

# Six-Month Sustainability Challenge: Key Facts

## What funding is available?

- 6-month projects with sustainability focus
- Grant funds up to 50% of project costs
- Maximum grant value £25,000
- At least 50% of project cost should come from company resources - in-kind match is encouraged



## Who can apply?

- Individual business or consortium
- Lead applicant established for at least 12 months
- Turnover at least £50,000 p.a.
- Lead applicant or significant project partner registered in Yorkshire and the Humber
- Member of Future Fashion Factory community



## Gateway criteria

- Alignment with our Core Research Theme of Sustainability and Circular Economies
- Innovative (not generic business support or growth projects)
- Partnership with a researcher at a Future Fashion Factory centre: the University of Leeds, Royal College of Art, or University of Huddersfield



## Key Dates

Call Opens	10 January 2022
Deadline for full applications	28 February 2022
Successful applicants notified	30 March 2022

## How to apply

- Request application pack
- Discuss your idea with our team
- Submit your application
- Wait for the Investment Committee decision
- Find out if you have been successful!



## Post-award requirements

- Project start date May-July 2022
- Signed collaboration agreement
- Reporting on project delivery and impact
- Support with publicity, including a press release and case study



## 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
- If you don't already have an academic partner in mind, we can help you identify one.



## Next Steps

Request your application pack and arrange a call with a member of our team to discuss your project.

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