

FAQs for Applicants: GreenTech Fund



Who can apply for the GreenTech Fund?

To be eligible, you must fulfil the following criteria:

- you must be a start-up using technology to mitigate the climate and/or biodiversity emergencies; and
- your business has been successful at raising external capital but not beyond Series A; and
- you have been accepted onto a recognised accelerator or incubator programme or referred to the firm by an established venture capital investor.

For the avoidance of doubt all three eligibility criteria above are required.

What does “up to Series A” mean?

Essentially you are eligible if you have raised angel, seed and/or Series A capital.

If you have closed Series B rounds or above, unfortunately you are ineligible for the Fund.

What sectors can access the GreenTech Fund?

The GreenTech Fund is open to eligible companies operating in all sectors as long as they are founded for a sustainability-related purpose, whether that is reducing CO2 emissions or pollution, minimising waste, or protecting the world’s ecosystems.

What is the selection process?

Applications are open from 16 November 2024 to 31 January 2025 via our [online application process](#). Once submitted, your application will be assessed by a team at Simmons. Businesses shortlisted for the pitch round will be notified on 10 February 2025.

The second round of judging will take place from 24 February to 7 March with a mix of in-person and virtual pitching sessions depending on the location of the shortlisted businesses.

The start-ups selected as the Simmons’ GreenTech Fund third cohort will be notified on 20 March 2025.

How will the entries be reviewed?

Entries will be reviewed against a common set of evaluation criteria which will include a focus on the company's potential impact in mitigating the climate and biodiversity crisis and the ability for Simmons to provide meaningful assistance.

Who will judge the entries?

A diverse team from Simmons has been identified to judge applications. It will be made up experts from a range of disciplines within the firm which align with the needs of start-ups.

Can the successful companies redeem their legal support from any Simmons practice or team?

Yes, selected businesses will be able to access the full gamut of services from Simmons & Simmons. They will benefit from the same quality of legal advice as all our other clients. This means partner-led expertise.

The GreenTech Fund encompasses all the jurisdictions where we have an office and all the practice areas covered by our lawyers and experts in those jurisdictions.

Do I need to send in a business plan?

While a formal comprehensive business plan is not required to apply, many elements of a business plan will be incorporated into the application form, including the identification of the problem that your company is looking to solve, your proposed solution and details about your founding team.

What is your policy on data privacy?

For more information on how we will store and use your personal data, please view our Data Privacy policy (<https://www.simmons-simmons.com/en/legal-and-regulatory-information/data-privacy>).

By completing the application form you agree that should your application meet the eligibility criteria the information you provide may be used in future awareness campaigns in relation to the GreenTech Fund.

I have more questions. Where can I find answers?

If you still have questions, please reach out to greentechfund@simmons-simmons.com.