

SICSA Data Science theme

Call for bids to support Data Science activity

Researchers across SICSA are invited to bid to the Data Science theme for funds in support of events, workshops, and/or other activities that will make a significant contribution to their data science research agenda(s).

The Data Science theme is particularly interested in supporting activities that meet three or more of the following criteria:

- bringing together ‘enabling technologies’ in data science (e.g. analytics, security, HPC) and ‘data owners’ (e.g. from industry, society, or other areas of science);
- demonstrating the potential benefits of bringing together separate groups of data science researchers within SICSA from different sub-areas of data science;
- relevance to SICSA data science interests, as characterised by the results of the theme launch activities: <http://www.well-sorted.org/explore/SICSADataScience/>
- relate strongly one or more key research questions in one or more areas of data science;
- the event/activity already receives significant support from elsewhere (e.g.: perhaps the event is to be attached to a conference that contributes venue and other costs; or perhaps the event is standalone and is co-funded from another SICSA theme, or a research grant)

This call is open to workshops, hackathons, team-forming meetings, activities relating to specific challenges, and so forth. Innovation in the format/style of activity is encouraged, but not particularly necessary.

Submitting a bid:

Destination: Please email bids to both dwcorne@gmail.com and a.storkey@ed.ac.uk

Timing: There are no deadlines; however we expect to make the first round of funding allocations in early February 2015, and thereafter about every three months.

Format: A bid should be at most 1 page (at most 400 words), and attached to your email as a PDF. It should explain clearly:

- How much is requested from the Data Science theme;
- how and when you intend to use the funds;
- details of matching/other support already obtained;
- how the outcome(s) will be reported to the SICSA community (and other relevant communities);
- how your plans fit with the ‘Data Science Theme Preferences’ indicated above.

Budget: We anticipate that awards will be made to bids that ask for £200—£500, and around 5 or 6 awards will be made per annum.

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