



Catalyst for Growth

Regional Growth Fund

Catalyst for Growth is a competitive grant scheme led by the University of Chester using the Regional Growth Fund¹, which offers funding contributions of **up to £500,000** to SMEs and larger businesses in the chemical sector or related industries.

Capital grants are available, subject to certain criteria being met, to assist companies to increase their productivity and capacity and/or undertake Research and Development to create new applications or prototypes. For example, investment in:

- ✓ New premises, expansion or adaptation
- ✓ Purchase of plant and machinery; Infrastructure
- ✓ New technologies, systems and software
- ✓ Associated training

Key objectives

- Job creation
- Jobs safeguarded
- Private sector leverage and match funding

Grants under this scheme will be available via competitive calls that will run up to December 2014.

Support for Potential Applicants

Events are being held across the North West ahead of the competitive calls being announced to provide advice and guidance on all aspects of the programme and application process.

There is the opportunity to book RGF funded one-to-one sessions with our partner C-Tech Innovation, who will work with potential applicants to help identify and develop eligible project ideas that will realise real growth opportunities. To initiate this support, please request and complete an Expression of Interest form by emailing cfg.enquiries@chester.ac.uk or visit www.catalystforgrowth.co.uk. We will then contact you to book an appointment.

Further Information

Details of the programme, including eligibility criteria and dates of calls for applications are available on the project website

www.catalystforgrowth.co.uk

For enquiries about any aspect of the programme please contact Jan Morris, Scheme Manager on cfg.enquiries@chester.ac.uk

¹ The Regional Growth Fund (RGF) is a £3.2 billion fund, helping companies throughout England to create jobs between now and the mid-2020s. The payment of Regional Growth Fund money is spread between 2011 and 2017. Regional Growth Fund supports projects and programmes that are using private sector investment to create economic growth and sustainable employment.

For more information visit: www.gov.uk/understanding-the-regional-growth-fund

Catalyst for Growth is a partnership project between the following organisations:

