WHAT IS THE TECHNICIAN LED TRAINING FUND?

Technical training and empowerment is a significant element of the TALENT project. The Technician Led Training Fund provides access to a competitive fund to bespoke training needs identified by technical staff and is designed to complement the programme of Soft Skills Tailored Training for technicians delivered through TALENT.

The training funded through the competition will be determined by the proposals technicians submit. We expect that it will be a mixture of specialist skills training and focus on particular soft skills. Examples may include:

- New experimental techniques
- Advanced sample preparation
- Data analysis methodologies
- Writing grant proposals
- Creating a business case

Over the course of the 4-year TALENT project, we will offer 16 awards. The bids for each award must be from groups of technicians who represent at least 3 Midlands Innovation universities. Training is expected to be delivered by external providers, technicians themselves or through the TALENT project directly, as appropriate.

THE TALENT PROJECT

TALENT is a Research England-funded project which leads and influences change to advance status and careers of technicians in UK Higher Education. Over 4 years the project will:

- Build an understanding of the future requirements for skilled technicians in the UK HE sector through a national policy commission.
- Work collaboratively to advocate and deliver a change in culture that will raise the profile of technical careers, roles and contributions, enhancing career pathways and possibilities.
- Deliver a programme of training and development opportunities for the Midlands Innovation technical community of over 2100 FTE and share the learning with the sector.
- Advocate and develop opportunities for technicians in the HE sector, ensuring technical careers are supported, developed, respected and ultimately aspired to.

HOW TO APPLY

The Technician Led Training Fund is open to technicians from the 8 Midlands Innovation universities. Upon completion of the training, successful teams are asked to submit a short report.

Please complete our Technician Led Training Fund form to submit information about the training and its benefits to your career development.

For any queries please contact MITalent@midlandsinnovation.org.uk

Timeline

There will be an open call for applications each quarter. You can keep updated with the latest information on timelines on our website.

Funding

Funding covers travel, subsistence and accommodation to attend the training. Funds to cover additional caring costs incurred by participation in the programme are also available. TALENT will book all travel, accommodation on your behalf. Subsistence costs will be reimbursed to you from TALENT.