**University of Cambridge**

**EPSRC Impact Acceleration Account**

**Early Career Researcher Impact Grants 2022**

**Application Form and Guidance Notes**

This funding scheme will enable early career researchers to investigate and develop early-stage opportunities for impact from their research. The scheme is open to postdoctoral researchers and recent PhD graduates at the University of Cambridge. Applications are invited for feasibility studies, proof of concept development, knowledge exchange collaborations with industry or other non-academic partners, or other projects which have potential for economic and/or social impact.

Successful applicants will also receive mentoring and development support as part of the scheme.

All projects must have a link to prior EPSRC-funded research. Priority will be given to projects which relate to the focus areas below:

* Working with and through the Alan Turing Institute, the Rosalind Franklin Institute, the Henry Royce Institute and their network of user partnerships.
* Support for activities which encourage business co-investment and enhance business/academic partnerships.
* Impact activities which contribute to regional/place agendas
* Public Engagement where interaction is key to informing the research impact such as user or patient engagement as a critical pathway to achieving societal and/or economic impact.

A maximum of £25K funding per project is available, for 100% direct costs only, for projects of up to 3 months duration. Projects must be completed and all expenditure incurred by 30th June 2022.

Applications will be assessed on a competitive basis and must be submitted by email to researchstrategy@admin.cam.ac.uk by the deadline of 14th January 2022.

Please contact 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:** |
| Name |  |
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| 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 BACKGROUND**Details of research underpinning the funding application, referencing EPSRC funding, and the relevant track record and work experience of the applicant. (max 200 words) |
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| **5 PROJECT AIMS AND OBJECTIVES** What is the overall aim, and specific objectives of the project?Highlight links to the focus areas of the call: Working with and through the Alan Turing Institute, the Rosalind Franklin Institute, the Henry Royce Institute and their network of user partnerships; Support for activities which encourage business co-investment and enhance business/academic partnerships; Impact activities which contribute to regional/place agendas; Public Engagement where interaction is key to informing the research impact (max. 200 words) |
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| **6 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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| **7 OUTCOMES**What are the expected outcomes from the funding? How will you measure success? (max 250 words) |
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| **8 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 grant 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 (max 3 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 |
| **PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR**I confirm that I have read the application and agree to the project being carried out. |
| 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**

**Who can apply**

Applicants must be postdoctoral researchers, or have recently completed a PhD at the University of Cambridge. Recent PhD students must have submitted their thesis before starting the project.

Applicants must have the agreement of their Principal Investigator to undertake the project and should seek this at an early stage. The funding will be allocated to the PI for administrative purposes but must be used for the project outlined in the application.

**Project eligibility**

Applications are invited for feasibility studies, proof of concept development, knowledge exchange collaborations with industry or other non-academic partners, or other projects which have potential for economic and/or social impact.

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**Eligible Costs**

Funding of up to £25,000 per project is available within the following categories of expenditure:

* Staff costs for the applicant for up to 3 months
* Materials and consumables
* Equipment access
* External consultancy eg for market research or business planning
* Travel/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 clear link to EPSRC-funded research and have a maximum duration of 3 months. Projects must be completed by 30th June 2022.

Successful applicants will be offered individual mentoring by an industry mentor through the Postdoc Academy mentoring scheme and will be expected to join three short development sessions across the timeframe of the grant, which will be held with other postdocs in the grant cohort.

**Further information and advice**

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

For advice on public engagement projects, contact the Public Engagement team, publicengagement@admin.cam.ac.uk

For advice on patient/clinican engagement projects, contact the Office of Translational Research, translation@medschl.cam.ac.uk

Departmental [Knowledge Transfer/Research Facilitators](https://www.research-strategy.admin.cam.ac.uk/impact/research-and-knowledge-transfer-contacts) can also provide advice on applying for IAA funding.

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**Application process**

Proposals should be emailed to researchstrategy@admin.cam.ac.uk by 5pm on 14th January 2022.

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.