



# International Strategy and Relations: Funding opportunities workshop

March 2023



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# What are we going through today?

- Introduction to funds and partnerships
- Information about each fund
- Application information
- Hear from previous recipients
- Q&A

# Purpose of the funds

- Foster research relationships between Warwick and global partners
- Enable research that neither university could carry out alone
- Strategically focused, supporting university strategy, international ambitions and departmental/faculty priorities
- Develop long-term potential (including: partnerships; external funding opportunities; publications)
- Enhance international opportunities for students and staff, leverage expertise, encourage best-practice.

# Funds

## **Solely Warwick managed:**

- International Partnership Fund (IPF)

## **With Shanghai Jiao Tong University:**

- SJTU-Warwick Joint Seed Fund

## **Monash Warwick Alliance:**

- Activation Fund
- Education Fund
- Co-Fund
- Student-Led activity fund (SLAF)
- PhD Travel Grant

# International Partnership Fund (IPF) - Background



- Fund designed to facilitate collaboration with universities around the world
- Funds preliminary research and education projects, meetings, conferences and workshops
- Recently funded projects include:
  - Algebra and Geometry of the Exceptional Algebraic Groups  
Dr Adam Thomas, Warwick Mathematics Institute  
University of Auckland, New Zealand
  - Performance and Politics on the New Silk Roads  
Dr Milija Gluhovic, SCAPVC - Theatre and Performance Studies  
National University of Singapore,
  - Disentangling anxiety and autism in fragile X syndrome  
Dr Hayley Crawford, Warwick Medical School  
University of South Carolina, USA

# International Partnership Fund (IPF)

- Up to two year's worth of funding
  - £3,500 per year for projects in Europe
  - £5,000 per year for projects in the rest of the world
  - Opens: 13 March, closes: 21 April
  - Projects start: 1 August 2023
  - Provides seed funding for new and early stage research projects with leading international institutions. Projects should have potential to contribute innovation and excellence, with priority given to those that align with the University strategy and those that have long-term potential
  - One call per year
- NOTE: Not valid for projects with Monash or SJTU

# SJTU-Warwick Joint Seed Fund - Background



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- SJTU (Shanghai Jiao Tong University)
  - Public research university in Shanghai, China
  - Member of C9 League, Double First-Class Uni Plan, Project 985, and Project 211
  - Consistently ranked among the top universities
  - **46<sup>th</sup> globally** - QS World University Rankings
  - 6<sup>th</sup> in Asia and **4<sup>th</sup> in China** – Academic Ranking of World Universities
  - Its **industry income** and **research performance** indicator is placed at **1<sup>st</sup>** and **26<sup>th</sup>** respectively **in the world** – Times Higher Education World University Rankings

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- **PURPOSE**

Establish  
joint research collaboration



Long term collaboration  
Beyond the scope of the seed fund project

- **AIM**

To foster new initiatives with high potential for global impact and towards novel research outcomes.



# SJTU-Warwick Joint Seed Fund



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- Up to one year's worth of funding
- £5,000 to the Warwick academic
- 50,000RMB to the SJTU academic
- Opens: April 2023 (date TBC), closes: May 2023 (date TBC)
- Projects start: 1 August 2023
- The collaboration is intended to include and lead to:
  - Virtual activities and visit(s)
  - Joint co-authored publication (or equivalent output)
  - Joint application for external funding
- One call per year



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# About the Alliance

- Established in 2012
- Important element of each University's International Strategy
- Both Universities remain well aligned (*i.e.* similar DNA)
- Transitioned to a rolling partnership agreement in 2020
- Distinctive partnership across full spectrum of activities
  - Research
  - Education
  - Student Engagement
  - Organisational Learning



# Funding in 2022-2023

- Five schemes (re)introduced
  - Activation
  - Education
  - SLAF (Student-Led Activity Fund)
  - PhD Travel Grant
  - Co-fund



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## Activation Fund

- GBP £10,000 + AUD \$20,000
- 12-month duration
- Opens 13 March, closes 21 April
- A research fund that supports research groups working collaboratively on intermediate-sized projects with the potential to achieve significant impact.
- Two calls per year



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## Education Fund

- GBP £15,000 + AUD \$30,000
- 24-month duration
- Opens 13 March, closes 21 April
- A fund to developed to provide financial support to academic and professional service staff working collaboratively on projects which typically help to internationalise our teaching and learning
- Two calls per year



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## Major Initiatives

- Current projects include Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) and Particle Physics
- Major, multi-year funding covering:
  - Staff salaries
  - PhD students
  - Consumables
  - Travel



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## Student-led Activity Fund

- GBP £5,000 + AUD \$10,000
- 12-month duration
- Open on a rolling basis
- A fund developed for projects involving collaborative activity, enterprise initiatives, student association activities, developments in learning and teaching and activities to integrate the two student bodies.

# Applied Young Economist Webinar series – SLAF awardee

- Series organised jointly by Warwick and Monash students, with speakers from over 30 institutions across 4 continents
- Gives young researchers a platform to interact with peers, discuss research, receive constructive feedback, and expand academic networks
- Since it was established in April 2020, it has hosted over 100 webinars
- For the March-June 2022 season, over 80 papers were received – 22 selected
- 1,000+ individuals on the mailing list, 1,000+ followers on Twitter, both growing
- In 2022, 20-30 people joined every week from around the world.





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## PhD Travel Grant

- Warwick PhD students will receive £2,000; Monash PhD students will receive \$4,000
- 12-months maximum
- 3 deadlines/year. Next deadline: 29 April
- Established to help build research connections between Monash and Warwick PhD candidates, as well as enhance and bring international dimension to research degree projects without requiring a commitment to a long stay (which is, for personal and financial reasons, often not possible).

## Ash Sexton - PhD Travel Grant awardee

- Warwick PhD student who recently visited Monash
- Her research focuses on patient outcomes in telephone based digital triage in UK based urgent care delivery, and how this can be improved
- Ash presented her research to different groups, including Ambulance Victoria, the department of General practice, and the department of Paramedicine at Monash University
- Valuable understanding of differences and similarities between models of care





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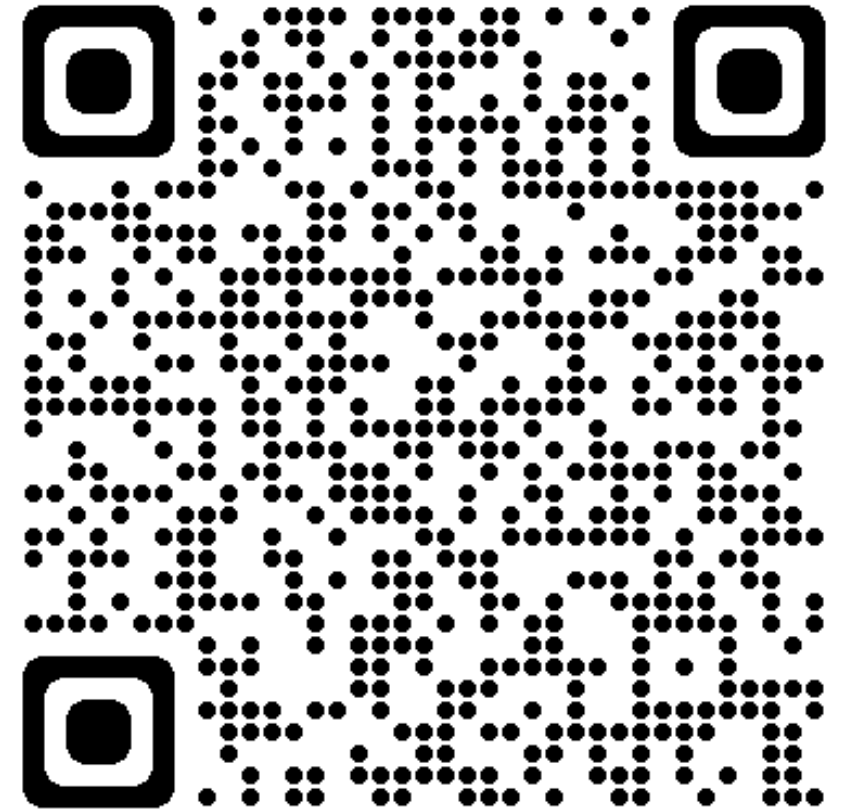
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## Co-Fund

- Up to 30% of the total external grant at time of submission or GPB£100,000/AUD\$200,000
- Opens on a rolling basis
- A new fund designed to enhance the quality and competitiveness of research proposals to external funders by leveraging the existing links and complementary expertise between Monash and Warwick. The fund is designed to support international research where this is not covered by the external funder.

# Application

- Full details and application forms online: [warwick.ac.uk/global/funding-opportunities/](https://warwick.ac.uk/global/funding-opportunities/)
- Statement of support from departmental head usually required
- Named collaborators on application form
- Academic review followed by panel review
- Decisions based on: fund criteria, alignment with strategic aims; amount of funding
- Unsuccessful applicants may be encouraged to apply to future rounds



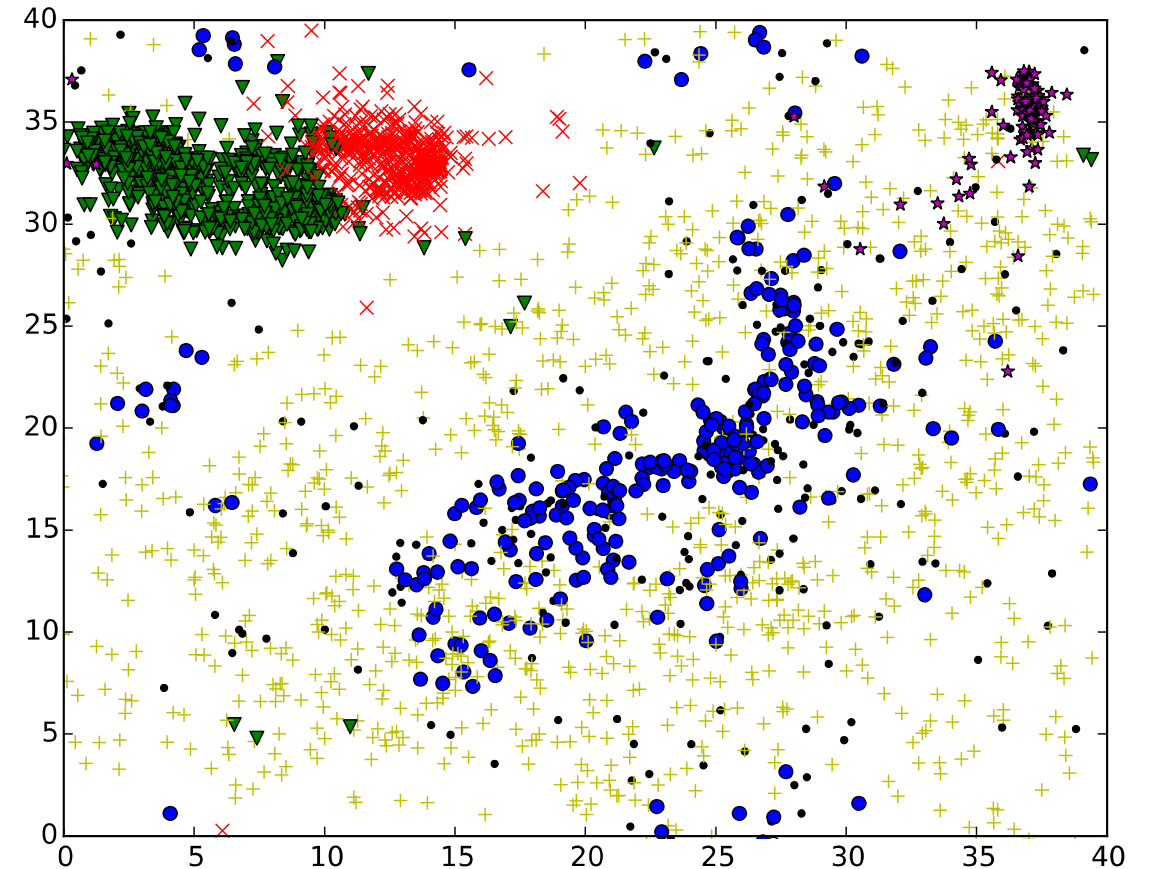
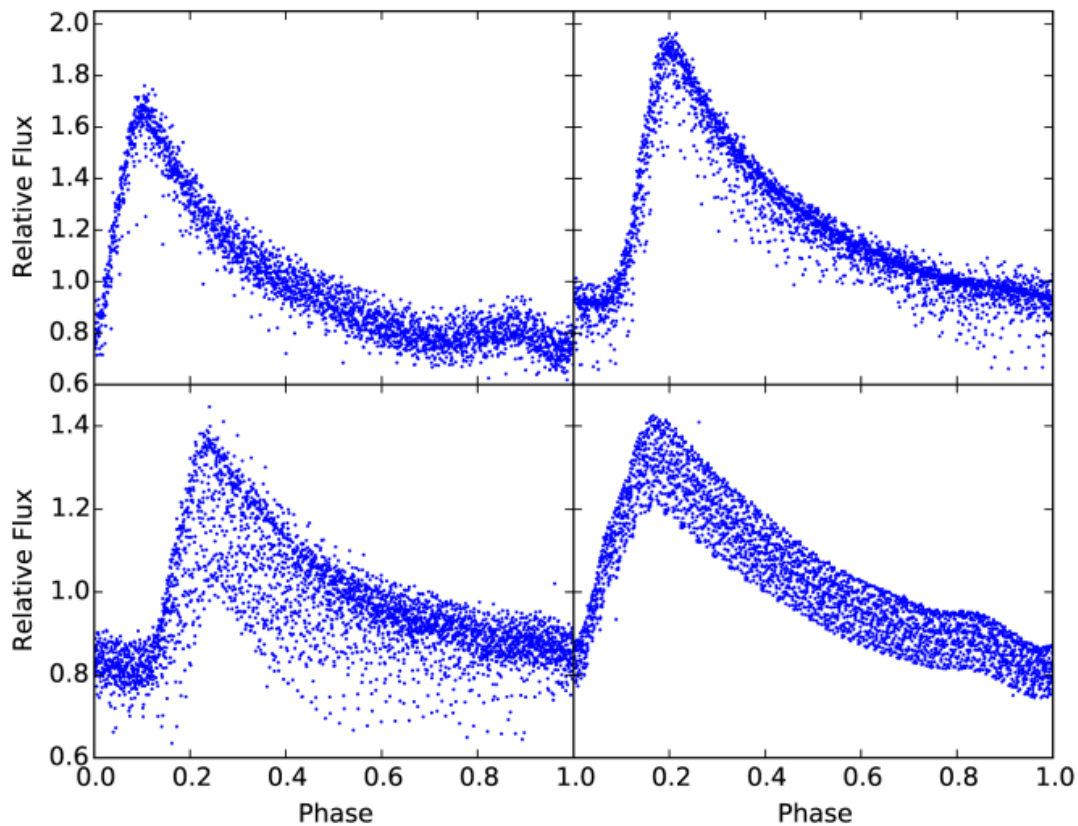
# Hear from our previous recipients

- Dr David Armstrong, Dept of Physics
- Dr Miaolei Jia, Warwick Business School

# Dr David Armstrong

Department of Physics

# Developing general classification algorithms for time-domain astronomy





# Context



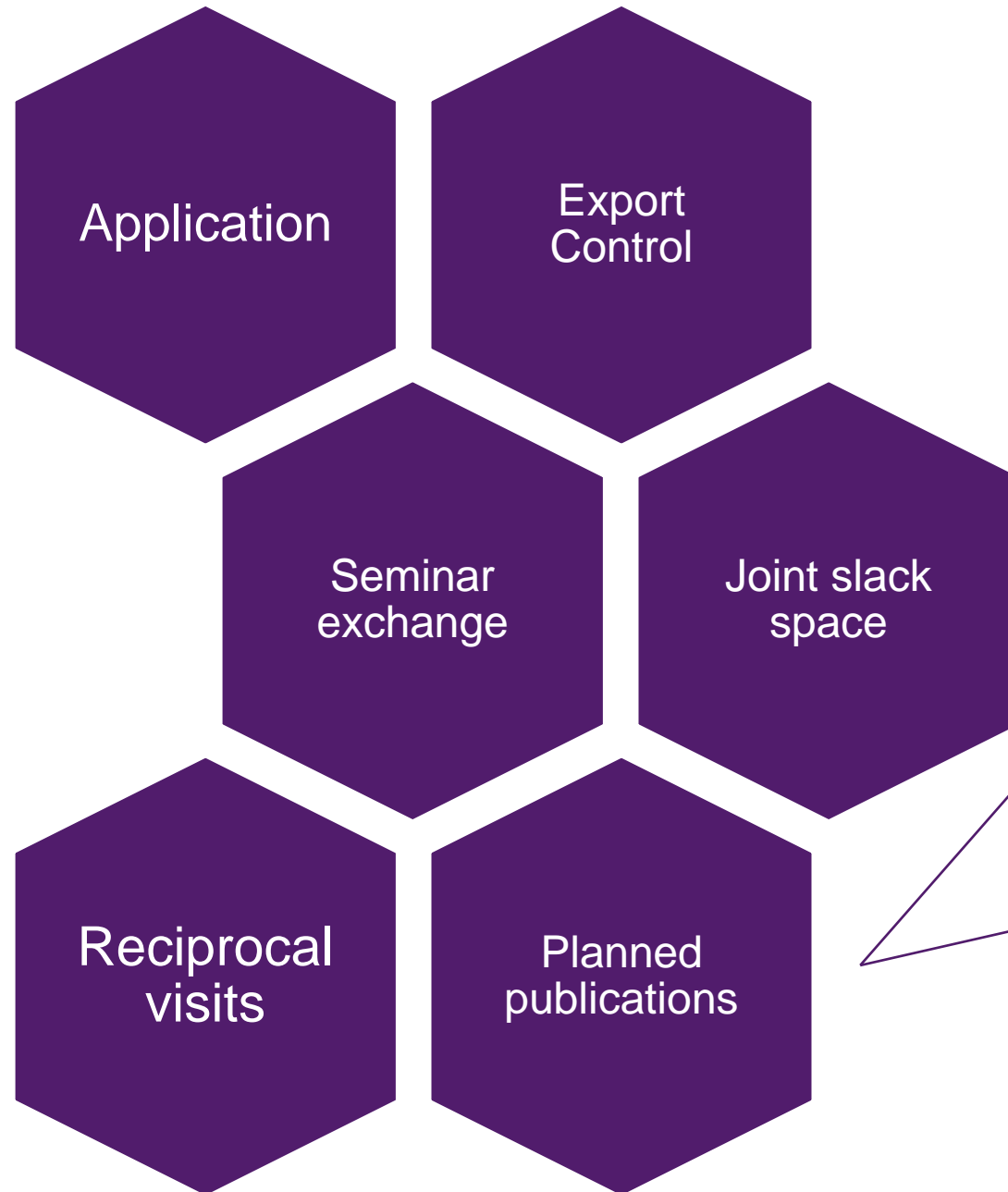
## Clear overlaps in interest

**Warwick:** Large exoplanet/timeseries research group. Expertise in classification/planet finding. Leadership role in upcoming PLATO mission – which will observe several year timeseries of stars.

**SJTU:** Exoplanet research, new transit finding algorithms. Strong involvement in Chinese ET mission







- Testing classification tools on simulated ET mission data
- Generalised lightcurve classification tools under development using expertise of both groups

# Dr Miaolei Jia

Warwick Business School

# Hear from our successful applicants

- SJTU-Warwick Joint Seed Fund 2021-22
- Project Title: The Effectiveness of In-Feed Video Advertising in the Social Media Platform



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**吕巍**



Warwick  
**Miaolei Jia**



Warwick  
**Iman Ahmadi**



Warwick  
**Isabel Ding**

# Hear from our successful applicants

## Outputs

- Research Outputs
  1. 基于ISMAS 视角下的社交媒体广告综述与ISIMA法则的提出。
  2. How Do Short-Term Video Ads Hook Consumers Up? From Psychological Distance Perspective.
- Joint external funding application
  - National Natural Science Foundation of China
- Further collaboration with industry partners

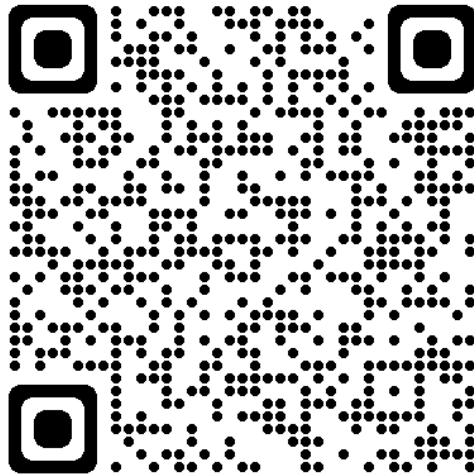
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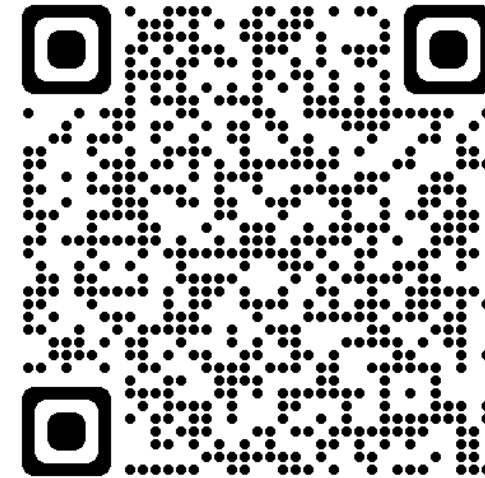
Dr David Armstrong

# Find out more

- ISR Enews:  
[warwick.ac.uk/global/subscribe-to-international-newsletter](https://warwick.ac.uk/global/subscribe-to-international-newsletter)



- MWA Enews:  
<https://warwick.ac.uk/global/monash-warwick-alliance/enews/>



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# Q&A

Thank you for listening