Scottish EPSRC IAA Cross-Institutional Funding Call 2025-26 - Expression of Interest

Funding will be available (subject to announcement of exact amounts) for impact or translational projects that include two researchers representing two separate Scottish Universities that hold an EPSRC IAA (Heriot-Watt University, University of Edinburgh, University of Glasgow, University of St Andrews, University of Strathclyde).

Call guidelines and application form are available on <https://impactfestival.hw.ac.uk/>

Application process
- Expression of Interest (this form) deadline 10 September
- Full submission deadline preliminary date 12 November (subject to change in anticipation of information from EPSRC about exact funding amounts)

The Expression of Interest is mandatory and will be used to screen proposals and invite suitable applicants to make full submissions.

Only activities to accelerate or amplify impact from [EPSRC-remit](https://www.ukri.org/councils/epsrc/guidance-for-applicants/epsrc-remit/) research are eligible for funding. Research collaboration and original research cannot be funded.
Staff at two or more of the participating institutions who wish to collaborate on a joint impact project can apply for co-funding.

All institutional leads must be active in the EPSRC remit.

Cross-institutional Added Value
Applicants must demonstrate added value from cross-institutional collaboration, e.g. by combining expertise that is not available at any institution individually, or by enabling increased impact regionally or in Scotland.

Funding limit
High quality impact projects can request up to the value of £50k per institution. This is a costing maximum; projects which are appropriately costed and demonstrate value for money will be viewed favorably. Funds are to be requested from each participating University for work to be conducted at that University.

Note: UKRI has announced additional funding for the IAAs in 2025/26 but has not yet confirmed exact funding amounts. Until confirmation from UKRI's spending review, we will only accept EoI submissions to this funding call. We will update applicants as and when funding amounts, that ultimately will be supporting this funding opportunity, are confirmed.

Project timeframe
Projects should be prepared to start from 1st Feb 2026 and run until 31 Jan 2027. These funds are only available for a limited time, and **projects cannot be extended beyond this final end date**.

Contact
For questions, interested applicants should contact their institutional IAA contact:
St Andrews – impact@st-andrews.ac.uk
Edinburgh - EPSRCIAA@ei.ed.ac.uk
Strathclyde – iaa@strath.ac.uk
Glasgow - cose-iaa@glasgow.ac.uk
Heriot-Watt – s.boydell@hw.ac.uk

**Proposed title of project**:

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**Lead applicant details**:

* Lead applicant for this proposal:
* Lead applicant University:
* Main applicant - Contact Email:

**Co-Applicant details** (separate multiple institutions with semicolon):

* Co-applicant(s)for this proposal:
* Co-Applicant University(ies):
* Co-applicant(s) Contact Email:

**External partners details** (if applicable; separate multiple external partner organisations with semicolon):

* Names of external partner contact(s) for this proposal:
* External partner organisation(s):

**Project Overview** - Please give a brief overview of the proposal idea with its intended impacts, i.e., What are the activities? What is the intended change/impact resulting from the activities? Who will benefit from this change? How will you know they have benefited?

Note: This will be assessed by colleagues from across Institutions/disciplines and should be in lay language.

Max. 200 words/1500 characters

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**Underpinning research** – Briefly outline the research at each institution that underlies your proposed project and state how it fits within EPSRC's remit     Max. 200 words/1500 characters

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**Please indicate the approximate amount** (in £5,000 increments) you consider requesting from each University involved in the application. Max amount per institution is £50,000.

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Thank you for filling in your Expression of Interest (EoI) to the Scottish EPSRC IAA Cross-Institutional Fund 2025.  This is the last page of the EoI.

If you are ready to submit, please press 'next', otherwise you may go back to the previous pages to edit your response.

The final page has an option for you to download a PDF of your application (top right of the screen).

Kind regards,
Scottish IAA Managers Group