

## **HSS impact funds: Call for Applications**

The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences has created two funds for developing research impact, in particular to support potential REF case studies. The two funds - Support for Capturing Impact and Strategic Impact Awards - are open to all Schools and Departments within the Faculty. Details of the purpose of each fund and how to apply are set out below.

If you have any queries about applying for either fund, please contact Tessa Wright, Deputy Dean for Research Impact, [t.wright@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:t.wright@qmul.ac.uk)

The deadline for receipt of applications for funding in the first round for both funds is **13 September 2017**. Further calls for applications will be made during the year (see dates below).

### **Support for Capturing Impact**

#### *Purpose of the fund*

This fund has been established to enable Schools in HSS to enhance their capacity to capture research impact activity. It will support a range of activities that aid the demonstration of impact from research already carried out that may have the potential to be developed into a REF impact case study. The fund provides an additional investment of £25k in the Faculty research support budget annually.

Examples of uses of this fund include: paying for assistance to collate audience responses to a public or practitioner exhibition, programme, or event that disseminates an academic's research; collecting other forms of evidence (such as broadcast figures, dissemination publication distribution figures, etc.) that underpin the impact of research; or eliciting statements of evidence from beneficiaries or users of QMUL research in HSS. This is not a definitive list and applicants are encouraged to be imaginative in the activities that they put forward for support. The fund is not able to support applications for funding for teaching (or other) buyout to give academic staff more time to undertake impact activities. It is expected that workload and resource issues are addressed within Schools and Departments.

Potential applicants to this fund must discuss all impact funding options with the impact lead or Director of Research in their School/Department before applying. Approval from the impact lead/Director of Research is required at the time of application.

#### *Application timetable and process*

Requests for funding can range from £200 to £2,000. Proposals will be considered quarterly by a panel. In addition, requests for amounts up to £500 can be made at any time, with a decision normally expected within two weeks.

Requests for amounts between £500 and £2,000 will be considered every three months by a panel. The application deadlines for 2017-18 are:

**13 September**  
**7 December**  
**22 March**  
**1 June**

A decision will normally be made and applicants informed within a month of the application deadline.

All applications should be made by completing [this form](#) and emailing it to Sofia Cusano, Faculty Administrative Manager [s.cusano@qmul.ac.uk].

#### *Awarding criteria*

Requests for amounts of up to £500 will be considered by the Deputy Dean for Research Impact and the Dean for Research. Decisions will be notified within two weeks.

Requests for amounts between £500 and £2,000 will be considered every three months by a panel. Judgements about whether to fund applications will be based upon:

- Whether the activity/ies is judged to provide strong evidence showing the impact of research, which must be based on research outputs considered to be of high quality;
- The feasibility and timescale of the proposed activity/ies;
- The costings provided and value for money;
- The amount of money already awarded from this fund to the School/Department or an individual or group of researchers within the current and previous financial year.

#### *Post-award reporting requirements*

A short report on how the funds were used and what was achieved will be requested around two months after the expected activity. These reports will be used for assessing the effectiveness of the funding stream.

### **Strategic Impact Awards**

#### *Purpose of fund*

This fund has been established to provide pump-priming investment for the development of new research impact activities which are of a clear strategic nature. Projects could be either disciplinary-focused or inter-/multi-disciplinary and must demonstrate a clear pathway to research impact and have the potential to lead to future applications for external funding. The fund provides an additional investment of £25k in the Faculty research support budget annually.

Examples of uses of this fund could include: organising an event to introduce the research findings to potential users or non-academic research beneficiaries; producing a tailored, non-academic publication summarising the results of a piece of research; or producing the research results in alternative formats, such as film, website etc. However, this is not a definitive list and applicants are encouraged to be imaginative in the activities that they put forward for support.

Potential applicants to this fund must discuss all impact funding options with the impact lead or Director of Research in their School/Department before applying. Approval from the impact lead/Director of Research is required at time of application.

#### *Application timetable and process*

Requests for funding of up to £3,000 can be made. Proposals will be considered twice a year by a panel. The application deadlines for 2017-18 are:

**13 September 2017**

**22 March 2018**

A decision will normally be made and applicants informed within a month of the application deadline.

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### *Awarding criteria*

Requests will be considered twice a year by a panel. Judgements about whether to fund applications will be based upon:

- Whether the activity is judged to have the potential to develop new impact, based on existing or ongoing research, which links to the School's strategic plans for research impact;
- The potential of the activity to contribute to future applications for external funding, such as developing pathways to impact statements;
- The feasibility and timescale of the proposed activity/ies;
- The costings provided and value for money;
- The amount of money already awarded from this fund to the School/Department or an individual or group of researchers within the current and previous financial year.

### *Post-award reporting requirements*

A short report on how the funds were used and what was achieved will be requested around two months after the expected activity. These reports will be used for assessing the effectiveness of the funding stream.