# AHRC Impact Acceleration Account - Leading Impact Fund

The Leading Impact Fund enables researchers to carry out longer-term pieces of work to accelerate the impact of their research and give them a clearer understanding of the impact potential of their research. Max award £15K

**Applications based on multi-/-interdisciplinary research are eligible and encouraged**  
  
Please ensure you read and refer to the Queen’s University AHRC IAA Guidelines when completing this application.   
These can be found on our intranet site: <https://qubstudentcloud.sharepoint.com/sites/int-re/SitePages/IMPACT,-ENGAGEMENT-AND-KNOWLEDGE-EXCHANGE.aspx#impact-and-engagement-funding>   
  
**You must discuss your project idea with the IAA Team before submitting. Please contact iaa@qub.ac.uk and include 'AHRC IAA' in the subject line.**

## Section 1: Principal Investigator/Applicant details

1. Name and title
2. Staff Number
3. Current position
4. School/Institute
5. Relevant A+H discipline (see AHRC Funding Guide <https://www.ukri.org/publications/ahrc-research-funding-guide/> )
6. Work Email

## Section 2: About the research

1. What is the previous arts and humanities research at Queen’s that you would like to draw on for this initiative? (Max. 200 words)
2. If this research is based on an AHRC or other Research Council funded project please provide the title/reference number and Research Council (Note: prior AHRC funding is not a requirement for this scheme)

## Section 3: Proposed impact activity

1. Project Title
2. Brief summary of initiative (Max. 100 words)
3. Aims and objectives of initiative (Max. 100 words)
4. Proposed activities (Max. 100 words)
5. Potential Beneficiaries
6. Briefly outline any Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) principles that were considered in the project design/development (Max. 100 words)

Rather than just 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

1. External Partners involved (if applicable)
2. Match Funding (if any)
3. Approximate number of hours of PI’s time committed to project (cannot be funded through AHRC IAA)
4. Proposed Start Date

This indicative date may be dependent on negotiation of any required collaborative agreement

1. Proposed End Date

## Section 4: Impact

1. What impact do you think this initiative will have, and how will the proposed activities help achieve this impact? (Please state if this is economic, social, political or cultural impact, and highlight any potential for longer-term impact. Max. 200 words)
2. How do you plan to measure this impact? (This may include recording numbers of attendees at an event, follow-up interviews with participants, and feedback surveys. Max. 200 words)
3. Please detail how you have considered the principles of [Responsible Innovation](https://www.ukri.org/about-us/policies-standards-and-data/good-research-resource-hub/responsible-innovation/), namely the greater social impact of your proposed initiative, i.e. in your project design/development (see guidance notes)

## Section 5: Milestones

1. Please highlight any key project milestones or outputs and the project timeline in relation to start and end dates

## Section 6: Proposal Budget

This AHRC IAA application 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 working days in advance of the call deadline.**

1. List RAS #
2. Funding requested (Please do not include any overhead figures) Please provide a breakdown of the budget and include cost and information on the following:

* Salary (and associated superannuation and NI contributions)
* Consumables
* Funds to be transferred to an external organisation, if applicable (Please detail the organisation, amount, and purpose)
* Other (please specify)

1. Total Cost
2. Justification of resources

Please provide a full justification of the resources requested. For RA salary costs, please state RA rate used and approximate breakdown of hours per activity.

## Section 7: Previous impact activities

1. Have you previously received funding for impact-related activities (for any project or research, including for this proposal)? Yes or No
2. If you answered ‘Yes’ to Q28, please provide a short synopsis of the impact achieved and indicate whether a report has been submitted.

## Section 8: Authorisation and Additional Information

1. Please confirm the following

* I agree to abide by the Terms and Conditions outlined in the Queen’s University AHRC Impact Acceleration Account Guidelines These can be found on our intranet site: <https://qubstudentcloud.sharepoint.com/sites/int-re/SitePages/IMPACT,-ENGAGEMENT-AND-KNOWLEDGE-EXCHANGE.aspx#impact-and-engagement-funding>
* I have approval from the Head of School or School Director of Research to proceed with this application
* I have approval from any external partner

1. Please attach email communication confirming support for the application from the Head of School or School Director of Research and any external partner (if applicable)
2. Please feel free to upload any further information to support your application, such as details of, and references to any partner organisations and letters of support, and any ethical approval which may be required for your proposal