**University of Cambridge**

**EPSRC Impact Acceleration Account**

**Adventurous Impact Award**

**Application Form and Guidance Notes**

This funding call will enable new types of impact project to be undertaken, testing experimental approaches to creating impact from research. Successful applications will demonstrate creative and innovative “outside the box” approaches, which could create economic and/or social impact from research.

Projects with longer-term potential to be rolled-out more broadly are particularly welcomed as part of our development plans to ensure effective University support for knowledge exchange and impact.

Funding will only be approved to support projects which do not qualify for one of the following categories of projects supported by the EPSRC IAA:

* Follow on Fund
* Partnership Development Awards
* Knowledge Transfer Fellowships

Applicants will need to justify why their project could not be funded under one of the above schemes.

All projects must have a link to prior EPSRC-funded research. A maximum of £30K funding per project, for 100% direct costs only, is available.

Applications will be assessed on a competitive basis and must be submitted by email to [researchstrategy@admin.cam.ac.uk](mailto:researchstrategy@admin.cam.ac.uk) by the deadline of 31 July 2021.

Please contact [researchstrategy@admin.cam.ac.uk](mailto:researchstrategy@admin.cam.ac.uk) with any queries about the scheme.

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| **1 TITLE OF PROPOSAL:** |
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| **2 CONTACT DETAILS:** | |  |
|  | Applicant | Co-Applicant |
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| Department |  |  |
| Telephone |  |  |
| E-mail Address |  |  |

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| **3 BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECT**  A summary of the impact opportunity that the project addresses, the project aim, work to be undertaken, and what a successful outcome will be. (max 300 words) |
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| **4 ELIGIBILITY FOR FUNDING**  Describe how the project will link to previous EPSRC funding (with grant reference numbers if applicable) |
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| **5 PROBLEM/ OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT**  Describe the problem or opportunity that the project will address. Explain how your approach to creating impact is innovative. Explain why the project is not eligible for IAA Follow on Fund, Partnership Development Award or Knowledge Transfer Fellowship funding (max. 300 words) |
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| **6 PROJECT AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**  What is the overall aim, and specific objectives of the project? Be clear how this relates to the stated problem/opportunity (max. 200 words) |
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| **7 PROJECT WORKPLAN**  Please provide a detailed description of the proposed project which the IAA funding will enable you to undertake, with a clear list of activities, and the expected outputs. (max. 500 words) |
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| **8 OUTCOMES**  What are the expected outcomes from the project? How will these be measured or quantified? (max. 250 words) |
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| **9 NEXT STEPS**  Following the IAA project, what will happen next? Give details of any plans to secure longer-term funding for future phases of the project, and how this will be led. Is there potential to expand or roll-out the outcomes of the project, or the project model, more widely? (max. 250 words) |
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| **10 TRACK RECORD**  Provide details of relevant work experience of the applicant/s, explaining why this ensures their suitability to successfully undertake the project. Full academic CVs are not required. (max. 200 words) |
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| **11 ETHICS**  Please explain how you will ensure appropriate ethical oversight of the project is put in place if required (for example if the project involves human participants, personal data, animal studies or human tissue). (max. 200 words) |
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**Budget and Signature Form**

**Details of support requested:**

* *This grant application requires a Full Economic Costing (FEC). Please contact your DA/Research Finance Officer for help to complete an X5 costing.*
* ***The award will cover Directly Incurred costs only*** *(not overheads/indirect costs) and the costs should include indexation.*
* *Note that PI costs, student fees, patenting costs and estate costs are ineligible.*

**Proposed start date:**

**Duration (months):**

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| **BUDGET:** | | | |
| **Type** | **Description** | **FEC (£)** | **Funder**  **Contribution(£)** |
| Directly Incurred Costs | | |  |
| Staff Costs |  | £ | £ |
| Other (please itemise) |  | £ | £ |
|  |  | £ | £ |
| Directly Allocated Costs | | | |
| Staff Costs | | £ |  |
| Estates | | £ |  |
| Indirects | | £ |  |
| **TOTAL** | | **£** | **£** |

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| **SIGNATURES:** | |  |
| **APPLICANT**  I declare that the information given on this form is complete and correct. | | |
| Name (print) | Signature | Date |
| **HEAD OF DEPARTMENT**  I confirm that I have read and support the application. I agree to the research being carried out in my department, and will provide the necessary accommodation and facilities. | | |
| Name (print) | Signature | Date |

**Guidance notes**

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Projects could include:

* Piloting new models for academic engagement with non-academic groups, e.g. the general public, policy-makers, industry, public services or the third sector;
* Impact projects addressing key social and/or economic challenges;
* New approaches to people exchange and mobility for impact e.g. part-time/flexible secondments;
* Enabling early career researchers to develop impact skills and engage in impact activities;
* Impact activities which contribute to regional/place agendas e.g. in the Cambridge cluster and wider region;
* Any other innovative project which could create impact from research.

We encourage informal enquiries from potential applicants to discuss project ideas before applying, by emailing [researchstrategy@admin.cam.ac.uk](mailto:researchstrategy@admin.cam.ac.uk).

This call is aimed at relatively short term (6 month) and small scale (£30K) projects. Please also contact us if you have a potential project which does not fit the timescale or budget for this call, as there may be future opportunities for larger-scale, longer-term funding.

All projects must have a link to prior EPSRC-funded research.

Applications will be assessed on a competitive basis and must be submitted on the application form by email to [researchstrategy@admin.cam.ac.uk](mailto:researchstrategy@admin.cam.ac.uk) by the deadline of 31 July 2021.

**Eligible Costs**

Funding of up to £30 000 per project is available within the following categories of expenditure:

* Staff costs for up to 3 months
* Materials and consumables
* Equipment access
* External consultancy
* Travel and subsistence
* Other costs where justified as necessary for the project

This grant pays 100% direct costs only, overhead costs are not eligible.

All projects must demonstrate a link to EPSRC-funded research and must be completed by 31 March 2022.

**Application process**

Proposals should be emailed to [researchstrategy@admin.cam.ac.uk](mailto:researchstrategy@admin.cam.ac.uk) by 5pm on 31 July 2021.

Please obtain an X5 costing for your proposal from your departmental research grants administrator or equivalent, and check if there is an internal deadline for departmental approval of your proposal before submission.

Guidance on planning impact projects is available at <https://www.research-strategy.admin.cam.ac.uk/pathwaytoimpact/index.html>

Please contact [researchstrategy@admin.cam.ac.uk](mailto:researchstrategy@admin.cam.ac.uk) with any queries about this scheme.