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**Background:**

The University of Edinburgh is committed via its Climate Action Plan (2012) to reducing carbon emissions in line with targets set out by the Scottish Government. In addition the Strategic Plan of the university (2012-16) has an objective to minimise our impact on the environment, and states that one of the ways to achieve this is through “procurement of goods and services in ways that maximise efficiency and effectiveness while minimising social, environmental and other impacts” as well as “reduce waste and maximise recycling”.

Advances in technology mean that a number of items of equipment commonly found within laboratories can now be replaced with substantially more energy efficient or otherwise more sustainable items (i.e. lower water consumption or waste production, or use of less hazardous chemicals).

A fund totalling c.£5,000 has been allocated from the Department for Social Responsibility and Sustainability. Individual grants from this fund will not exceed £500. This fund is designed to support labs in their aims to become more sustainable while also improving science in three ways:

1. Providing grant funding to support the purchase of sustainable new equipment to allow the retirement of old equipment. The applicant would be asked to provide proof that the equipment has been either disposed of appropriately via University of Edinburgh waste streams, or donated to a registered charitable body outside of the University of Edinburgh.
2. Providing top up funding to cover any difference in costs between ‘standard’ models of equipment and ‘eco’ models of equipment.
3. Providing grant funding to support auxiliary equipment e.g. plug-in timer controls to allow existing equipment to be operated more sustainably.

Possible equipment which may be covered by this fund could be (non-exhaustive list):

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| **Item** | **Potential annual saving** |
| ULT freezers  | £500 |
| Chillers (replacing mains water cooling) | £400 |
| Drying Ovens | £300 |
| Water baths | £150 |
| -20⁰C freezers | £100 |
| Incubators or incubator-shakers | £50 |
| Heater-stirrers | £50 |
| Chemical ovens | £50 |

**Details:**

The Energy Coordinator for your building (see appendix) has been given an **‘electricity monitor’**. If you require further electricity monitors please contact Andrew Arnott (Andrew.arnott@ed.ac.uk 0131 650 4064) as there may be a small number of spare meters available. Please use this to measure the existing electricity consumption of various items of equipment around your lab in order to identify which items would provide the best savings, and to monitor the new equipment. The equipment should be monitored for a representative length of time (i.e. if it operates under the same conditions for the same length of time each day, then only 24h would need to be measured. If the equipment operates differently between week-days and weekend-days then a week or longer would be recommended to give a representative measurement). In order to fast-track the progress of grant applications it is not expected that any applicant would need measure the electricity for longer than 28 days. Data gathered via the electricity monitor should be extrapolated out to obtain an annual figure.

To measure water or waste savings, or substitution of hazardous chemicals, please contact Andrew Arnott to discuss methodology.

When describing the performance of the new item of equipment it is acceptable to quote from manufacturers data unless alternative independent testing data is available, which would be preferable.

The closing date for applications is **noon on** **02/12/2015.** Applications will be judged by a selection panel consisting of representatives from the Department for Social Responsibility and Sustainability, and from the Procurement Department. Applications will be judged on a case by case basis and preference will be given for those with match funding, and those with a low £/tonneCO2E saved ratio. Decisions will be communicated to all applicants (successful and unsuccessful) by **16/12/15.**

Successful applicants will be able to use the email correspondence notifying them of their successful application to raise an EIT for the agreed amount. The successful applicant should then make their own arrangements to purchase the equipment following all relevant procurement rules, regulations and guidelines.

Applications should not be made retrospectively for items of equipment which have already been purchased outwith this scheme.

Once the new item has been purchased and is installed for usage successful applicants will be asked to monitor the performance of the item for a representative length of time up to 28 days. If the item was predicted to give energy savings an electricity monitor should be used to monitor the performance. To measure water or waste savings, or substitution of hazardous chemicals, please contact Andrew Arnott to discuss methodology. The data gathered during this process should be provided to Andrew Arnott no later than 6 weeks after the item has commenced usage in a 500 word report. This report will be submitted for the 2016 Special Awards run by the department for Social Responsibility and Sustainability.

In addition, successful applicants would be required to provide a one page summary report of their project 6 months following the purchase.

**Application form table:**

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| Laboratory location/name |  |
| Contact name |  |
| Contact email |  |
| Contact phone no. |  |
| Equipment/opportunity description |  |
| Age of current equipment |  |
| Are any grant award conditions applicable in relation to your current equipment? |  |
| Current annual impact (kWh energy, m3 water, or tonnes waste) of the old item to be replaced |  |
| Predicted annual impact (kWh energy, m3 water, or tonnes waste) of the new replacement item |  |
| Grant amount requested (£) |  |
| Lab/School/College contribution to the capex cost (£) |  |
| Expected lifespan of the item (years) |  |
| Any additional operational costs the new item will have when compared with the old item (i.e. greater consumption of consumable items which require regular re-purchasing and waste disposal) |  |

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