategic Infrastructure Fund**’ supports high-quality research and teaching within the College. All strategic infrastructure applications are welcome, *e.g.* small building repairs and upgrades, the purchase, repair or servicing of equipment, IT and software upgrades *etc*.

Funding requests should typically be below €20,000 per application; larger amounts will be considered if justifiable.

**Requirements for funding:**

* There should be no other external funding avenues readily available to support the infrastructure request. Applications which have secured contributory funding from their School/Department are particularly encouraged.
* The potential impacts to the College should be clearly defined
* Applications must align with UCC’s strategic goals

**Application details:**

* The process will be managed by the STEM Campus & Infrastructure Taskforce on behalf of the Head of the College of SEFS.
* Each School/Department within the College can submit a maximum of **three applications per call**.
* Applications should be approved by the Head of School/Department prior to submission.
* Each application should be completed using the application form provided and should **not exceed one A4 page in length**.
* All application forms should be submitted via email to sefsinfra@ucc.ie by **5pm on** **Friday 29th April 2022**, using the subject line ‘SEFS-STF’.

**SEFS Strategic Infrastructure Fund Application Form (Guidance Notes in Red)**

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| **Main Applicant**Name & Position |  |
| School/Department within SEFS |  |
| Contact details | Email:  | Office Phone No.: |
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| **Application Details** |
| Description of the infrastructure requested | *What infrastructure item is being requested, e.g. lab refurbishment, equipment etc.?* |
| Cost of requested infrastructure | *What is the estimated cost of the requested infrastructure?**What contributory funding, if any, will be provided by the School/Department?* |
| Impact & alignment with strategic goals | *Detail potential impacts to the College**Outline how the requested infrastructure aligns with UCC’s strategic goals* |
| Maintenance | *Where applicable, outline how the infrastructure will be supported in the long-term, e.g. how will a new piece of equipment be maintained? Please note that you should not rely on additional Strategic Infrastructure Fund awards.* |
| Lack of alternative opportunities | *Outline why there are no other opportunities to fund the infrastructure item, e.g. why the item cannot be part of a grant proposal?* |
| If successful, do you agree to provide a progress update to the Taskforce within 12 months of receiving an award? | *Yes/No* |
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| Application approved by the Head of School/Department | *Signature of the Head of School/Department*Date: |