

## Geosolutions Leeds - Research Project Call 2025

Please read the call documents at <https://geosolutions.leeds.ac.uk/joinus/funding/> before completing the application form. A preview of applications is also available.

**Application requirements:**

Applicants must be employed at the University of Leeds (in any Faculty), and need not have a permanent academic position to be PI/Co-I. Applicants of an appropriate grade are able to cost themselves into the PDRA positions, but if they are not doing so they must have an existing contract until the end of the proposed project.

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\* This form will record your name, please fill your name.

### Application details:

1. Proposal title: \*

Lead applicant details:

2. Project title: \*

3. Title: \*

4. Name: \*

5. Your School \*

- School of Earth & Environment
- School of Civil Engineering
- School of Mechanical Engineering
- Other

6. Do you consider yourself as Early Career? \*

- Yes
- No

7. If you wish to give additional context around your Early Career status please outline below (optional):

8. Main research areas \*

(Please list 3 keywords to describe your research area):

9. PDRA time for PI? \*

### Project team

Please outline the Co-Investigators proposed for the project

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10. List of Co-Investigators \*

For each Co-I please list, Name, School, Institution if external, 3 keywords for main research area(s):

11. Please list any Co-Investigators that you consider to be Early Career Researchers:

12. If you wish to give additional context around Early Career status for any members of the team please outline below (optional):

13. PDRA time for and Co-Is?

## Proposal Questions

Please outline your proposal by answering the following questions:

### 14. Project Summary \*

Please provide a summary of the project (200 words):

### 15. Please describe how the project will meet the objectives of Geosolutions Leeds and support the University Climate Plan Principle 3 on refocusing of subsurface research & training (200 words): \*

### 16. Project Scope \*

Please outline which thematic areas of Geosolutions Leeds the proposed project will most closely align with:

- Hydrogen/Energy Storage
- Wind Farm Substrates
- Carbon Capture and Storage
- Critical Minerals
- Nuclear
- Other

### 17. Research questions, aims and objectives \*

Please outline the research questions your project will answer, the aims and objectives of the work, and how the work is novel (200 words):

### 18. Team and Collaborations \*

Please outline the team that will be involved in the project and their contributions to the research, and outline any internal and external collaborations involved in the project that are existing or will be developed as part of the project:

**19. Outputs and Impact \***

Please outline the outputs and impacts you expect to arise from the project (150 words):

**20. Follow on plans and funding \***

Please outline how you plan to use the results of the project to pursue further funding and follow on projects (200 words):

**21. Match funding (e.g. PhDs, equipment etc.) and parallel funding requests \***

Please outline any match funding that you will include in the project proposal, or any parallel funding requests you will make to complement and maximise the investment from Geosolutions Leeds (200 words):

**22. Confirmation of costing and internal approval to submit application \***

Please confirm that you have estimated costs as accurately as possible (and have received costings where appropriate), gained management approval for your proposal (usually Head of School or delegate), and that you confirm that you understand that a fixed level of funding will be awarded and may be a revised figure against the costs submitted in the proposal. For example, in the School of Earth and Environment, a PIC form would be necessary to confirm approval to submit, staffing costs and any potential impact on workload models.

Yes

No

### Justification for funding

The following funding will be offered for each PDRA, with up to two PDRA's being funded for each project to maximise impact:

Maximum of 2 years of grade 7 postdoctoral research fellowship time - recruitment is expected to follow the recruitment guidelines of the University of Leeds, and cannot extend beyond 31st July 2027.

The recruitment guidelines can be found at <https://hr.leeds.ac.uk/download/downloads/id/684/recruitment-guide>

Funding will also be considered for the following:

- University of Leeds staff time for supervision and leadership by the supervisory team on the project, the maximum amount that will be funded should not exceed £30k per PDRA;
- Consumables and IT costs;
- Laboratory consumables and small items of equipment (costing up to £5k each), and IT costs such as specialist equipment, storage, computing costs etc.;
- Travel – travel, subsistence and conference fees;
- Facilities – directly incurred facilities costs that are specifically related to, and required for the project;
- Other costs that are justified will be considered by the committee, including fieldwork costs, for example.

Geosolutions Leeds funding is internal funding and follows the same funding rules as other similar sources of internal University funding, such as IAA and Policy Fund Projects. Therefore, the funding cannot be used to cover overheads including indirect, estates and infrastructure costs.

Please outline in the following questions itemised costs for each category

23. University of Leeds staff time \*

Please only include DA costs for PI/Co-I time, do not include costs for PDRA time (although you may need to cost this as part of internal approval)

The value must be a number

24. Consumables and IT costs \*

The value must be a number

25. Travel and subsistence \*

The value must be a number

26. Facilities \*

The value must be a number

27. Other \*

The value must be a number

28. Cost justification \*

Please add a justification for your costs, including reference to the budget headings above. Please list the PDRA positions you wish to recruit, the duration, and any other details, including whether it is intended any applicants of an appropriate grade will be costed into the Grade 7 PDRA roles.

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