

# Engineering Biology Transition Awards

## Assessment Criteria

For each proposal, panel members will consider each of the following criteria, and decide on a single quality score.

### Fit to the scope of the call

The proposal must align with one or more of seven themes of the proposed National Engineering Biology Programme and through delivery of the proposal result in the enhancement of communities and capabilities in engineering biology.

The link with engineering biology and how UK engineering biology communities and capabilities will benefit from the delivery of this proposal must be clear.

### Scientific quality

The research excellence comprises the quality of the research in the proposal as a whole, making reference to:

- the novelty and relationship to the context, timeliness, and relevance to identified stakeholders, noting any multi- and inter-disciplinary context
- the ambition, adventure, transformative aspects and/or potential outcomes
- the suitability of the proposed approach and the appropriateness of the approach to achieving impact, accommodating risk. multi-disciplinary proposals please state which aspects of the proposal you feel qualified to assess.

### Strategic relevance to the national research portfolio

The research and activities must:

- contribute towards, or help maintain the health of other disciplines, addressing key UK societal challenges and future UK economic success and development of emerging industry(s)
- meet national needs by establishing a, or delivering a step-change within an existing, unique world leading activity
- where appropriate, coordinate multi- and inter-disciplinary communities towards the thematic focus of the research
- complement other UK research funded in the area, including UKRI funding

### Value for Money

The proposal must:

- Demonstrate that the proposed project will be undertaken in an efficient and effective way and that the resources requested are essential to completion of the project.
- Demonstrate the importance and the quality of the proposed research (and associated outcomes), justifying the level of resource requested.

## **Impact and Engagement**

The proposal must demonstrate the potential economic and societal impact as a result of the proposed activities and how the range of activities, aligned with the thematic focus, will foster engagement with relevant multi- and inter-disciplinary communities.

## **Leadership, Management and Governance**

The proposed activities supported through these awards must have appropriate and effective management and governance structures in place:

- research activities should be focused around a common theme, and appropriate and effective leadership and management must be in place to ensure the successful delivery of those activities
- flexible funding opportunities must have appropriate and effective governance and management in place to ensure robust and transparent use of funding.

## **Capability to deliver**

Proposals must demonstrate that their research team comprises the full breadth of relevant skills and expertise (across disciplines and sectors) needed to achieve the expected outcomes, underpinned by an appropriate institutional environment.