NetDRIVE Early Career Sandpit

**Please send completed applications to** **netDRIVEOxford@gmail.com** **with “APPLICATION - SP” in the subject line on or before September 10th, 2025.**

 At the sandpit event, delegates will work together to create teams with a shared vision for tackling NetDRIVE challenges. They will then be invited to apply for funds to put this vision into practice. Champions from the NetDRIVE team will help delegates to create effective project plans.

## Applicant

The name of a sponsor from your organisation who is familiar with funding applications must be included. Please ensure that they understand what you are doing.

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| **Name**  | **Organisation**  | **Division or Department** |
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| **Role** | **Email address** |
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| **Sponsor (name and role)** | **Sponsor email address** |
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Activity

List topics which interest you, using the numbering in the call guidance (1a, 1b, etc). Only topics marked as reserved for Early Career investigators should be included. If you are primarily interested in being Champion for Transformational Change, enter “champion”.

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## Statement of Intent

Set out your vision [up to 500 words].

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## Existing role

Explain briefly what your existing role is, how this work, if funded, will complement it [up to 500 words].

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## Career Stage

Please indicate which category best represents your career stage.

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| C1: First Stage Researcher (up to the point of PhD), or software engineer (degree and 2-4 years' work experience), or equivalent in other relevant profession. |  |
| C2: PhD, or 5 or more years software work experience, or equivalent |  |

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