

**Post -16 Strategic Development Fund 2025/26**

<b>Lead organisation</b>	
<b>Lead organisation contact (name and email)</b>	
<b>Project partners (including contact names and email)</b>	
<b>Total value of bid</b>	
<b>Project title</b>	

***Please note that there is a limit of 2 applications per organisation (whether as a lead or partner organisation). This a revenue fund and applications for capital investment will not be considered.***

***Before completing this form, please read the deliverable outcomes noted in the Project Outputs .***

**Theme(s) which the project addresses (tick as applicable)**

<p><b>Collaborative</b> – the project must involve at least 2 providers across the tertiary sector.</p> <p>Collaboration across sectors will be weighted heavier in the scoring matrix than that within sector, although, bids from all types of collaboration is welcomed.</p> <p>Section 7 of the Tertiary Education and Research (Wales) Act 2022 states:</p> <p><b>“Promoting collaboration and coherence in tertiary education and research</b></p> <p>The Commission must promote -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) collaboration between tertiary education providers in Wales, schools in Wales and employers;</li> <li>b) coherence in the provision of tertiary education by tertiary education providers in Wales and the alignment of such provision with research and innovation priorities.”</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>New</b> – The project is requesting funding for a new project and retrospective funding for activity already completed cannot be sought.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>Strategic</b> – the project is linked to the strategic ambitions of Medr, noted below:</p> <p><b>Strategic aim 1:</b> To focus the tertiary education sector around the needs of the learner.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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<p><b>Strategic aim 2:</b> To create a flexible and joined-up tertiary system where everyone can acquire the skills and knowledge they need for a changing economy and society.</p> <p><b>Strategic aim 3:</b> To ensure learners receive the highest-quality provision in a tertiary education sector that strives for continuous improvement.</p> <p><b>Strategic aim 4:</b> To grow internationally-acclaimed research and inspire innovation throughout the tertiary education sector.</p> <p><b>Strategic aim 5:</b> To encourage greater use of the Welsh language, increasing demand for and participation in learning and assessment through the medium of Welsh.</p> <p>Projects which is linked to multiple aims will have a higher weighting than the projects which are linked to one aim.</p>	
<p><b>Authorisation</b> – the lead governing body (or similar) and all governing bodies (or similar) of partner organisations have agreed to the submission of the project.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**1. Project summary information**

<p><b>Rationale</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How have you identified the need for this project?</li> <li>• How does it address the theme(s) ticked above?</li> <li>• What information have you used to inform the development of your project? (eg stakeholder feedback, research, surveys)</li> <li>• This rationale should include the anticipated impact, plans for the long-term sustainability of the impact and outcomes of the project and explain the exit strategy of the organisation(s) from the funding. [max 500 words]</li> </ul>

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**2. Project delivery**

<p><b>Approach to delivering the project</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please outline the planned timescales of the project.</li> <li>• Please describe the respective roles of any partners involved in the project and outline how the project will be managed within institutional governance structures.</li> <li>• How will you engage with learners and trade unions in delivering the project? [500 words]</li> </ul>

**Project budget and costings**

<p><i>Please provide a summary of planned project costs, broken down under high level headings (eg staffing, equipment, subscriptions, consumables) and with indicative timescales for expenditure.</i></p>		
<p><b>Project costs</b></p>		
<p><b>Description of cost</b></p>	<p><b>Budget</b></p>	<p><b>Planned date of expenditure</b></p>
<p>[add lines as necessary]</p>		
<p><b>Total</b></p>	<p>£</p>	

### 3. Project outputs and outcomes

<p><b>Intended outcomes and impacts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How will you measure the impact of this project? What are your baseline indicators/evidence?</li> <li>What will change as a result of this project? What would success look like?</li> <li>How will you ensure sustainability and the outcomes of the project have benefits beyond the lifetime of the funding? [500 words]</li> </ul> <p>The deliverable outcomes that should be considered are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Improves financial sustainability</li> <li>- Improves learner outcomes</li> <li>- Increases participation</li> <li>- Increases learner pathway options</li> <li>- Improves quality + contributes to continuous improvement</li> </ul>

***Successful projects will need to complete an impact assessment. Also, there will be an expectation to present their learnings from the entirety of the project.***

<b>Signature (Head of lead organisation):</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	