

Assistance for Proof of Concept and Scoping Studies

Scheme Guidance

The following criteria will apply:

1. Funds will be available to enable proof of Concept and Scoping Studies to be carried out. Such studies could include for example:
 - Trialing new techniques
 - Demonstrating new technology
 - Collaboration costs (e.g. travel) to enable partnership projects to be developed
 - Literature reviews to develop understanding and context for a main study
 - Workshops and surveys to prioritise activities and establish interest
2. Only projects that are consistent with the aims of the SFT will be considered eligible.
3. Preference will be given to studies that are expected to lead to an application to The Scottish Forestry Trust for General assistance or assistance under the Trust's Bursary Scheme (or another source of funding but which will maintain the relevance of the study to the SFT aims).
4. Assistance of £2,000 or 66% of actual costs (whichever is least) will be available, and must be agreed in advance of the work starting.
5. Successful applicants will need to provide a concise written report on their scoping study, accompanied by a short project description (max 150 words) explaining benefits of the project and/or a captioned photo showing details of the project, both of which should be suitable for use on the Trust's website.
6. Payment will be made in arrears and must be supported by receipts or other evidence of expenditure and the report noted in para.4 above.