The purpose of this flowchart is to help applicants decide when it is appropriate to specify that equipment requested on a grant is for the purpose of instrument development. Equipment should only be designated for instrument development where the main purpose of the project is to develop a new instrument and this represents the major part of the novel research that the applicants wish to carry out; projects where the development of a bespoke instrument is required to address a key research question would thus not be considered as instrument development projects.

This flowchart should be used for guidance only and applicant should discuss the application with a Portfolio Manager prior to submission.