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EPSRC IAA 2022-2025

Introduction to EPSRC Impact Acceleration Account
& Mobility Call 2023

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EPSRC Impact Acceleration Account 2022-2025

£3.2M EPSRC IAA 2022-2025 (cf. £1.69M 2017-2020)

New UKRI Harmonised IAA award April 2022 – March 2025

£7.0M harmonized IAA award to UofG covering most* research councils

(*all except NERC)

- EPSRC IAA: £3,760,645
- STFC IAA: £150,000 (+£70,000 top up to be used in 2022)
- EPSRC & STFC IAAs have complementary objectives and priorities and are being delivered in parallel in CoSE

UofG Impact Acceleration Accounts 2022-2025

Aim: to drive global impact of our research through a significant increase in external engagement and innovation activity.

Four Core Objectives:

1. Capacity building, culture change and engagement

Provide flexible and fast support allowing commercial ideas to flourish, embedding responsible innovation and sustainability

2. Partnership development

Increase the volume and depth of our partnerships through greater stimulation of knowledge exchange, external engagement and relationship building.

3. Commercialisation & entrepreneurship

Increase economic impact of UKRI-funded research

4. Mobility

Supporting the flow of people & expertise between academia & external partners

All IAA funded activity must address one or more of these objectives.



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Who Can Apply to the IAA?

IAA funding is open to:

- **All research staff**, from early career researchers to senior professorial staff across the whole University (not just CoSE)
- **Learning and teaching staff** can apply where appropriate
- **Research Associates and Research Fellows** can apply. There is also an IAA funding scheme dedicated exclusively to RAs
- **Management, Professional Services and Administrative (MPA)** staff where appropriate
- PhD and Undergraduate student **cannot apply**, but can be employed on IAA projects
- All proposals for IAA funds must fall within the **relevant research council remit**, however previous EPSRC / STFC research funding is no longer required.

IAA Funding Scope & Priorities

We are looking for projects which:

- Enable greater **exploration of opportunities** to maximize impact.
- Enable university developed innovations to “**fail fast**”
- **Engage users** of our innovations in the design of projects from the outset
- Offer **high risk / high reward** potential

IAA Funding Scope & Priorities – What We Won't Fund

The IAA **will not** fund:

- Research
- Funding to bridge the gap between contracts for research staff
- PI and Co-I time
- Large equipment (>£10,000)
- EPSRC IAA funds **can** support quality **public engagement** activities to inform research impact, but PE cannot be funded by the STFC IAA.

IAA Funding Mechanisms

Standard IAA projects up to £50K

- Deadlines over next 3 years every 2 months

RA led projects up to £20K

- Deadlines every 4 months

Fast-Track projects up to £5K

- Fast turnaround, quick delivery
- Small scale PoC, Prototype, testing
- Travel, visits, workshops, events

Joint Projects up to £50K

- collaborative projects – cross college, IAA and with other institutions

Strategic Investment projects up to £100K

- First strategic investment call March 2023

Directed Calls - £Variable

- Event attendance, specific initiatives, etc.

EPSRC IAA Mobility Project Call

What do we mean by mobility?

We want to use the EPSRC IAA to enable a two-way, dynamic flow of researchers between academia and external partner organizations through project placements, co-location, and secondments.

What Do We Mean By Mobility? (2)

Secondments, placements and internships can be in **either direction**:

- from the partner into the university
- or from the university into the partner organization
- Conceivably, a project could also involve a combination of both incoming and outgoing mobility

By **co-location** we mean projects that bring together multiple partner organizations at one site. This could be at the university or elsewhere.

What Do We Mean By Mobility? (3)

IAA Mobility projects might:

- stimulate a new partnerships that involve the mobility of staff between the University and an external partner organization
- enhance existing partnerships through staff mobility
- contribute to strategic external partnership through a program of mobility projects

EPSRC IAA Mobility Call – Project Scope

- Projects do not necessarily have to be undertaken on a full-time basis and can involve a fraction of the secondees time.
- Mobility project partners can be companies, government agencies, public sector bodies, charities.
- Partners can be in the UK, or elsewhere in the world. Funds to cover reasonable travel, subsistence and accommodation costs can be included in the project budget.

What is on Offer?

- **Through this call we will fund up to 3 EPSRC IAA Mobility Projects**
- Each project can be **up to £50K** in value
- Projects can be **up to 18 months in duration**, and must be **complete no later than 31st March 2025**
- **Salary costs** of seconded University staff can be covered for the duration of the time that they are working for/with an external partner.
- Other standard IAA project costs are eligible for funding – DI Staff costs, consumables, travel / accommodation, access to facilities, etc.
- In projects involving **public sector or charity partners** it may be possible for the IAA to cover some **costs incurred by partner** during the secondment – please talk to the IAA team if you think that this applies to your proposal.
- All other standard EPSRC IAA **guidelines and eligibility** requirements apply to this call.
- **Submission deadline is 24th October 2023 at 10am**

What are we looking for?- Guidelines and Eligibility

With this call we are looking to stimulate new IAA mobility projects that have the potential to lead to impactful outcomes.

- **Partner contributions** - Cash contributions and tangible in-kind contributions from partners are strongly encouraged and will be considered when assessing proposals.
- **Letters of support** from mobility partners are expected for this call.
- Projects should build upon the outcomes emerging from a portfolio of research projects. All proposals must explain how they **fall within the EPSRC remit**.
- All standard EPSRC IAA eligibility criteria and guidelines apply.
- When applying please use the standard application form and submit your application to cose-iaa@glasgow.ac.uk

What are we Looking for?

Priorities for funding:

- Projects involving with new external partner organizations
- Opportunities to further enhance our relationship with strategic partner organisations (or prospective strategic partners)
- Projects with the potential to lead on to a Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP) or other InnovateUK funding.
- Projects involving mobility between academia and the public or third (charity) sectors.
- Projects with governmental partners to enable and or enhance policy impacts.

What are we Looking for? – Examples of Past Projects

Examples of Mobility Projects we have funded in the past:

- Secondment of a senior member of staff to a local company to develop and implement a new process technology that enabled new products and market access for the company partner.
- A part-time secondment of a member of staff to a global intergovernmental organisation to produce a set of reports that will inform policy decision-making across the world.
- Secondment of a post-doctoral researcher from the University into a University spin out company to work on a combination of technological and commercial challenges, contributing to the development of the company's technology as well as a future business leader.
- Engineers from a key industry partner working in a university laboratory, taking advantage of access to specialist facilities and university expertise to develop innovative technology in partnership with the University.
- Secondment of an academic member of staff to work on site at a major UK infrastructure facility to apply University expertise to waste management challenges, leading to significant further funding awards as well as subsequent investment by the partner.



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Scottish EPSRC IAA cross-institutional funding – Call for Expression of Interest

EPSRC IAA cross-institutional funding

The Scottish EPSRC IAA institutions (Heriot-Watt, Edinburgh, Glasgow, St Andrews, Strathclyde) are committed to enabling impact collaborations with project partners from different institutions.

Only activities to accelerate or amplify impact from EPSRC themed research are eligible for funding. Research collaboration and original research cannot be funded. All institutional leads must be active in the EPSRC remit.

Staff at two or more of the participating institutions who wish to collaborate on a joint impact project can apply for co-funding.

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All participating institutions intend to make funds available to fund up to two projects up to their local funding limits.

Interested applicants are invited to submit this Expression of Interest to access the co-funding opportunity. You will be contacted by your respective EPSRC IAA teams to attend a planning meeting about the details of your application.

Submit an Eoi

Deadline – 25th October 2023

EPSRC IAA Team

It is strongly advised that applicants discuss their proposal with a relevant member of the EPSRC IAA Team:

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Jaclyn McCann, IAA Project Co-ordinator

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Take Home Messages:

- EPSRC IAA Mobility Call 2023 is open now
- 3 awards of up to £50K each
- Looking mobility in either direction at a variety of levels
- Talk to the IAA team for advice on your proposal
- Deadline is 24th October 2023 at 10am

Any questions?

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