**RESEARCH IMPACT AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT FUND (RIPE) 2021/22**

The vision of the University’s ***Innovation Strategy 2021-2026*** is to be *recognised as a global leader of challenge-led research and solutions-focussed enterprise, delivering responsible innovation for economic, environmental and social impact.* ‘Impact’ is defined in the broadest sense, encompassing positive benefits for academic research, business and wider society, across any type and size of organisation, and for individuals and communities at a local, national, or international level. The Strategy seeks to expand the existing impact framework to enterprise and engagement activity for effective monitoring and management, ensuring measurable added value to partners and wider society.

With this in mind, the Research Impact and Public Engagement Fund is offering individuals and groups **up to £3000 that must be match-funded by their School/Research Centre,** in support of activities that reflect the University’s desire to increase the impact and reach of its research and knowledge exchange for future REF and KEF exercises and more widely.

Applications should be aligned to one or more of the following themes:

* **Strengthening interaction** – seeking to nurture and build upon relationships with non-academic partners, aligning with the University’s Industry Collaboration strategy
* **Broadening research** – in line with REF and funder requirements, to expand the reach and influence of research outcomes, in addition to introducing greater partner contribution into the design of future research
* **Promoting social benefit** – in line with KEF, demonstrating how the application and exchange of research-based knowledge might lead to practical and focused solutions at a range of scales

**Suggested Activities**

The following list is not exhaustive:

* The translation of research findings for non-academic audiences (e.g. policy reports, leaflets, audio-visual materials, etc.)
* Pathway to impact events with a focus on non-academic stakeholders (dissemination or activity-based)
* The trialling of creative modes of public engagement (e.g. exhibitions or film screenings) with a view to generating tangible impact
* The commercialisation of research findings through IP protection and/or business engagement
* The formation or strengthening of networks outside academia (e.g. visits/meetings to build relationships, or the initial development of a web/social media platform)
* The development of pedagogical materials (e.g. online training resources or ‘train the trainer’ sessions)

**Guidelines**

All applicants are required to:

1. Be clear about the **specific focus** of the activity, and what the funding will cover. Applications **must** include a detailed breakdown of predicted expenditure.
2. Outline how their proposal relates to **existing research** (either directly or indirectly) and will lead to a tangible real-world outcomes.
3. Provide a justification as to why support could not be secured from other sources.
4. Adhere to the following criteria:

* Funding **cannot** be used to support primary research/data collection, staff time, equipment purchase, academic conference attendance or travel.
* The call is open to all full and part-time research-active staff only.
* Proposals must include commitment to match funding (from School or Research Centre) and be approved by your Research Centre Director (RCD) and Associate Dean for Research and Innovation (ADRI).
* **Applicants should therefore discuss proposals with either/both their RCD and ADRI**. RCDs/ADRIs will be required to sign off projects before monies are disbursed.
* **The fund only covers spend and activity until 31st July 2022**. Whilst project activities may continue after this date, there will be no further RIPE funding available – **all RIPE spend must be complete and realised by 31st July 2022.** No payments, invoices or claims will be accepted for any items or activity that take place after this date.

**Key dates:**

Application Deadline: Friday 29th October 2021

Notification of success: W/c Monday 8th November 2021

Funding to be spent by: 31st July 2022

Submission of impact case study: Friday 2nd September 2022

**Application Process:**

For **all queries**, please contact: Emma Sutton

(REF, KEF and Impact Manager)

**Completed forms** to be sent to: [research-impact@salford.ac.uk](mailto:research-impact@salford.ac.uk)

All applications will be considered by a panel consisting of academic and professional services staff. The panel will take a broad view of research impact and engagement. A key condition is that awards are to be used creatively, raising the profile and impact of research activities with respect to partners external to the institution. The panel will therefore prioritise original and imaginative proposals that are both accessible to stakeholders and practicable (within time and budget constraints).

**Responsibilities of Successful Applicants:**

* An **Impact Action Plan** will be put in place with all successful recipients of funding in order to monitor and capture evidence of their impact and engagement activities during the course of 2021/22. Recipients will be required to meet with their School Impact Lead periodically to review progress.
* All successful recipients will be required to submit a short **Impact Case Study** at the end of the year about their project to be used for wider purposes (for example, to showcase on the University’s research web pages or to be used as part of the University’s annual Festival of Research).

Any impact case studies not submitted may result in the School/Research Centre being liable for funding any expenditure.

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| **APPLICANT DETAILS** | |
| **Name** |  |
| **Position** |  |
| **School** |  |
| **Total requested from RIPE**  **(not including match funding)** |  |
| **Project start/end dates** |  |

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| **BACKGROUND** (max. 300 words) |
| ***Please outline any underpinning research and relevant context*** |
| [use the bullet points as a guide]   * Discipline area within which the proposed project is based * Link to current/recently completed projects (funded or unfunded) * Published outcomes (if any) |

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| **PROJECT OVERVIEW** (max. 500 words) |
| ***Please outline the focus of your proposed activity*** |
| [use the bullet points as a guide]   * Proposed contribution to the wider Innovation Strategy, and significance of this activity to your Research Centre(s) * Relationship to the University’s Industry Collaboration priority * Justification of costs * Timing of proposed activities * Anticipated outcomes and/or outputs * Strategies to track and capture engagement and impact outcomes |

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| **COSTS** | |
| *Please provide a detailed breakdown of the activities you wish to be funded, alongside associated costs*. Below these costings, please also indicate:  (a) whether matched/additional School/Research Centre funding has already been secured  (b) why other sources of support are not available | |
| Activity / Item | Cost |
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| Total Requested: |  |
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| **Applicant Confirmation** | |
| *I agree to spend these funds in line with the activities outlined above and subsequently produce a brief impact case study* | |
| **Name** |  |
| **E-Signature** |  |
| **Date** |  |

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| **Research Centre Director Authorisation** | |
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| **School Associate Dean of Research & Innovation Authorisation** | |
| **Name** |  |
| **E-Signature** |  |
| **Date** |  |

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