



Guidance for Applicants

1 In order to be considered for financial support from the Trust, projects must

- **be relevant**
 - to UK forestry in the broadest sense
 - to wider UK forestry research priorities
- **have clear**
 - objectives / research questions
 - methods
 - expected research outcomes
 - timeframes
- **have additional funding** from other sources

2 The Trust will not normally support

- projects that have already started
- projects that are the statutory responsibility of other organisations
- general appeals

and will not provide funding for

- major capital costs
- overheads

3 Intervention rates

Assistance from the SFT will not normally exceed 30% of eligible project costs and will not normally provide more than £20,000 in any one year to a given project. There may be exceptions to this general position if the project is particularly significant in impact terms and the Trustees will take a flexible approach where it is appropriate to do so.

4 Full applications and concept notes

Full applications are required for all project proposals, but applicants are encouraged to discuss their project ideas with the Director and to submit a concept note before writing a full application. Full applications and concept notes must be submitted using the Trust's forms.

5 Appeals

The decision of the Trustees is final and no appeals will be considered under any circumstances.