MRC IAA - Enterprise Fellowships Application Form

**The Enterprise Fellowships (EF) Fund** which will fund Early-Career Researcher (ECR) or Postdoctoral Research Assistant (PDRA) mobility supporting flexible people exchanges between industry and the University. This model is a key route for exchanging knowledge and skills, offering the potential to develop longer-term partnerships.   
  
The EF Fund will support increased engagement with external partners at a strategic level through establishing/enhancing relationships that have potential to secure enduring collaborations and impact. These Fellowship awards should enable the validation of research outcomes, knowledge exchange and technology transfer, information gathering and ideation, in the real world. (Max duration 6 months, max award £20k).  
  
While an Invention Disclosure Form is not required when submitting an application, applicants whose submissions are deemed fundable by the panel must submit the appropriate IDF for consideration prior to confirmation of funding award and subsequent project commencement. For more information and to access the form please visit <https://www.qub.ac.uk/Business/Commercialisation/IP-and-innovation/Got-an-idea/> or contact Maria Colligan (m.colligan@qub.ac.uk) in the Commercial Development Team.

**Applications based on multi-/inter-disciplinary research are eligible and encouraged.**  
 **Please ensure that you have read the MRC IAA guidelines before proceeding with this application. The guidelines can be found at** [**https://www.qub.ac.uk/Research/Our-impact/impact-acceleration-accounts/FileStore/Filetoupload,1627536,en.pdf**](https://www.qub.ac.uk/Research/Our-impact/impact-acceleration-accounts/FileStore/Filetoupload,1627536,en.pdf)  
If you would like to discuss your application before submission, please contact [iaa@qub.ac.uk](mailto:iaa@qub.ac.uk) and include ' MRC IAA' in the subject line.  
  
**The closing date for this round is midnight on Monday 30 October. It is expected that the outcome of the call will be announced approximately 4 weeks after the closing date.**

# Section 1

1. Title of Project (Required to answer. Single line text).

Enter your answer

# Section 2

Related Invention Disclosure

1. Have you submitted an Invention Disclosure Form (i.e. is your application based on an existing invention already disclosed to the University?)

**(**Required to answer. Single choice)

Yes

No (While an Invention Disclosure Form is not required when submitting an application, applicants whose submissions are deemed fundable by the panel must submit the appropriate IDF for consideration prior to confirmation of funding award and subsequent project commencement. For more information and to access the form please visit <https://www.qub.ac.uk/Business/Commercialisation/IP-and-innovation/Got-an-idea/> or contact Maria Colligan (m.colligan@qub.ac.uk) in the Commercial Development Team.)

1. If you answered 'yes' to Q2, please provide relevant IDF number. (Single line text.)

If you do not know the number, please contact Maria Colligan (m.colligan@qub.ac.uk) in the Commercial Development Team

Enter your answer

# Section 3

Principal Investigator Details

1. Name and title (Required to answer. Single line text.)

Enter your answer

1. Current position (Required to answer. Single line text.)

Enter your answer

1. University School/Centre name (Required to answer. Single line text.)

Enter your answer

1. Work Address (Required to answer. Multi Line Text.)

Enter your answer

1. Work Email (Required to answer. Single line text.)

Enter your answer

# Section 4

Named Fellow (ECR or PDRA)

Complete if different from Section 3

1. Name and title (Single line text)

Enter your answer

1. Current position (Single line text).

Enter your answer

1. University School/Centre name (Single line text.)

Enter your answer

1. Work Email (Single line text.)

Enter your answer

# Section 5

Previous MRC Funding

1. Have you previously received IAA/Proximity to Discovery/Confidence in Concept funding (for any project)? (Required to answer. Single choice.)

Yes

No

1. If you answered 'Yes' to Q13, please provide a short synopsis of the impact achieved and indicate whether a report has been submitted (Multi Line Text.)

Enter your answer

# Section 6

Partner Involvement

1. Please confirm that there is an external partner on this project (Required to answer. Single choice.)

Yes

1. Name and Address of External Partner(s) (including department, if relevant) (Required to answer. Multi Line Text.)

Enter your answer

1. Main Activity of External Partner(s) (Required to answer. Multi Line Text).

Enter your answer

1. How would you describe the partner? (Required to answer. Single choice.)

Large commercial organisation

Small and medium-sized enterprise (SME)

Public sector organisation

Third sector organisation (including charities)

Clinical collaborator (including Health care organisations)

1. Contact at the external partner(s) (Please include name, role and work email) (Required to answer. Multi Line Text.)

Enter your answer

1. Does the Principal Investigator or any named University employee have an equity stake in the external partner organisation? (A Queen’s researcher can still apply for a MRC IAA award even if they have an equity state) (Required to answer. Single choice.)

Yes

No

1. Please upload**details and approx. value**of the funding contribution from the external partner(s) to this EF.    
     
   (Required to answer. Upload File)

Include cash (e.g. towards travel, accommodation, subsistence, consumables, project running costs) and/or in-kind towards the project (e.g. equipment/software access, staff time, materials, training courses etc.).

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# Section 7

Background including underpinning work

1. Briefly outline your previous/current research that this application for IAA funding is based on. Please include relevant references (title & funder reference #) to previous awards, where appropriate (Max. 300 words) (Required to answer. Multi Line Text.)

Enter your answer

1. What is the technology, idea or opportunity that you would like to develop? (please provide a clear and concise overview including the unmet need, where relevant) Max 150 words (Required to answer. Multi Line Text)

Enter your answer

1. Please provide details of any other external collaborators involved in this project to date (academic or industry) and the nature of their involvement (e.g.  MTAs, co-inventors, owners of materials) (Multi Line Text)

Enter your answer

# Section 8

Enterprise Fellowship Proposal

1. What are the Aims and Objectives of the EF activity you are seeking funding for? (Max 200 words)(Required to answer. Multi Line Text.)

Enter your answer

1. Describe the programme of work including specific tasks and activities needed to achieve the required outcomes to progress your technology or idea. (Max 250 words) (Required to answer. Multi Line Text.)

Enter your answer

1. Please provide Gantt chart or work plan of the proposed project activities (max 1 sides A4) (Required to answer. Upload File.)

In order to ensure that the project remains on schedule, please include timings and monitoring arrangements (e.g. feedback/updates from partners, Commercial Development, PI, or external experts)

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# Section 9

Project Management

1. How will the project be managed, and what experience does the team have of managing similar projects? (Required to answer. Multi line text.)

Enter your answer

1. With respect to Project delivery list any Risks and Mitigations (Max 150 words) (Required to answer. Multi Line Text.)

Enter your answer

1. Briefly outline any Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) principles that were considered in the project design/development (Max. 100 words) (Required to answer. Multi Line Text.)

Rather than re-iterating Institutional level EDI (gender, race and disability) policies, when completing this question please reflect on all aspects of EDI and how they are acknowledged and adequately addressed within your working environment and project plans. (See the guidance notes)

Enter your answer

# Please detail how you have considered the principles of Responsible Innovation in your project design/development (see guidance notes). (Required to answer. Multi Line Text.)

Enter your answer

# Section 10

Translational potential

1. Who will benefit from this project? Consider this in terms of time taken or what can be achieved? List benefits to QUB, to external partner(s) and other beneficiaries (Max. 300 words.)  
     
   Benefits to the Enterprise Fellow will be captured within the Personal Statement - Section 11. (Required to answer. Multi Line Text.)

Enter your answer

1. How will the EF accelerate the translational potential of your technology or idea? (Max. 300 words) (Required to answer. Multi line text.)

Enter your answer

1. What do you see as the longer-term potential this project will unlock or enable?   
     
   Please consider approximately a 5 year timeline; i) capturing future **translational funding** applications such as MRC's DPFS ii) further collaborative work with external partner and iii) engagement with health and social care contacts/healthcare professionals and patient groups iv) regulatory bodies v) licencing and spin out opportunities (Max 300 words) (Required to answer. Multi Line Text.)

Enter your answer

# Section 11

Personal Statement

1. Why should you receive an Enterprise Fellowship, what do you plan to do and what are your desired outcomes?  Please focus on your personal qualities and career plans.    
     
   *The proposed Enterprise Fellow should sign the personal statement as the Named Researcher.*  
   (Required to answer. Upload File.)

Due to the nature of this funding scheme applications that are looking to extend research projects or that are targeting outputs of only research papers or future research grant applications **will not be considered.**  
(If you would like some further support to complete your personal statement please contact [iaa@qub.ac.uk](mailto:iaa@qub.ac.uk) and include 'MRC IAA EF' in your subject line).

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# Section 12

Ethical and IP Considerations

1. Please provide details of any regulatory/ethical issues to be addressed prior to commencing the project. Also indicate if you have obtained or will need approvals for use of animal or human tissues. (Multi Line Text.)

Enter your answer

1. Please provide details of any externally owned IP, that you know of, where you would need access to complete the project or bring the technology to market. (Multi Line Text)

Enter your answer

# Section 13

Detail of Costs

All MRC IAA applications should be registered on the Research Application System (RAS).  Applicants should work with the relevant Faculty Finance Office to calculate project budgets. **Please be in contact with your Faculty Finance Office at least 5 days in advance of the call deadline.**

1. List RAS # (Required to answer. Single line text)

Enter your answer

1. Proposed Start Date (Required to answer). This indicative date may be dependent on negotiation of collaborative agreement

Please input date (M/d/yyyy)

1. Proposed End Date (Required to answer).

Please input date (M/d/yyyy)

1. Total duration of the project (Max. 6 months) (Required to answer. Single line text.)

Enter your answer

1. Approx. PI time to be allocated to project (Required to answer. Single line text.)

Enter your answer

1. Please upload details of the funding requested *(Please do not include any overhead figures)(You can use RAS information)* Required to answer. Upload File.

Please provide a breakdown of the budget and include cost and information on the following:

* Salary (and associated superannuation and NI contributions)
* Consumables
* Other (please specify)

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1. Total funding requested from QUB in £GBP (Required to answer. Single line text.)

Enter your answer

1. Please provide details and estimated value of any contributions (cash and/or in-kind) from alternative internal or external sources (if any) (Multi line text).

Enter your answer

1. Justification of resources (Required to answer. Multi Line Text.)

Please provide a full justification of the resources requested.

Enter your answer

# Section 14

Authorisation and confirmation of support

1. Please confirm the following (Required to answer).

* I accept and agree to the requirements detailed in the MRC IAA guidelines (<https://www.qub.ac.uk/Research/Our-impact/impact-acceleration-accounts/FileStore/Filetoupload,1627536,en.pdf>)
* I have approval from the Head of School or School Director of Research to proceed with this application
* Any external partner mentioned is aware and supportive of the application
* I confirm that if successful I will complete an end of project report and provide annual updates on commercial and translational progress

1. Please attach email communication confirming support for the application from the **Head of School or School Director of Research and external partner (**Required to answer. Upload File.)

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1. Please feel free to upload any further information to support your application, such as details of, and references to, any partner organisations and further letters of support, further details on your proposal, and any ethical approval which may be required for your proposal (Upload File).

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