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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)

Main Applicant Name & Position		
School/Department within SEFS		
Contact details	Email:	Office Phone No.:

Application Details		
Description of the infrastructure requested	<i>What infrastructure item is being requested, e.g. lab refurbishment, equipment etc.?</i>	
Cost of requested infrastructure	<i>What is the estimated cost of the requested infrastructure? What contributory funding, if any, will be provided by the School/Department?</i>	
Impact & alignment with strategic goals	<i>Detail potential impacts to the College Outline how the requested infrastructure aligns with UCC's strategic goals</i>	
Maintenance	<i>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.</i>	
Lack of alternative opportunities	<i>Outline why there are no other opportunities to fund the infrastructure item, e.g. why the item cannot be part of a grant proposal?</i>	
If successful, do you agree to provide a progress update to the Taskforce within 12 months of receiving an award?	Yes/No	

Application approved by the Head of School/Department	<i>Signature of the Head of School/Department</i>
	Date: