UKRI Harmonised IAA Call for Proposals

Submission deadline: 7th December 2022

The Impact Acceleration Account (IAA) is a combination of grants awarded to the University of Manchester by five research councils. IAA funding supports the research and innovation ecosystem to develop wider impacts from research through fast and flexible funding for early-stage knowledge exchange activities.

This year for the first time, UKRI has harmonised the IAA, with a single point of application across the participating research councils. IAA grants are available to The University of Manchester academics from AHRC, BBSRC, EPSRC, MRC and STFC. The UoM Knowledge Exchange Partnerships Team is pleased to announce the second Call for Proposals under the following mechanisms:

### Relationship Development Scheme (up to 10K, open call)
Fostering new relationships between external partners and academic researchers, creating opportunities for collaboration and exchange of knowledge and skills.
**Deadline:** Open Call  
[application form](#)  
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### Proof of Concept Scheme (up to 30K)
Support for the very early stage of transforming research outputs into commercial and translational opportunities.
**Deadline:** 07 December  
[application form](#)  
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### Secondment Scheme (up to 60K)
Flexible support for secondments between the University of Manchester and businesses and other organisations.
**Deadline:** 07 December  
[application form](#)  
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### Eligibility
IAA projects are no longer required to be directly related to previous funded research, but must fall within the remit and priorities of one or more of the relevant Research Council(s):

Multidisciplinary projects may be jointly funded by more than one research council as appropriate.

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 Partnerships Team](mailto:kepartnerships@manchester.ac.uk).

**Do you have a potential project?** The Knowledge Exchange Partnerships Team provide active support for the development of IAA submissions. You are strongly advised to contact us for support at least 1 month before the call closing date on the 7th December. Initial contact should be made via kepartnerships@manchester.ac.uk

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