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## **Call for Matariki (MNU) Research Seed Fund 2023/2024 will open in September 2023**

[The Matariki Network of Universities \(MNU\)](#) is launching a call for research seed funding to develop a stronger relationship in globally relevant fields of research between its partners. Through a competitive process, MNU will jointly advertise, select and fund collaborative bi-, tri and multilateral research projects between MNU institutions. Successful research projects are expected to ultimately result in outcomes such as third-party funding applications, larger-scale collaborations, significant joint publications etc.

Proposals covering any thematic area will be considered, but applications in areas related to the United Nations' SDGs are particularly welcome. Projects must also demonstrate alignment to [MNU's five guiding principles and values](#).

### **The call will open 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023 with a submission deadline on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

Please note that the MNU Research Seed Fund particularly welcomes applications from Early Career Researchers (ECRs) (up to 6 years from PhD), though does not exclude submissions from other groups.

Summary of features:

- Proposals will be invited for a maximum of £25,000, for activity duration of 12-24 months;
- The earliest start date of projects is February 2024;
- Proposals must include researchers from at least two (2) MNU institutions. Proposals including more than two partners are strongly encouraged;
- Applicants must be eligible to serve in the role of PI at their own institution;
- Applicants must have proven expertise in the project proposal being submitted;
- Non-Matariki external collaborators may be involved in the proposal, at their own expense.

More information will be released in September, so please keep a lookout!

If you have any questions, please contact your [local Matariki Coordinator](#) in the first instance.