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SUSTAINABLE TRANSITION FUND

CALL 3

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CALL OPEN: 1ST NOVEMBER 2024 – 31ST JANUARY 2025

What funding is available?
- Grants of £5,000, £20,000 or £50,000
- Awards provided at 80% of total project costs (20% match funding)
- This is the final of three calls for applications
- Six-month projects focused on evidence and analysis.

Who can apply?
- Members of the Back to Baselines in Circular Fashion and Textiles network (this is free to join, please email m.v.ogle@leeds.ac.uk or nplusft@leeds.ac.uk for the sign-up form).
- 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

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.

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How to apply:
- To register your interest in this funding call, please contact the Back to Baselines Network Coordinator (m.v.ogle@leeds.ac.uk).
- You will then be sent the full application form, finance template and guidance forms via email.
- Each proposal will be judged by the investment committee to decide eligibility based on the gateway criteria and impact for the sector.

Next steps:
If you would like to submit a preliminary 'Expression of Interest' for application eligibility feedback, or for any further enquiries, please email the Back to Baselines Network Coordinator on m.v.ogle@leeds.ac.uk

Post-award requirements:
- Project start date from 1st April 2025.
- Signed collaboration agreement.
- Reporting on project delivery and impact, due within one month of project end.
- Support with publicity.

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 originating project partner(s) foreground IP will be covered by a funding agreement.

Timeline:

Call	Launch	Close	Awarded	Start	End	Report
1	1st March 2024	30th April 2024	May 2024	1st June 2024	30th November 2024	31st December 2024
2	1st July 2024	31st August 2024	September 2024	1st November 2024	30th April 2025	31st May 2025
3	**1st November 2024**	**31st January 2025**	**February 2025**	**1st April 2025**	**30th September 2025**	**31st October 2025**

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