



## UKRI Impact Acceleration Accounts (IAA)

### Application Guidance

#### Institutional Section

#### Introduction

IAAs are institutional funding to unlock the impact of the research-base. They support a breadth of impact activities that allow funding to be used in flexible, responsive and creative ways. IAAs provide research organisations with agility to make decisions about how to invest funding in ways that best suit institutional strategies and opportunities. The awards add value to existing funding and take advantage of new or unforeseen opportunities in order to facilitate the realisation of impact.

In writing their application, applicants should also refer to the call specification details provided on the Funding Finder, defining the UKRI IAAs Strategic Aims as well as the Permitted Activities and Costs, and the Assessment Criteria.

The application template is split into two sections:

1. Institutional section
  - Applicants are required to provide details of their proposed institutional level approach to managing all IAA allocations, including ongoing ESRC IAAs.
  - Applicants must fill in the Institutional Section even if applying to only one council's IAA, though some of this guidance may not apply in that case.
2. Council-specific section
  - Applicants must detail how they would manage the award of each individual council based on the requirements of that council and the needs of their individual communities at the applying institution.
  - Applicants must complete a separate council-specific section for each council they are eligible to and wish to apply for funding from.
  - Please refer to the Council Specific Guidance documents when completing this section this section.

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## Institutional Section

The page limit for this institutional section is 3 pages.

### **Institutional Lead Applicant**

- Provide details of the institutional lead.
- The application must be led by a senior member of the institution, e.g. Pro-VC, institute director, or equivalent, commensurate to the scale and number of Councils you are applying to.

### **Summary of Funding Applied For**

- State the amount of funding you are applying for by Council (per year and in total).
- State the total amount of all IAAs you are applying for.
- Refer to the information provided on the Funding Finder for size of award available by council.

### **Research Organisation Strategy**

- Provide an overview description of the institutional strategy for research impact, knowledge exchange and innovation.
- Describe how the plans for your IAA(s) align to your institutional strategy.
  - Any benefits that IAA will bring, or where appropriate has brought, to the institution and plans to capitalise on an institutional IAA award.
  - How will IAA contribute to/complement the institutional translational research culture and appetite for translation.
  - Strategies and plans to enable multidisciplinary Knowledge Exchange (KE) and maximise impacts across multiple IAAs where appropriate, including ongoing ESRC IAAs.
- Describe how IAA complements or aligns to wider innovation support, such as HEIF, institutional co-investment and other relevant external funding streams.

### **Overall Leadership, Management and Governance**

- Provide an overview description of the institutional leadership and strategic oversight of all IAAs.
  - Describe your principles or approaches for managing multiple IAA awards.
  - Include use of any steering committees, independent advice, or external expertise, appropriate to the scale of the award.
- Outline the institutional approach to **equality, diversity and inclusion** in the management of the award and the delivery of activities.
  - Detail how this links to the broader institutional strategies and processes for equality, diversity and inclusion.
  - For additional information, please see: <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/policies-standards-and-data/good-research-resource-hub/equality-diversity-and-inclusion/>
- Outline the institutional approach to **research ethics and responsible innovation** in the management of the award and the delivery of activities.
  - Detail how you will develop the approach to promoting a culture of responsible innovation, including considerations on environmental sustainability.
  - For additional information, please see: <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/policies-standards-and-data/good-research-resource-hub/responsible-innovation/>