Newcastle University ESRC Impact Acceleration Account Advisory Group Membership

Newcastle University is looking to appoint representatives from the North East’s Public, Private or Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sectors to its ESRC Impact Acceleration Account (IAA) Advisory Group.

The ESRC IAA is a block grant of £1.25M (2023-2028) from the Economic and Social Research Council, the UK’s largest funder of economic, social, behavioural, and human data science.

The overarching aim for Newcastle University’s ESRC IAA is to mobilise our social science researchers, working in equal collaboration with our partners in a broad range of sectors, to determine and drive future solutions to economic and societal challenges on the local, national, and global scale.

Members will work alongside the University Co-Chair, Professor Alex Hughes, and a Partner Co-Chair (currently being recruited), with support from the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Research and Innovation Team. They will initially serve a 1-year term beginning November 2023 (with the opportunity to extend their membership) and receive an annual payment of £300.

In addition to the advisory group’s responsibilities detailed in the Terms of Reference (see below), members will be expected to attend the following meetings: **Advisory Group Meetings will be held three times per year, with additional meetings to make funding decisions (it is anticipated that each member will join one per year).** All meetings will be hybrid (in person and via Zoom), will last around 90 minutes and will run during the academic year (September to June).

**How to express your interest:**
To apply for Advisory Group membership, please write 500 words answering the following questions and email to: esrciaa@newcastle.ac.uk (please use ‘Advisory Group Membership’ within the email subject):

- Why would you like to be appointed and what would you bring to the role?
- What would it mean to your organisation and/or to your sector?

Following the deadline, a small working group (led by our Co-Chairs and made up of colleagues from our ESRC IAA Management Group) will consider all submissions.

The University can offer a statement of support for those interested in the role who may need to seek approval from their organisation to express their interest. If there is any other way we can help with seeking approval, and/or you have any other questions, please email: esrciaa@newcastle.ac.uk.

**Closing Date: 5pm on Friday 13 October 2023**

Newcastle University are committed to being a fully inclusive university which actively recruits, supports and retains colleagues from all sectors of society. We value diversity as well as celebrate, support and thrive on the contributions of all of our colleagues and the communities they represent. We encourage applications from individuals who complement our existing teams. At Newcastle University we hold a silver Athena Swan award in recognition of our good employment practices for the advancement of gender equality. We also hold a Race Equality Charter Bronze award in recognition of our work towards tackling race inequality in higher education.
Terms of Reference

(a) To steer the University’s ESRC IAA strategy, as outlined in our business plan to the ESRC.

(b) To support the aims of the Newcastle ESRC IAA, which are:
   a. To enable our social scientists to deliver high quality impact by enhancing their capacity in terms of knowledge, skills, relationships, and by releasing time for their work.
   b. To strengthen and ensure the sustainability of partnerships between our social science researchers and the communities and users with whom they work, including regional and global VCSEs and business, and local and national government and agencies.
   c. To catalyse innovative projects that allow all members of our social science community (both researchers and partners) to work in partnership to deliver inclusive and sustainable social and economic growth, regionally, nationally and globally.
   d. To contribute to an inclusive equitable impact culture in which all members of our social science community are encouraged and able to develop impact from their research and partnerships, regardless of demographics, career stage or subject area.
   e. To advance Newcastle University’s commitment to social justice by ensuring our social science research is brought to bear on contemporary challenges, nationally and globally, and particularly in the North East of England – including (but not limited to) mental and physical health and wellbeing particular among older populations, poverty and housing, environmental justice, race and displacement, schooling and children’s rights, an inclusive economy, and safer and healthier environments.

(c) To oversee the operation of the Newcastle University ESRC IAA, including the approval of funding decisions (made openly and transparently by a delegated sub-group of the ESRC IAA Advisory Group).

(d) To provide input to the ESRC IAA Capacity Building Programme which is an important vehicle for developing the impact knowledge, skills and ambition of our researchers and partners.

(e) To implement smaller working groups to develop specific work packages to be reviewed and agreed by the Advisory Group.

(f) To communicate activities, events, outcomes and good practice within units, faculties, organisations, sectors (as appropriate).

(g) To review Advisory Group terms and membership annually.