**The University of Huddersfield Impact Acceleration Account**

**Rapid Response Request**

**​**The Rapid Response funding stream is available as part of the Impact Acceleration Account (IAA) and is intended to enable researchers to respond swiftly and flexibly to emerging opportunities that have the potential to translate research into meaningful real-world impact. This may include engaging with policy developments, responding to unforeseen events, initiating new collaborations, or capitalising on timely knowledge exchange or impact opportunities. Funding is limited and requests are subject to review and are awarded by the IAA’s Management Group.

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| IAA Ref |  |

# Principal Investigator

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| Principle Investigator (PI) | Academic title (e.g., Dr) |  |
| Name |  |
| Job Title (e.g., lecturer) |  |
| Email |  |
| Department |  |
| School |  |

**Project Title**

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| Please provide a short project title for your Rapid Response project |
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**Duration**

Please note that AHRC & EPSRC IAA funding finishes in March 2027 & ESRC IAA funding finishes in March 2028. Projects must finish within the end date of the relevant research council.

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| Proposed Start Date: |  | Duration (in months): |  |

**UKRI Funder Information**

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| Are you requesting funding from the AHRC IAA, EPSRC IAA, ESRC IAA or multiple?  *If requesting funds from multiple councils, you need to justify this in the ‘links to AHRC/EPSRC/ESRC’ section below.* |
| AHRC IAA  EPSRC IAA  ESRC IAA |

**UK Industrial Strategy**

The [UK’s modern industrial strategy](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/68595e56db8e139f95652dc6/industrial_strategy_policy_paper.pdf) is a long-term government initiative aimed at boosting economic growth by increasing business investment, supporting high-potential industries, and enhancing infrastructure and skills across the country. University research in the UK should align with the sector(s) identified within the strategy to maximise impact and relevance.

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| Please confirm which areas of the UK Industrial Strategy your project aligns with. Please see [Industrial Strategy Sector Definitions List](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/industrial-strategy/industrial-strategy-sector-definitions-list) for further information |
| ☐Advanced Manufacturing ☐Clean Energy Industries ☐Creative Industries ☐Defence  ☐Digital and Technologies ☐Financial Services ☐Life Sciences ☐ Professional and Business Services |

**Partner Organisation (where appropriate)**

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| Organisation Name: |  | | |
| Nature of Organisation:  (Company, government, charity, etc.) | Please select the organisation type. | | |
| Primary Contact Name and Position in Organisation |  | | |
| Primary contact email |  | | |
| Organisation Full Address: |  | | |
| Company Registration Number:  (or equivalent) |  | | |
| Organisation Website URL: |  | | |
| Organisation Region (e.g., Yorkshire and the Humber) | Please select the organisation region | | |
| *If you selected International, please state country here* | | |
| Company Sector | Please select organisation sector | | |
| Company / Organisation size:  (Micro, <10 employees / SME / Large) | Micro ☐ | SME ☐ | Large ☐ |
| Are there any previous or current links between the organisation and the university? | ☐ No  ☐ Yes  *If Yes please provide some detail e.g. projects they’ve worked on etc* | | |

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| Additional Project partners  *Please provide name, and details of the main contact of any other project partners* | | |
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**Please provide a letter of support from the partner organisation(s) confirming any direct financial and/or in-kind support towards the project**. **Additionally, the letter should highlight the need for or opportunity for exploitation, specifying the potential value or market opportunity.** If your project is approved, it will be necessary to sign a collaboration agreement before funds can be released. It will also be a condition of funding that relevant Health and Safety procedures are put in place when you are spending time working at the partner organisation.

**Rapid Response Funding Request/Justification**

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| Please provide a justification of the request you are making, with detail reasoning the request for Rapid Response funding. |
| (<500 words) |

## Project Budget Request

The budget should be costed at Full Economic Cost, including the Direct costs (salary, travel, consumables etc) and Directly Allocated (Estates, Indirects, Tech IS). The Directly Allocated costs cannot be covered by the IAA and must be covered by the school. **Please only include detail of the increase in funding you are requesting.**

**Please be aware that any additional funding awarded by AHRC or EPSRC should be spent before the funder deadline of 31st March 2026. Please request a costing form from** [**iaa@hud.ac.uk**](mailto:iaa@hud.ac.uk)

Due to the limited funding available, applicants can only request Rapid Response funding from one research council.

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| **DI/ DA** | **Project Costs** | **Description / Detail** | **Costs (£)** |
| Directly Incurred | Staff Resources (salary) | *Research Assistant (PI) % FTE* | £ |
| Equipment / Consumables | *Provide details for the equipment/ consumables.*  *Max. £5k* | £ |
| Travel | *Provide details of the travel you are requesting.*  *Max. £2k* | £ |
| Other (please specify) |  | £ |
| Directly Allocated  *(Covered by the school)* | DA Staff  (PI/ Co-I) | Co I FTE 5% (max. 10%) | £ |
| Estates |  | £ |
| Indirects |  | £ |
|  | | **Total Project Costs** | **£** |
| **AHRC IAA Contribution Requested**  **Max. £8k** | **£** |
| **EPSRC IAA Contribution Requested**  **Max. £8k** | **£** |
| **ESRC IAA Contribution Requested**  **Max. £8k** |  |
| **School contribution** | £ |

**Justification of Resources**

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| Please provide a breakdown of the costs included in the above budget table, with justification for why they have been included.  Include any named staff who will be funded by IAA here e.g., Research Assistants |
| **Staff:**  **Travel & Subsistence:**  **Consumables/ Equipment:**  **Other:**  (<250 words) |

## Submission.

Please ensure you have approval from your line manager/ head of department before submitting this request.

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| This proposal is submitted by: | | |
| (Print name) | (Sign here) | (Date) |

## Approval by School Authority (i.e., the Dean).

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| This proposal is approved by: | | |
| (Print name) | (Sign here) | (Date) |

**Approval by IAA Programme Manager**

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| This proposal is approved by: | | |
| (Print name) | (Sign here) | (Date) |

**Approval by IAA Management Group**

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| This proposal is approved by: | | |
| (Print name) | (Sign here) | (Date) |