New funding call: Public Engagement with Research catalysts

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Research Councils UK (RCUK) today (12 September) announce a new funding call for embedding public engagement with research in UK Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). This new funding opportunity follows on from the success of the Beacons for Public Engagement initiative which is due to end in December 2011.

RCUK recognise that as the Beacons initiative comes to an end further support to embed public engagement in the higher education sector is required. This new funding is intended to act as a catalyst for culture change within HEIs to help them embed public engagement with research within their policies, procedures and practices. This will encourage and support researchers to engage with the public.

Funding of up to £300,000 will be provided over a three year period. The deadline for submitting applications is 17 November 2011 and successful bidders will be notified by 31 March 2012.

RCUK is committed to engaging the public with research and support a range of opportunities and funding schemes to support researchers and HEIs. This new funding will compliment support given to researchers by individual Research Councils as well as the Concordat for Engaging the Public with Research.

More details about the call, eligibility and application instructions are available here:

http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/per/Pages/catalysts.aspx