# IMPACT ACCELERATION ACCOUNT – Technology Fund

Please ensure that you have read the scheme [guidance](https://www.mpls.ox.ac.uk/internal-research-funding/impact-and-innovation-funding/iaa). The information that you provide should be written with clarity (for a non-specialist assessment panel), and not exceed the prescribed word counts.

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Case for support

*Please delete the italicised text in the boxes before submission.*

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| **Please outline the EPSRC-related research that underpins this project.** *(<250 words). If applicable, provide details of funder, scheme, and grant reference.* |
| **Funder:** |
| **Name of scheme** (if applicable)**:** |
| **Grant Reference:** |
| *A clear and concise description including:** *What was the underpinning research and how the underpinning research was funded (Other/UKRI)*
* *Explain briefly how the project relates to, and will deliver impact from Oxford’s underpinning* [*EPSRC research area(s*](https://www.epsrc.ac.uk/research/ourportfolio/researchareas/)*)*
* *Specific barriers to the application and/or utilisation of research that this project will address*
* *Please provide information on the current state of development, and use the table below to address the Intellectual Property (IP) position (is it being managed by Oxford University Innovation (OUI); is it patented; is it owned or jointly owned by another party, etc.)*
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| **The IP position:** *provide a brief outline of existing and expected IP.* |
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| Do you have any patents /IP in place or submitted that covers this work? | [ ] No. [ ] Yes. If applicable, provide brief details: |
| Do you anticipate that work proposed here will give rise to any intellectual property? | [ ] No. [ ] Yes [ ] MAY BE. If applicable, provide brief details: |
| Do any organisations other than Oxford, have any rights to the work being proposed here *(e.g. through commercial sponsorship, or grant funding)?* | [ ] No. [ ] Yes. If applicable, provide brief details: |
| Do you need to access background IP/patents, materials, data or other resources held by anyone else for this work (*e.g. using a technique/ discoveries patented by another group, or materials, data or equipment provided under an agreement)?* | [ ]  No. [ ]  Yes. If applicable, provide brief details:  |
| Have Oxford University Innovations been engaged in discussions around the proposed research?  | [ ]  No. [ ]  Yes. If applicable, please give brief details of Licensing and Ventures Manager engaged with project: |

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| **Please detail the objectives, expected outputs and milestones.***(<500 words)* |
| *This section should include:** *Clearly defined objectives*
* *Specific outputs that will make this project a success*
* *Around 4-5 clearly defined milestones with a short summary of what will be achieved at each stage*
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| **Please outline potential application areas for the underpinning research, and the impact the technology / knowledge may have beyond academia.***(<500 words)* |
| * *Why is the proposed project important?*
* *What problem is this project trying to address?*
* *What potential impact(s) will arise if this project is successful?*
* *Is this a platform technology with potential impact across multiple sectors?*
* *How will society or a sub-set of society benefit from this project? Could there be any negative impacts for different people (e.g. gender; age; ethnicity; disability; etc), if so how could negative impacts be avoided?*
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| **Why does this project have / not have a user partner(s)?***(<150 words)* |
| *Please explain the rationale for the choice of user partner:** *Why is the chosen partner(s) best suited for this project?*
* *Why is the partner not funding the project themselves?*
* *What will the partner be doing/contributing to the project?*
* *Is the partner an existing or prospective spinout? - there must be a strong and clear case that the proposed project is a new stream of work and not additional development of the initial technology that was licenced to the spinout. A clear statement of how conflict of interest will be managed must be included. Additional scrutiny will be given to IAA projects that involve University spinout companies.*

***OR****Please explain why user involvement is not appropriate at this stage****[[1]](#footnote-1)****:** *Why have you chosen not to work with a partner?*
* *Why will this project not benefit from guidance/advice from a partner?*

*IAA Technology Fund projects often benefit from engagement with external partners as this increases the chance of realising and/or creating impact. Partner engagement can vary from merely advisory to co-development of outputs, whichever is more beneficial for the project.* *Applicants should not refrain from working with external partners solely due to fears around protection of the IP; all the necessary contractual arrangements can and will be put in place to ensure that IP is appropriately protected. Please contact* [*Oxford University Innovation*](https://innovation.ox.ac.uk/) *or* [*Research Services*](https://researchsupport.admin.ox.ac.uk/) *to discuss.*  |
| **Consideration of a Responsible Innovation approach** *(~250-350 words)**Applicants should use EPSRC’s approach to develop* [*Responsible Innovation*](https://www.ukri.org/who-we-are/epsrc/our-policies-and-standards/framework-for-responsible-innovation/) *(RI) for this section* |
| *All applicants are required to consider EPSRC’s Anticipate, reflect, engage, act (AREA) framework here.** *What do you* ***'Anticipate****’ the impacts (intended or not) of your work might be?*
* *Do not seek to predict but rather support the exploration of possible impacts (such as economic, social and environmental) and implications that may otherwise remain uncovered and little discussed.* If you have explored these in the section above – please do not repeat here.
* *‘****Reflect****’ on the purposes of, motivations for and potential implications of the work, together with the associated uncertainties, unknown areas, assumptions, questions, dilemmas and social changes these may bring.*
* *How might you ‘****Engage****’ with others (non-academics), to open up such visions, impacts and questioning to broader discussion, dialogue, engagement and debate in an inclusive way.*
* *As a consequence, what could you do to ‘****Act****’ to use these processes to influence the direction and trajectory of the research and innovation process itself.*
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| **Follow-on work: please detail the** **next steps after completion of the IAA project.** *(<250 words)* |
| * *What steps will you take immediately after the conclusion of the IAA project? This may include transferring the IP to OUI for licencing, applying for Innovate UK funding, discussing direct funding from an external partner, or preparing to spin out a company.*
* *What is your strategy to take the results of the project beyond academic impact?*
* *If commercialisation route: have you contacted OUI? Are you thinking about licencing or spinning out? Are there potential industrial candidates to take up the technology/knowledge?*
* *If non-commercial route: how will you make sure that the project outcomes are taken up by the end users? How will you identify end users?*

*Please indicate if discussions have been held with* [*Oxford University Innovation*](https://innovation.ox.ac.uk/)*,* [*Innovation and Business Partnerships team (MPLS)*](https://www.mpls.ox.ac.uk/our-team/industry-links) */* [*Business Development team (MSD)*](https://www.medsci.ox.ac.uk/divisional-services/support-services-1/business-development) *or* [*Research Services*](https://researchsupport.admin.ox.ac.uk/)*, and if so, who your point of contact is.* |
| **Please explain why the EPSRC IAA is the most appropriate funding source for this project.** *(<150 words)* |
| * *Why is this project not research?*
* *Why can’t other sources of funding be used e.g. OUI Seed Funds, Innovate UK?*
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| **Justification of resources.** |
| *Please provide a full explanation and justification for all of the resources requested, addressing each cost line in turn.* |
| **Please provide reassurance that this project will start as planned** |
| * *How will you ensure the appointment/recruitment of staff for the project is timely, and that staff will be able to start work on the project as planned?*
* *Confirmation that all equipment required for the project is available for use.*
* *Confirmation that your partner is ready to start work on the project without delay.*
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| **Other Information** |
| **Declaration of Interests: *If applicable*** |
| Does the project require ethical review?  | Yes [ ]  No [ ]   | Approved CUREC number *If applicable* |  |       |
| **PREVIOUS SUPPORT IN THIS AREA** |
| **Have you submitted a related/similar funding application to an internal or external call (past/present)? If so please provide relevant information, e.g.** *title, funding outcome, funds awarded (/requested), Funding Scheme.* |
| **Title (**and duration of funding**):**  |
| **Funded (Y/N/in review):**  |
| **Funding Scheme:** |
| **Total funding awarded/requested:** |
| **Conflict(s) of interest.** |
| *Please fully detail any potential conflicts of interest for this proposal, and* ***what actions will be taken to manage them****.**If there are no conflicts of interest to declare, please make a nil return.**The University’s conflict of policy and further information can be accessed at:* [*http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/researchsupport/integrity/conflict/policy/*](http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/researchsupport/integrity/conflict/policy/) |
| All projects supported by this funding must adhere to the University’s [Code of Practice and Procedure for Academic Integrity in Research](https://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/personnel/cops/researchintegrity/), and comply with appropriate legal and regulatory requirements. If any form of licence is needed (e.g. Home Office, Intellectual Property, Radiation Protection) these must be in place before the project commences. **Please check this box to confirm that you have read and agree to these terms.** [ ]  |

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1. if no users are involved, you **must** contact the IAA before submitting your application. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)