

CIRCULAR 09/04: X4L PHASE 2 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Does JISC have any priorities in terms of subject area?

No. Our main concern is that the collections listed in Appendix C of the Circular are explored. Since we are looking for a small number of projects in Phase 2, when evaluating bids, the selection panel may not wish to fund more than one project in any one subject area.

Are you looking for bids from existing X4L project teams only?

No, but we are building on the work of the current X4L Programme. Therefore we are looking for teams that can demonstrate experience in repurposing learning materials using the standards developed for the X4L programme.

We run HE courses in our FE college, do we still need to have an HE partner?

Yes. In X4L Phase 2 we wish to encourage and explore the benefits of FE and HE institutions working together to develop course materials.

We were thinking about using another publicly-funded collection that could be copyright cleared. Is that OK?

Potentially, yes, as long as copyright clearance can be obtained. However, we would like some of the materials in the list provided at Appendix C to be explored as well.

Do all projects have to have partners in all four home countries?

No. JISC will want to make sure that there is representation from all the home countries across the programme as a whole.

Do we have to develop learning materials for whole courses?

No.

Can we put in a bid for a smaller amount of money than that stated in the Circular?

It is very unlikely that the aims and objectives of X4L Phase 2 could be achieved by small projects.

Foundation degrees often involve work-based learning. Is it within the scope of this Call to explore this area?

Yes.

Could you clarify the section of the X4L Review referred to in paragraph 20 of the Call?

It is section 2, point 1.

Can JISC put commercial providers in touch with institutions who submit a bid with a view to potential collaboration?

No. JISC does not pass on contact details of those bidding for their projects. Any inclusion of commercial providers in projects needs to come from the institution and be as a result of a direct relationship between that institution and the content provider.