

What do I need to know?

General

How can I find out when new rounds of funding are available?

Advertisements of new rounds of funding, together with closing and decision dates are all detailed on the Sport Wales website: www.sportwales.org.uk/illuminate. We will also advertise on Twitter. Follow us @sport_wales.

How much funding can I apply for?

Up to £2,500 (excluding VAT).

How many awards are made?

Six awards of up to £2,500 are made on an annual basis.

What language can I submit my application in?

You can apply in English or Welsh.

When is the closing date for applications?

This year the closing date for applications is **12th January 2015**

How long is the award tenable for?

The grant is for a maximum period of 12 months.

Does the research have to focus on Wales specifically?

The primary focus should be on Wales. Comparisons with other countries are, however, welcomed.

Does the research have to focus on sport?

The primary focus should be on sport and/or Physical Education. We are keen, however, to see applications that can demonstrate how the research ties into other policy areas and priorities.

Are there particular themes you would like to be explored?

Yes. We will only consider applications that can demonstrate how the research fits within at least one of our thematic priorities. Thematic priorities will be reviewed on an annual basis.

What are the thematic priorities for this year's funding round?

- > Physical literacy
- > Role of technology
- > Family and peer support
- > Equality and/or poverty



On completion of the research, will I need to submit a report of the findings?

Yes, this will be a requirement of the funding.

How long should the research report be?

We don't want to specify a particular length. It should, however, include an abstract, literature review, methodology, discussion on the findings, and conclusion with recommendations for policy and practice.

How will my application be assessed?

Your application will be assessed by a panel of researchers.

They will make a recommendation based on the following criteria:

- › Contribution to at least one of our thematic research priorities
- › Quality of the application, including its relevance to policy and practice
- › Professional and technical competence of the project team
- › Innovation
- › Risk management assurances

The final decision will reside with a Member of Sport Wales' Senior Management Team.

When will a decision be made?

The panel of researchers will make a decision during February 2015.

When and how will I hear the outcome of my application?

You will be notified in writing on the outcome of your application within four weeks of the decision date.

If I have any queries about my application, who do I contact?

You can contact Sport Wales Research on research@sportwales.org.uk or 0845 846 0023.

Eligibility

Do you have to be based in Wales to apply?

No. The research project must, however, have a focus on Wales and fit within at least one of our thematic priorities.

Are collaborations permitted?

Yes, provided there is a UK-based scholar as lead applicant.

Applications for collaborative or individual projects are equally welcome.

Would I be permitted to submit more than one application?

No. All applicants are only permitted to submit one application for each round.



Can I be a Principle Applicant on one application and a Co-Investigator on another?

No. You can only be named on one application per funding round.

I am currently studying a post-graduate course. Am I able to apply?

Unfortunately Sport Wales does not provide research funding to students. Funding is provided for research at post-doctoral level only.

I have just completed my Ph.D. Can I apply for a grant?

Sport Wales welcomes applications from recent post-doctoral graduates. In order to be eligible, you must have successfully passed your viva voce and completed any corrections.

Do I need to be employed by a UK academic institution in order to apply for funding?

No. You will, however, have to be affiliated to a UK academic institution or a Co-Investigator with someone who is employed by a UK academic institution.

I am a post-doctorate researcher being paid by another research grant. Can I apply?

No.

I am not affiliated to a UK academic institution. Can I apply for funding?

Affiliation to a UK academic institution is a requirement of funding. The institution will administer the grant.

Can I apply for funding to support my attendance at a conference?

No.

Can I apply for funding to support interchange between UK and overseas scholars?

No.

Is match-funding and in-kind support a pre-requisite?

No. We will, however, look favourably on applications that can bring additional support to the project.

Can I use the funding to meet a shortfall in funding from another body?

No. All applications should demonstrate that Sport Wales funds are sought for a clearly defined, discrete piece of work which will have an identifiable outcome for Sport Wales.

My project is due to start before the decision date. Can I apply?

No. If successful, your project must only commence following receipt of a signed copy of the form of acceptance.

I was unsuccessful in applying to Illuminate in a previous round. Are resubmissions accepted?

Yes.

