



UKRI Impact Acceleration Accounts (IAA)

Permitted Activities & Costs

We expect Impact Acceleration Accounts (IAAs) funding to add value to existing funding and take advantage of new opportunities. IAA funding can be used to support a wide range of activities that support the scheme aims, including engaging users and forging strategic partnerships; building internal capability and culture; or progressing commercial opportunities – whatever best fits the strategic aims and opportunities of your research organisation.

We encourage the development of creative and innovative approaches to accelerating impact. Institutions will need to decide the most appropriate method for costing each activity included within the IAA application.

We have removed the requirement that all UKRI IAA funded projects have to be directly related to previous UKRI funding. We still require funded projects to sit within the remit and aims of UKRI and the participating councils.

IAA funding can enable multidisciplinary working and engagement of partners, including research organisations, industry and public or third sector organisations that do not hold an IAA.

Any activity or project supported by a single council's IAA should be at least 50% within the remit of that council. For multi-disciplinary activities or projects, support from two or more councils' IAAs is encouraged.

IAAs may be used to fund:

Direct Project costs:

- 100% direct costs, directly incurred and directly allocated projects costs can be claimed, this includes staff time and travel and subsistence.
- Other engagement, knowledge exchange, training and culture change activities can also be supported (note, for MRC this is limited to up to 15% of the budget).

Support Costs:

- Funds can be used to support limited staffing costs -
 - For AHRC, BBSRC, MRC, STFC, no more than 5% of budget can be used for IAA professional services staff costs.
 - For EPSRC, up to 15% of the total allocation (to a maximum of £500k) can be used for staff costings.
- In each case we would expect institutions to articulate why there is added value in supporting KE staff effort through the IAA.

Non Permitted Activities and Costs

In addition to the standard UKRI ineligible grant costs, IAAs cannot be used to fund:

Activity/Cost	Detail
New research	New, fundamental research
Duplication of support	Impact activities that should already have been anticipated and supported through standard routes, e.g. impact activities costed as part of basic research proposals, CDTs
	Duplicate other sources of funding that can be used more appropriately for the impact activity within remit of Research Council i.e., CLASP/IPS
Public engagement	Non-Specific Public Engagement activities and science communication However, IAAs will support public engagement where interaction is key to informing the research impact such as user or patient engagement as a critical pathway to achieving societal and/or economic impact
Training	Undergraduate activities, core PhD training including tuition or bench fees, Masters training
IP Management	Any costs relating to Intellectual Property protection including but not limited to registering, maintaining or supporting patents or property rights
Equipment	Equipment with a value of £10,000 or more
Other	Indirect costs or estate costs at the research organisation
	The use of the National Facilities does not create eligibility for STFC IAA funding
	Contributions to KTPs