**EPSRC Impact Acceleration Account**

**May 2024 Open Funding Call**
**Application Form - Collaborative Projects**

Please complete and submit this application through <https://forms.office.com/e/0gZTNWvhbR> by **Wednesday 1 May 2024 at 12 noon**.

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| **APPLICATION DETAILS**Further details requested in the online submission form. |
| Applicant title and name |  |
| Supporting BD/TT contact |  |
| Partner organisation |  |
| Project title |  |
| Start date |  |
| End date |  |
| Amount requested |  |

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| **ABSTRACT** |
| 1. Please provide a non-technical summary of what you are trying to achieve and why. (200 word limit)
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| **RATIONALE AND VIABILITY** |
| 1. What is the rationale for the project? Explain the need/opportunity, the role of the partner organisation and your primary objectives. Why is this the right project at the right time? (300 word limit)
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| 1. Describe the PI’s/research group’s underpinning research, the evidence for the project (scientific case) and its fit with the [EPSRC remit](https://www.ukri.org/councils/epsrc/remit-programmes-and-priorities/our-research-portfolio-and-priorities/). (400 word limit, up to 5 references allowed in addition)
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| 1. How will the project achieve its objectives? Please outline the work plan, key milestones for the route to impact, and associated timelines; and summarise in the table below. (400 word limit).
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| **No** | **Milestone** | **Delivered in (Project month)** |
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| **OUTCOMES AND IMPACTS** |
| 1. What are the anticipated next steps after the project? Describe how you will use the project results going forward. (200 word limit)
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| 1. What impacts do you ultimately anticipate if your long-term plans are successful? What is the route to realising these impacts? If possible, please attempt to quantify potential impacts. (200 word limit)
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| **RESPONSIBLE INNOVATION**<https://www.ukri.org/about-us/epsrc/our-policies-and-standards/framework-for-responsible-innovation/>  |
| 1. How do you plan to understand the views of any stakeholders that could be affected by your innovation? How will you consider societal need/benefit, i.e. what impacts may be seen as desirable or undesirable, and by whom? (300 word limit)
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| **STRATEGIC FIT** |
| 1. How does the project fit with University/College/School and the partner organisation strategies? What further opportunities for collaboration and funding does it enable? (300 word limit)
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| **COSTS** |
| 1. Please justify the resource requested, outlining responsibilities for delivering the project activities, with reference to the project plan above and funding table below. (200 word limit)
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| **IP AND ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT*****The relevant BD/TT contact must fill in this section. Please ensure you have discussed this well before the submission deadline.*** |
| 1. Where appropriate please describe the IP position, the strategy for Background and Foreground commercialisation and any issues to be considered (400 word limit).
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| 1. Summarise below the steps you will take to manage and develop the industry partner relationship during and after this project. Please mention any further funding opportunities or commercial routes to market (300 word limit).
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**FUNDS REQUESTED**

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE TABLE BELOW BASED ON THE WORKTRIBE COSTING FOR THE PROJECT AND ATTACH THE WORKTRIBE COSTING EXCEL SHEET TO YOUR APPLICATION.**

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| **Resources** *E.g. staff time, travel & subsistence, costs for workshops/knowledge exchange seminars/prototypes etc.* | **Justification of Resources**  | **Total Cost (£)** | **Contribution** |
| **IAA** | **Company Cash** | **Company In Kind** | **Other Funder** |
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| **Totals** |  |  |  |  |  |

**Appendix: EPSRC Impact Acceleration Account**

**Collaborative Project Standard Terms**

Please use this term sheet to communicate standard terms to any partners interested in pursuing an ESPRC IAA Collaborative Project. Each project requires signature of a collaboration agreement which will be based on these standard terms that are drafted to ensure supported projects will not qualify as a subsidy under subsidy control requirements. Please contact the EPSRC IAA team if there are any questions or reservations around any of these standard terms from a potential project partner.

**Confidentiality**

All projects bound by standard confidentiality practices and legal agreement.

**Publication and impact reporting**

The University will be free to present the project outputs at conferences, internal symposia and to publish in journals or otherwise, with the company’s prior consent to ensure no commercially sensitive information is disclosed. Acknowledgment to the contribution of each party will be made in accordance with standard scientific practice to be agreed on in writing before publication.

The University has the right to publish the results, pending right of review (30d) by the company to check for any of their confidential information to be removed (if ever unintentionally included). Publication can be delayed by up to 90d only for the purpose of patenting the results. No indefinite embargo period.

The company acknowledges that the Institution is required by its funders to demonstrate the project’s impact on society and will provide any reasonably requested information to demonstrate such impact. This does not apply to information which is confidential or identifies any individual.

**Intellectual Property**

Any foreground IPR solely generated by UoE would be owned by UoE.

Foreground IPR jointly generated would be jointly owned.

Any Foreground IPR solely generated by the company would be owned by the company.

If there was UoE patentable IPR generated, we would expect UoE to lead on the filing and prosecution. If this is at company’s request, we would expect the company to then support the costs of the filing.

**Licensing**

If the IPR generated by the UoE would be of interest to the company for commercial exploitation, the University would then give the company the first right of refusal (option for 90days) to negotiate a royalty-based commercial licence to the UoE’s IP. Any licence would be negotiated on fair and reasonable grounds, including considering the party’s contribution. Terms would be negotiated at point of licence when there is a clear view of what is being licenced and expected commercial use.

The University would retain a research licence to the project results for teaching and research purposes only including (i) in research funded by third parties provided that those third parties do not gain or claim any rights to such Foreground Intellectual Property; (ii) the right to grant sub-licences to other institutions for their educational and research purposes only (notwithstanding confidentiality).