**Application for IAS Major Project Funding 2025/26**  
Please read the online Guidance Notes document before completing this form

**SECTION ONE: PROJECT DETAILS**

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| **Principal Investigator details:** *(names, positions, department, emails, and telephone numbers). There should be only two PIs who will each be awarded Christopherson Knott Fellowships, providing £8000 buyout to the home department to remove all teaching and service requirements for the term of the project activities. PIs must be from two different faculties.* |
| **Two-page *Curriculum Vitae* of Principal Investigators: Attached**  *2 page CVs should include education and employment history, relevant recent publications, relevant recent grants, relevant interdisciplinary research or activity.* |
| **Project title:** |
| **Proposed timing of the project:** *Normally projects will be for one term, please select the term you would prefer. If there is no preference for a particular term, select ‘either’. If there is a rationale for the project extending across two terms select ‘both’, and explain the rationale briefly.*  **Michaelmas 2025  Epiphany 2026  Either  Both** |
| **Names and departments of other Durham University colleagues involved in or engaged with the project. We encourage applicants to consider a range of colleagues at different career stages and across the breadth of Durham University’s disciplines:** *Please highlight any ECRs with \*.* |
| **Lay summary (maximum 200 words):** |
| **Project description (no more than two pages):** *The project description should be in language accessible to non-specialists and should explain the project, its aims, objectives and outcomes including, but not limited, to grant applications; publications; workshops, outreach activities, exhibitions or performances etc., in no more than two A4 pages (*Arial 11, margin 2 cm)*. Please refer to the selection* [*criteria*](#Criteria) *(at the bottom of the pro forma) and ensure that these* [*criteria*](#Criteria) *are clearly addressed within the project description.* |
| **How does the project benefit from an interdisciplinary approach (maximum 200 words):** |
| **Why this research team? (maximum 400 words):** *Please consider issues such as discipline, stage of career, expertise and diversity.* |
| **Does your project align with the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals?:** *If yes, please confirm which one(s).*  *Yes*  Add detail:  *No*  See: [the UN goals](file:///C:/Users/dqc4lc/Downloads/THE%2017%20GOALS%20|%20Sustainable%20Development%20(un.org)) |
| **Research culture and engagement: does your project have potential impact? Are there plans for engagement or collaboration with external partners/organisations? Who might benefit from the project’s research, and how might they benefit? (maximum 150 words):**  *Note there is not an expectation that your project will have potential impact, and this is not a criterion for project selection/award.* |

**SECTION 2. BUDGET**

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| **Project costs:**   |  | | --- | | *Project costs of up to £3500 can be requested but they must be fully justified. Costs might include funding for shorter visits of Visiting Scholars (travel and accommodation), funding for hosting conferences and workshops (travel and accommodation for key participants, catering).*  *Do* ***not*** *include costs for Fellowships. Projects can nominate two Fellows as part of the submission, but these are additional to the project costs.* | | **Total Research Costs:** | |
| **Other sources of funding to meet anticipated costs:** |

**SECTION THREE: REPORTING**

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| **Reporting:**  I/we agree to provide reports and acknowledgement of the IAS as described in the attached guidance notes.  **Principal Investigators Signatures:** |  |

**CHECKLIST FOR SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

* Nomination forms for related Fellowship nominations including two external references per nominated Fellow;
* Written confirmation from nominee(s) that they are able to take up a full fellowship in Durham to collaborate on the project at the relevant time and for the full duration of the fellowship;
* CVs for principal investigators.

**The completed project application, related nomination forms and supporting documentation should be forwarded to the Directors of Research of the Department(s)/School(s), so that they can complete the supporting statement below.**

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| **Name of PI:** |
| **Supporting Statement from the Department / School of:** |
| **Name of Director of Research:** |
| **Signature:** |

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**Both Director of Research signatures and statements are required. The Director of Research from one of the PIs’ departments should forward the completed forms and supporting documentation to** [ias.manager@durham.ac.uk](mailto:ias.manager@durham.ac.uk).

**The closing date for applications is midday (GMT) Thursday 21 March 2024.**

**Selection** **Criteria**

All projects will be scored against the following criteria. Please ensure that these criteria are fully addressed within the project description:

**Novelty and ambition**: to what extent does the project open new perspectives and create new inter-disciplinary synergies?

**Rigour:** to what extent does the project employ appropriate and state-of-the-art concepts and methods, and/or develop promising new ones?

**Clarity and quality of objectives**: how clear and realistic are the intended outcomes; what impact will there be on Durham University’s research capacity and international competitiveness; how well does it fit with University and Department research strategies?

**Quality of the proposed research team**: track record relative to career stage, including notable publications, awards, prizes and other esteem indicators, complementarity and suitability to the project objectives of team members’ expertise, evidence of interest in interdisciplinary perspectives; in the case of the PIs, evidence of intellectual leadership/leadership potential.