

FAQs – CoSyst grants

How much flexibility is there in CoSyst project start dates?

Grants will be distributed at the end of March. The project start date must be in the financial year that the award is made, i.e. before April 2008 for awards made in the first round.

How long should a CoSyst project last?

Funds must be returned to the Treasurer of the Linnean Society if not spent within 6 months of the start date of the grant. This is because CoSyst funding is intended to encourage full responsive mode applications to one of the research councils within 1 (or at most 2) years of the award of funds.

Does that mean the maximum duration of a CoSyst project is 6 months, or can travel money be spent over a longer period (e.g. a year), provided all the equipment money is spent within 6 months?

All funds should be spent within six months. Some activities may continue after funds are spent.

Can an additional collaborative partner be based overseas, and if so, can we seek funds for the collaborator to visit either the administrative lead or collaborative partner?

An additional partner may be based overseas, and where it is necessary may be funded to visit a partner.

Can I apply more than once?

There is no limit on the number of applications that may be submitted.

I am based an institution that is not eligible for BBRSC responsive mode funding. Can I still apply for CoSyst funding?

Yes, as long as one applicant, either the administrative lead or collaborating partner, is eligible for either NERC or BBSRC responsive mode funding. This is because the proposal must offer a high probability of the applicants submitting a responsive mode proposal to a UK Research Council within two years of receiving the grant.

Do CoSyst grants cover Full Economic Costs?

No, CoSyst grants do not include any overheads.