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University leads way in sea research

SCIENTISTS believe the answer to the world's energy problems could lie in the sea.

And Scotland's leader has hailed the research being led by the University of Aberdeen.

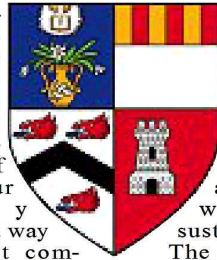
The team is hoping to make biofuels out of microscopic algae found in the world's oceans and seas.

Currently biofuels

are created from arable land or fresh crops and land-based water. vegetation.

But project co-ordinator Dr Oliver Ebenhoeh said: "We need to find efficient ways of supplying our energy demand, in a way that doesn't compete for valuable resources like

arable land or fresh water.



"We can't just put corn in your car's gas tank because it's being used to feed millions already – it won't be sustainable."

The project, entitled AccliPhot, is to run for four years and

is backed by £4 million of EU cash.

First Minister Alex Salmond said: "The AccliPhot project could herald another exciting development in Scotland's energy story."

"In many ways, these researchers are ideally placed to undertake this work, being based in a city that has a magnificent heritage in the offshore industry."