

## Technology Fund Reviewing Guide

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IAA Technology Fund grants enable early-stage development of technologies to the point where they are suitable for venture capital funding, or the transfer of knowledge whose take-up will provide benefits to users but not generate a financial return to Oxford University. Previous research does not need to have been fully funded by the EPSRC, but must align with EPSRC research areas.

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### Technology Fund Award Types

#### **Technology Development Grants**

These grants enable research outputs to be developed to a point from which they can be taken forward by the existing mechanisms of Oxford University Innovation or other means. The types of activity we expect to support include, proof of concept studies, prototyping or demonstrators, scale-up testing and development work or generation of additional data to demonstrate the credibility of a technology. To be eligible for support, projects must have the potential to de-risk the technology and advance it closer to market readiness or commercial investment.

#### **Impact Delivery Grants**

Not all research impacts can also generate a direct financial return to the University through commercialisation of IP. Impact delivery grants support activities designed to transfer or apply research outcomes outside the University. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Development of technology where the patent is held by a third party (e.g. previous industrial partner) and so cannot be exploited by anyone else.
- Technology or software that may produce financial and commercial benefits to a user company, but is not suited to commercial licensing by the University to the company.
- Technology developments with impact primarily on public policy or society.

### Review Process

1. Please read through the applications and score each project (0 = low quality, 10 = high quality).
2. Email your completed score sheet to [elizabeth.peachey@mpls.ox.ac.uk](mailto:elizabeth.peachey@mpls.ox.ac.uk) by xxxx.
3. At the review meeting the scores will be used as a basis to discuss each application and make decisions on which proposals to support.

### Qualifying Questions

Please consider the below questions on whether the project fits with the IAA scheme. To qualify for support the answer should be 'no' for all questions.

1. Is the project within the remit of the University Seed Funds? (Development Grants only)
2. Is the project 'further research,' or the end result a tool exclusively for use in further academic research?
3. Is the project asking the IAA to subsidise commercial R&D?

### Quality Questions

Please consider the below to help you judge the quality of the proposal.

1. What is the potential size of the impact?
2. How much risk is involved in the project? *High risk is not necessarily a negative if the potential impact is large*
3. Timescale to impact – will this project reduce the lead time to impact?
4. Likelihood of impact
5. Is there a clear plan to achieve the project aims?
6. Does the project offer good value? *Impact per £*