

Introduction

In November 2011 the University launched a central EU Networking Fund (EUNF) with the aim of strengthening BU's success in networking in order to make EU funding applications.

The Fund is sponsored by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (PVC) Research, Enterprise and Internationalisation (Prof Matthew Bennett) and a member of the Professoriate (Prof Adrian Newton, ApSci) and managed by the Senior Research Development Officer (EU) (Corrina Dickson) within the Research Development Unit. The latter two will also be responsible for assessing applications. Appeals should be made to the PVC Research, Enterprise and Internationalisation via the Senior Research Development Officer (SRDO).

Permitted Networking Activities

Funding will only be permitted for activities relating directly to EU networking and will only cover direct costs (i.e. overheads and established staff costs will not be reimbursed). Applications need to include a precise breakdown of costs calculated using full economic costing (fEC) – this will be calculated by the Research & Knowledge Exchange (RKE) Operations team. No applications for retrospective funding will be considered.

Examples of activities covered by the EUNF include the following:

- Travel with the intent of networking
- Conference attendance with the intent of networking
- Attendance at external networking events leading to collaborative research proposals
- Meetings with external organisations to establish collaborations

This list is not exhaustive; applications can be for other expenses providing it is clear how it relates to EU networking.

Application Process

A competition will be launched via the BU Research Blog in November 2011. The competition will be open to all BU academic staff interested in EU funding and who intend to prepare and submit a bid to an EU call. The 2011-12 competition will end when the funds are depleted; there may be further funding available in 2012-13. Applications will be assessed by Prof Adrian Newton and the SRDO on a fortnightly basis.

Payments will be made in the form of a grant in accordance with current BU financial regulations. Bookings for the activity will either be made by the SRDO or payments for will be journalled to the relevant School and the School will be responsible for administering the expenditure, whichever is most appropriate. All expenditure must be committed in the current academic year; it will not be possible to carry funding forward into the next academic year.

The application must be authorized by the relevant School Deputy Dean (Research and Enterprise) / equivalent prior to submission.

The funds will be given on a first come first served basis (providing they are approved by the assessors) until the fund is depleted or 01.06.12 whichever is first.

Award Process

Applicants will also need to submit an end of award report to the SRDO after the event/ travel which must include a breakdown of all costs incurred and future EU funding plans as a result of the trip. The end of award report will be made available to the University Research & Enterprise Forum (UREF) to help determine if future rounds of a EUNF will occur. Failure to provide a report will debar award holders from applying for future funding from the EUNF. The SRDO will contact award holders 6 months from the submission of the end of award report for an update on research activity to find out how the EUNF has been beneficial. Appeals should be made to the PVC Research, Enterprise and Internationalisation via the SRDO.

All forms and further information on the scheme will be available from the BU EU Research Blog.

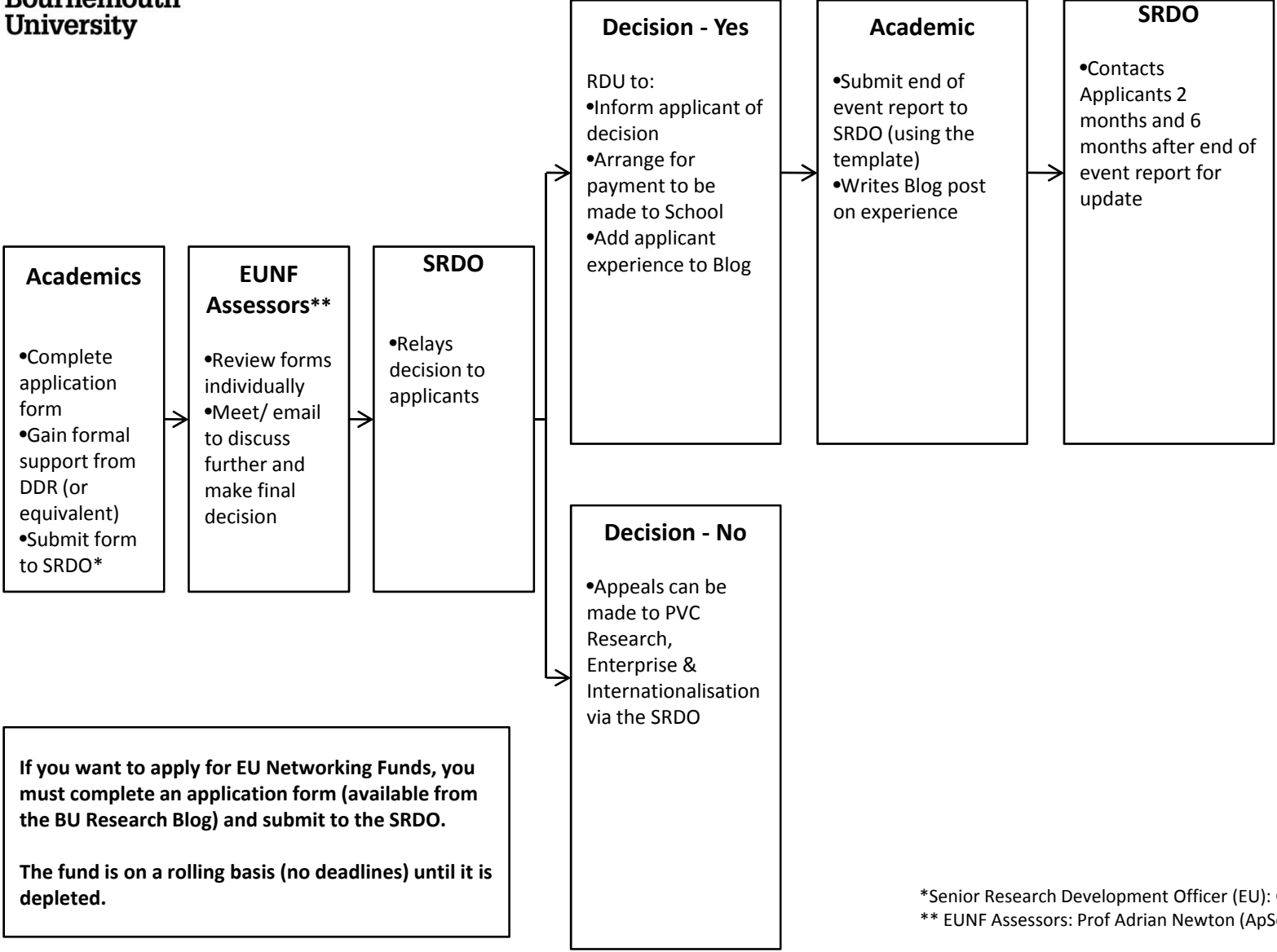
The process map is available in Annex 1.



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Process 2011-12

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If you want to apply for EU Networking Funds, you must complete an application form (available from the BU Research Blog) and submit to the SRDO.

The fund is on a rolling basis (no deadlines) until it is depleted.

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