RESEARCH IMPACT DEVELOPMENT AWARDS
FUNDING GUIDELINES

Objective:
The Research Impact Development awards supports new activities which will take research to a wider audience and to allow the development of outputs arising from past and/or on-going research which would not otherwise be possible.

Research publications will not be considered under the Research Impact Development scheme.

Rationale:
Demands on us to realise the value of our research beyond academic audiences are increasing. Opportunities to create such impact often become clear only as the project progresses, when finding additional funding to support these activities is difficult.

This programme provides support for research-related impact outputs emerging from funded and independent research projects.

Scope:
Applicants can seek support for activities which will deliver additional research related outputs from a research project.

Research publications will not be considered under this scheme. If the research output relates to joint publication initiatives, please see the Residential Fellowship programme for potential support.

The scheme is not restricted to activities which are being developed as potential REF impact case studies, but is aimed at supporting a wider impact agenda.

Guidance for applicants:
The proposed activity should deliver a research related impact arising from research conducted at Warwick. The scheme will fund impact activities that either i) do not constitute part of the programme of work funded by an external sponsor or ii) require additional financial resources and/or the input of other parties to enable to the delivery of the proposed output.

Outputs supported by this scheme include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Establishment of wider dissemination outcomes for ongoing research
- Research-related Public Engagement
• Creation of policy briefs for user communities etc.
• Development of partnerships with industry, public sector, charities, the arts or other potential beneficiaries of Warwick’s research
• Widening Participation
• Extended visit to external cognate research groups
• Developing REF-impact

Eligibility:
Applications should specify a Principal Applicant who must be a permanent (including probationary) member of academic or hold a fellowship awarded by an external funder (the duration of which extends beyond the proposed activity).

Co-Applicants from a different department to the Principal Applicant will strengthen case for interdisciplinarity. Co-applicants do not need to meet the criteria for the PI in order to allow other participants in the research (e.g. Postdocs, research students) the opportunity to take a leading role in the impact activity.

External partnerships are encouraged as are applications from interdisciplinary and/or cross-sectoral teams.

Funding:
The maximum value of an award is £3,500.

Funding can be used in accordance with the University’s Financial Regulations to cover consumables, travel expenses, fees, ad-hoc postgrad/doctorate assistance and other costs as required to deliver the stated output.

A breakdown of the costs and justification for the expenditure should be given in the application form.

IAS funding may be used in conjunction with funding from other sources to deliver a larger output.

Review Criteria:
The application will be assessed against the following -
• Clarity and significance of stated objective(s)
• Coherent plan of engagement with target audience/organisation
Deadline:
Applications can be submitted at any time by completing the application form available at the scheme website.

This should then be submitted electronically through the Online Submission System.

Upon receipt of the application form, it will be sent to at least 3 reviewers from different faculties. The feedback will then be collated and a funding decision taken. Applicants can expect the funding decision to be made within 5 weeks.

Duration of Award:
Awards will be for a maximum of one year. If expenditure is planned across more than one financial year (1st August – 31st July) a breakdown of the costs in each financial year must be given in the application.

Further Information:
For any further queries please contact: IAS@warwick.ac.uk.