ESRC Impact Acceleration Account
Funding Schemes
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Pathways to Impact

Academic Impacts
- Enhancing the knowledge economy
- Training highly skilled researchers
- Improving teaching and learning
- Improving health and well-being
- Wealth creation, economic prosperity and regeneration
- Enhancing the research capacity, knowledge and skills of public, private and third sector organisations
- Changing organisational culture and practices
- Worldwide academic advancement
- Innovative methodologies, equipment, techniques, technologies and cross-disciplinary approaches
- Contributing towards the health of academic disciplines

Economic and Societal Impacts
- Attracting R&D investment
- Improving social welfare, social cohesion and/or national security
- Commercialisation and exploitation
- Enhancing cultural enrichment and quality of life
- Environmental sustainability, protection and impact
- Evidence based policy-making and influencing public policies
- Increasing public engagement with research and related societal issues

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What are ESRC IAAs?

• Grants made to Universities to fund knowledge exchange (KE) and impact activities to enable academics to maximise the impact of social science research

• The funding is **not** restricted to researchers previously funded, as long as social sciences research

• Partnership Newcastle University - Durham University on our ESRC IAAs

• It is for our whole community
ESRC IAA Funding Schemes

1. Newcastle ESRC Impact Accelerator Fund
2. North East ESRC Societal & Economic Impact Accelerator Fund (in collaboration with Durham University)
3. KE Secondments Programme
4. Co-Production Fund
5. ‘Open Chair’ Scheme
Newcastle ESRC Impact Accelerator Fund

• Responsive, flexible funding scheme

• Three strands of support:
  – External engagement funding
    • supporting events and activities with an external engagement and/or KE focus
  – KE networking funding
    • supporting the building or development of KE networks
  – Impact funding
    • supporting the generation and maximisation of impact from social science research
Newcastle ESRC Impact Accelerator Fund

• ~£75,000 per annum across all three strands
  – Four calls per year
  – Expect to fund approx. 20 awards per annum
  – Range of £1,000 to £10,000 per award
  – Fund will cover directly incurred costs:
    • e.g. reasonable travel, accommodation and subsistence costs; equipment; salaries (in some cases)

• Co-funding (cash or in-kind) from external partners seen as a plus
North East ESRC Societal & Economic Impact Accelerator Fund

• Similar to the Newcastle ESRC Impact Accelerator Fund, but involving collaboration between Newcastle and Durham researchers
• Further details to be announced at a later date
KE Secondments Programme

- From the community to the University
  - Visiting Fellows / ‘Professors of Practice’ coming into the University
  - Up to one year
  - Salary costs to be met by the external organisation

- From the University to the community
  - Newcastle University social scientists working in external organisations
  - ~2-4 months
  - Salary costs to be met by Newcastle University
KE Secondments Programme

• ~£15,000 per annum (plus equivalent in outgoing Newcastle staff salaries)
  – Annual call
  – Expect to fund 2 inward and 2 outward secondments per year
  – Fund will cover directly incurred costs
Co-Production Fund

• Responsive scheme to fund pilot projects based on the co-production of knowledge with external partners
  • ~£20,000 per annum
    – Annual call
    – Expect to fund 2 pilot projects per year
• Co-funding (cash or in-kind) from external partners seen as a plus
‘Open Chair’ Scheme

• The Open Chair role allows a consortium of academics, NGOs, community groups, and other professionals, to work together to undertake research on a theme determined by the entire consortium.

• This theme must:
  – address or reflect a pressing social need
  – aim to deliver transformative action to address that need
‘Open Chair’ Scheme

• ~£10,000 per annum (plus £5,000 from the Newcastle Institute for Social Renewal)
  – One Open Chair per year, typically funded for one year

• Co-funding (also in-kind) a plus