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**SES NETWORK PLUS Childcare Fund**



The SES Network Plus recognises that childcare responsibilites can present a significant barrier to participation for some researchers. In response it has established the **SES Network Plus Childcare Fund** that can be accessed to offset additional childcare costs incurred by applicants attending events organised or sponsored the SES Network Plus.

The SES Network Plus Childcare Fund is intended to assist postgraduate research students, post-doctoral research assistants and investigators registered at or employed by UK universities to present their work or participate in SES Network Plus organised or sponsored events.

The SES Network Plus Childcare Fund can contribute up to £500 towards the cost of additional childcare costs incurred through attending a SES Network Plus organised or sponsored event.

Additional childcare costs may occur if you are required to:

* Participate in events on what would normally be a non-working day.
* Work extended hours on a normal working day.
* Attend meetings with overnight stays.

The SES Network Plus Childcare Fund is not intended to reimburse any costs that form part of someone’s normal care arrangements.

The SES Network Plus Childcare Fund will fund 100% of the total cost up to a total contribution of £500. Please note that the SES Network Plus Childcare Fund fund will make awards via the applicants’ registered/employing institution against invoices recieved on Expenses claims made by the applicant to their host organisation. Please check with your own institution that such Expenses claims are submissable before applying to the SES Network Plus Childcare Fund.

Applicants must be registered/employed at a UK university and must be SES Network Plus members. Join the SES Network Plus here: <https://sesnetwork.org/membership/>

Awards will be made on a first-come-first-served basis and the fund will close once all funds are allocated.

To apply, complete the application form found below in this document and submit to c.e.malins@lboro.ac.uk.

Any questions relating to the application procedure should be addressed to: Christopher Malins: c.e.malins@lboro.ac.uk

A purchase order will be issued to successful applicants. The recipient institution must submit an invoice based on actual expenditure before 31st December 2026. Payments will be made after the event has taken place.

**SES Network Plus Childcare Fund Application Form**



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| **APPLICANT**  |
| Name |  |
| University |  |
| Position |  |
| Gender *(Male/Female/Other/Prefer not to say)* |  |
| Email |  |

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| **EVENT DETAILS** |
| Name of event *(and website if available)* |  |
| Venue |  |
| Date(s) |  |
| Activity *(presentation/poster/etc.)* |  |

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| **CHILDCARE NEEDS** Please describe the nature of additional childcare required to enable your participation in the above event *(e.g. 4 additional hours of childcare/babysitting due to return from event later than a normal working day)* |
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| **SUMMARY OF ADDITIONAL COSTS** Please set out the additional childcare costs requested *(e.g. 4 hours of additional childcare/babysitting at £15 per hour = £60)* |
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| **BENEFITS TO APPLICANT** Please describe how you will benefit from the award *(e.g. able to present research at a relevant event and make contacts in the field)* |
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