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# Entrepreneurship Funding

## Call for Proposal to Develop Entrepreneurial Skills in Undergraduates within the Mathematical Sciences

**Closing Date: 24<sup>th</sup> June 2005**

Entrepreneurship is a central theme of a national strategy to improve competitiveness and sustain a knowledge-based economy. Fostering entrepreneurship skills and competences in students in higher education is a key initiative of the Higher Education Academy. The Academy is currently managing a programme of activity to encourage entrepreneurial skills amongst undergraduates via curriculum development. The aim of the programme is to facilitate the development of the undergraduate curriculum by putting in place the background information and materials needed to equip universities to teach the skills required to start and grow a business and contribute effectively to an organisation.

A significant amount of work has been undertaken and a range of generic resources are available on the Academy web-site ([www.heacademy.ac.uk/Enterprise.htm](http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/Enterprise.htm)). The Maths, Stats & OR Network is making funding of up to £5000 available for a project relating to developing entrepreneurial skills in undergraduates within the mathematical sciences.

Although some of the funding may be used to develop discipline-specific resources, it is expected that the successful project will be one that builds upon existing resources (such as those of the Higher Education Academy and the Engineering Subject Centre) and liaises with other activity in this area (for example, Technology Enhanced Enterprise Education and the White Rose Centre for Excellence in the Teaching and Learning of Enterprise, CETLE).

Applicants are encouraged to propose innovative projects with a range of outcomes which should include:

- a catalogue of entrepreneurship resources relevant to mathematics, statistics and operational research;
- a good practice guide, including case studies, for teaching entrepreneurial skills to MSOR undergraduates;
- a workshop on entrepreneurship in mathematical sciences education\*.

\* *The Maths, Stats & OR Network will provide administrative support for this workshop.*

### ***The Application Process***

The application form will be the basis upon which your application to the Maths, Stats & OR Network will be judged. We ask that when completing the application form, you include the following details:

- The applicant's background in teaching entrepreneurship;
- An indication of the existing resources that will be drawn on and liaisons with other activities that will be part of this project;
- A clear statement of the outcomes of the project;
- A statement of the project timetable, including an indication of the likely timing of the workshop;
- A well-defined dissemination strategy.

Section 5 (Proposal & Activities) is where you should provide details of the scope and dimensions of the project, and any additional information that supports your project proposal.

For the final section (Budget) you should provide as much detail as possible. Please note that the funding provided by the Maths, Stats & OR Network, cannot be used to purchase CIT equipment or hardware.

**For further details and to download a copy of the application form, please visit :**

**[www.mathstore.ac.uk/projects](http://www.mathstore.ac.uk/projects)**