

Back to Baselines in Circular Fashion and Textiles Sustainable Transition Fund

KEY FACTS

What funding is available?

- Grants of £5,000, £20,000 or £50,000 from a total pot of £700,000
- Awards provided at 80% of total project costs, so there will be a need for 20% match funding
- This is the first of three calls for applications
- Six-month projects focused on evidence and analysis.



Gateway Criteria

- Target a specific knowledge, evidence or data gap that can help quantify the baseline position of the fashion & textile industry
- Have potential to inform decision-making in future fashion & textile sustainability policy
- Be novel and original
- Align with one or more of the Back to Baselines in Circular Fashion & Textiles project thematic areas co-developed with at least one other academic or industry partner
- Be based within the UK (overseas partners can be part of the consortium)
- Include a dissemination and engagement plan.

Who can apply?

- Members of the Back to Baselines in Circular Fashion and Textiles network (this is free to join)
- Applications can be made individually or by a consortium
- Academic-industry collaborations are encouraged
- Multi-disciplinary consortia are welcomed, including collaborations between different companies, or different academic research groups.



Key Dates

Call	Launch	Close	Start	End	Reporting
1	1 March 2024	30 April 2024	1 June 2024	30 November 2024	31 December 2024
2	1 July 2024 31	31 August 2024	1 October 2024	31 March 2025	30 April 2025
3	1 November 2024	31 December 2024	1 February 2025	31 July 2025	31 August 2025

How to apply

- Send a short outline of your project (max 250 words) to the Back to Baselines in Circular Fashion and Textiles team
- You will then be sent an application form and guidance notes
- Each proposal will be judged by the investment committee



Post award requirements

- Project start date of 1 June 2024 Signed collaboration agreement Reporting on project delivery and impact
- Support with publicity

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Things to consider

- Payment in arrears – you will need to provide proof of payment to be reimbursed
- Grant cannot be used to pay usual business costs, e.g. paying staff
- Match funding can include staff time, travel, Lost Opportunity costs (e.g. raw materials, machine time)
- Intellectual property (IP) – background - IP will remain with the originator, foreground IP will be contracted under Lambert 4.



Next Steps

Email Leanne Munroe, Business Engagement Manager at LITAC, with your 250-word project description.

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For more information about Back to Baselines in Circular Fashion and Textiles, see

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