# Core Equipment Unmet Need Template

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| **Priority order** | **Item of Equipment** | **Cost (including VAT)** | **Core equipment objectives it aligns with (see below)** | Decision making process (if item was not part of your long list for Core Equipment) Clarify departmental decision making here  | **Procurement route & estimated time to procure** | **Ability to spend quickly (what proportion of spend can be made in FY 20/21?)****FY for EPSRC runs to 31 March 2021**  |
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**CORE EQUIPMENT CALL OBJECTIVES:**

Investments should be made in line with at least one of the following objectives:

1. **Underpinning multi-user equipment:** Recipients may invest in new core equipment

that will benefit multiple users in one or more departments. The capital costs incurred

in co-locating existing or new equipment with the aim of providing enhanced sharing,

usage and collaborating benefits to a wider research community are permissible. The

majority of research undertaken using the equipment should be directly relevant to

the EPSRC research portfolio.

1. **Invest to save:** Recipients may choose to invest in: Upgrading and improving

existing equipment to extend its lifespan, expand its capability to be of value to a

wider range of EPSRC researchers, improve efficiency of the equipment by, for

example, making more productive use of staff time. Purchase of components (not

consumables) in excess of £10k is permissible.

1. **Core Equipment in support of Early Career Researchers** Recipients may choose

to use their allocation provide capital investment with substantial and demonstrable,

but not exclusive, benefit to Early Career Researchers.

1. **Core Equipment in support of critical mass doctoral training (including but not**

**limited to EPSRC Centres for Doctoral Training):** Recipients may choose to use

their allocation to provide capital investment with substantial and demonstrable, but

not exclusive, benefit to critical mass doctoral training activities that they are involved

in.