Heilbronn Small Grants Scheme

The Heilbronn Institute for Mathematical Research offers small grants for projects supportive of UK mathematical research. Grants under this scheme will be funded either through the UKRI/EPSRC ‘Additional Funding Programme for Mathematical Sciences’ (part of the £300M government investment announced in 2020) or by the Heilbronn Institute directly.

Eligibility, who can apply:

- Any applicant for a grant under this scheme must be a mathematician based in the UK.
- We anticipate receiving proposals from mathematicians at all career stages, from PhD student to Professor.

Value of award:

The Heilbronn Institute expects many grants to be at the level of £5,000 or less, but we will accept applications up to £10,000, or occasionally greater when a strong case is made.

Scope of the scheme:

The funding can be used to support activity involving mathematical research taking place in the UK, the Heilbronn Institute particularly welcomes applications for, but not limited to, the following purposes.

- Partial or full support towards workshops, small conferences, symposia, colloquia, or seminars.
- Travel and local expenses for visiting professors/academics, PhD students or speakers.
- Support for collaborative research programmes or activities.
- Activities supporting the education and training of students and young mathematicians.
- Support for activity that is not eligible for funding from other sources or where funding is limited.
- Please note, we do not fund outward, non-UK travel awards for attendance to conferences, collaborations or events taking place outside of the UK. This funding is for UK mathematical research activity only.
Additional information:

- Applicants are asked to apply to other sources for partial funding, where appropriate, and to provide summary details of such applications.
- For event or collaboration funding, the Heilbronn Institute encourages proposals for groups that have a balance of overseas and UK participation, experienced and early career researchers (e.g. post-docs, postgraduate students), and that promote diversity and align with our EDI policies.
- Applicants are responsible for making all the arrangements for the event or activity funded by the award. The Heilbronn Institute is not generally able to host events, collaborations or visitors.
- Academic and financial reports will be required after the event has taken place.
- Institutions will be reimbursed after the event has taken place and receipt of the above-mentioned reports.
- Activities, expenditure, and expense claims need to be completed by the end of September 2024.
- Proposals can be submitted at any time and will be considered on a rolling basis.

How to apply:

The application process has been designed to be simple and we aim to offer a quick response to proposals, usually within a few weeks.

Proposals should be sent to heilbronn-administrator@bristol.ac.uk. For applications for £5,000 or less, no more than one page of A4 is needed, and two pages will suffice for most larger applications.

Your proposal should include:

1. An explanation of the mathematics to be focused on and the expected outcomes.
2. For events, visitors and collaborations, the names of participants and their commitment to the programme, with an explanation of why the team is appropriate.
3. A clear outline budget, with details of other funding applications. How much funding is requested from the Heilbronn Institute, and how will it be used? Please ensure you account for adequate resources to enable the delivery of your proposed plans.

Contact details:

Please send any queries regarding your proposal, either prior to submission or following, to heilbronn-administrator@bristol.ac.uk.