

STFC Impact Acceleration Account Call for Proposals

Submission Deadline: 26th January 2022, 12 noon

***Academics are strongly advised to contact the KE team in advance of applying to the STFC IAA scheme.**

The Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) has awarded The University of Manchester £50k to deliver the University's Impact Acceleration Account (IAA) that aims to provide additional support towards the increase and acceleration of impact generated through the university's STFC research outputs.

The Knowledge Exchange Team is pleased to announce the STFC IAA 2021 call for proposals under the following mechanisms:

Relationship Incubator Scheme (maximum £10k) providing support the exploration of exploitation opportunities for the University's STFC research portfolio to highlight areas for industry collaboration

- [Application Form](#)
- [Guidance Notes](#)

Proof of Concept Scheme (maximum £25k) providing support for the very early stage of transforming research outputs into commercial opportunities

- [Application Form](#)
- [Guidance Notes](#)

Secondment Scheme (£40k - may be increased with justification) providing flexible support for secondments between The University of Manchester and businesses and other organisations

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Eligibility

Applications are only permitted for projects focused on the exploitation / application of knowledge or technology generated through STFC-funded research at The University of Manchester. Project should also aim to meet and address at least one of the [STFC Strategic Themes](#).

Eligible collaborators are UK-based businesses (including UK sites of international businesses), UK charities, and UK public sector organisations such as the NHS. Non-UK based businesses may be eligible where there is demonstrable evidence of the intention for inward investment during or beyond the lifetime of the project (e.g. establishing a UK site, job creation). If you have any queries regarding user organisation eligibility, please contact the Knowledge Exchange Team.

Do you have a potential project?

The Knowledge Exchange Team provide active support for the development of IAA submissions. Prior to applying, academics are strongly advised to contact a member of the KE Team for support, and ideally at least 1 month before the call closing date of 26th January 2022. Initial contact should be made via ke@manchester.ac.uk.

Additional information on knowledge exchange opportunities are available [here](#).