**Application for IAS Research Development Project Funding 2023/24**

**SECTION ONE: PROJECT DETAILS**

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| **Project title:** |
| **Principal Investigator(s) details:[[1]](#endnote-1)** *(names, positions, department, email)* |
| **Two-page *Curriculum Vitae* of Principal Applicants: Attached** *(CVs should include education and employment history, relevant recent publications, relevant recent grants, relevant interdisciplinary research or activity)* |
| **Proposed timing of the Development Project:***[[2]](#endnote-2)**Normally projects will be for one term, please select the term you would prefer.*  **Michaelmas 2023  Epiphany 2024  Easter 2024** |
| **Names and departments of other Durham University colleagues involved in or engaged with the project:** *Please highlight any ECRs with \** |
| **Brief Project Summary (in lay terms) for the IAS website (maximum 200 words):** |
| **Full Project description (no more than one page in arial 11):[[3]](#endnote-3)** *The project description should be in language accessible to non-specialists and should explain the project, its aims, objectives and outcomes in no more than one A4 page.* |

**SECTION 2. BUDGET**

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| **Project costs.[[4]](#endnote-4)** *Up to* ***£1500*** *can be requested. Costs might include funding for shorter visits of external visitors to Durham (travel and accommodation), funding for hosting conferences and workshops (travel and accommodation for key participants, catering); funding for short visits for Durham research staff to visit other key researchers).* |
| **Other sources of funding to meet anticipated costs:** |

**SECTION THREE: REPORTING**

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| **Reporting:**  I/we agree to provide a report at the end of the project, and acknowledge the IAS.[[5]](#endnote-5)  **Principal Investigator(s) Signature(s):** |  |

**CHECKLIST FOR SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

* CV for principal applicant(s).

**The completed project application, and supporting documentation should be forwarded to the Director(s) of Research of the Department(s)/School(s), so that they can complete the section below.**

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| **Resource implications or ethical concerns. Please indicate that these have been discussed/highlighted, if relevant, by the applicant with you.** |
| **Additional comment/statement of support from the Department / School of:** |
| **Name of Departmental Research Director:** |
| **Signature:** |

**The Director of Research should forward the completed form and supporting documentation to** [ias.manager@durham.ac.uk](mailto:ias.manager@durham.ac.uk).

**The closing date for applications is: midday Friday 09 June 2023**

**Guidance Notes**

1. The lead project PI must be an academic employed by Durham University. [↑](#endnote-ref-1)
2. The programme assumes that the research may extend well beyond the initial three month period supported. [↑](#endnote-ref-2)
3. Describe the planned research, its aims and objectives, potential impact and planned outcomes in **no more than one A4 page**. The criteria for Development Projects are as follows:

   1. The project should have an explicit focus, topic or question, and preferably one that is demonstrably novel and represents potential for a major intellectual breakthrough.
   2. The project must involve *at least* two disciplinary areas or Departments ideally from different Faculties within the University, and be genuinely and creatively interdisciplinary.
   3. Each project must have a clearly defined outcome indicated in the proposal (for these development projects these outcomes might be the next stage of development, how the project can grow and what the potential of the project might be).

   The IAS will consider the following when evaluating the application.

   1. **Novelty and ambition**: to what extent could the project open new perspectives and create new inter-disciplinary synergies?
   2. **Clarity and quality of objectives**: how clear and realistic are the intended outcomes; what impact will there be on Durham University’s research capacity and international competitiveness; how well does it fit with University and Department research strategies?
   3. **Quality of the proposed research team**: track record relative to career stage~~,~~ including notable publications, awards, prizes and other esteem indicators, complementarity and suitability to the project objectives of team members’ expertise, evidence of interest in interdisciplinary perspectives.

   [↑](#endnote-ref-3)
4. Funding awarded will only become available from August 2023 and must be spent by July 2024. [↑](#endnote-ref-4)
5. A brief project report within two months of the completion of the Project term is required. [↑](#endnote-ref-5)