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| **research institute fund: interdisciplinary research and innovation in response to the covid-19 pandemic** **2020 - 21** **Project Application Form** |

This funding scheme has been established as a flexible response to the Covid-19 (C19) pandemic, and is intended to support the development of research and innovation projects which respond directly to C19 at either local, national or international levels. There are many ways in which research and innovation activity can help with, or learn from, the current crisis and for this reason it is anticipated that the fund will support a broad range of activities. These might include (but not exclusively):

* responding to a need identified by a partner for research support or product development directly associated with the C19 pandemic
* developing collaborations with other HEIs, to strengthen capacity for R&I C19 responses
* research which seeks to understand the social, economic and cultural impacts of C-19 for individuals, communities and organisations
* research which explores the impacts of C19 on global health and resources (although there will be many negative impacts, this could also include 'positive' impacts such as reduced emissions, improved understanding of immunity, or changed attitudes to vaccination)
* research and innovation which addresses shifts in societal norms through, for instance, developing new platforms or methods of engagement
* activities which facilitate knowledge exchange in relation to C19.

The administration of the fund through the Research Institutes is also intended to facilitate new interdisciplinary approaches which build on SHU's R&I strengths. Applicants are therefore asked to demonstrate how proposals meet at least one of the following criteria

* a focus on interdisciplinary working: projects which look beyond disciplinary boundaries to develop new perspectives on C19
* strengthening partnerships and external engagement: through proactive collaboration with industry, civil society or the public sector and/or other HEIs
* developing future funding opportunities: projects which will lead to an application for a significant R&I funding opportunity.

Applicants are also strongly encouraged to consider whether this flexible fund can be used alongside other CK funding opportunities (eg Clusters, DIRIFO and Impact Fellowships) to develop larger collaborative responses to C19.

This is an open call and applications can be made throughout 2020/21. **Completed application forms should be returned to '! Creating Knowledge' (****creatingknowledge@shu.ac.uk****)**

**Applicants will be informed of their proposal's outcome within four weeks.**

The principal investigator should discuss their plans with the appropriate Research Institute Director or ADRI prior to submission.

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| **Name of Proposal Lead (PI)** |  |
| **Research Centre / Research Institute / Department of PI** |  |
| **List any Co-Investigators along with their Dept/Research Institute affiliation**  |  |
| **Names of External Collaborators/Partners** *(add additional lines if required)* |  |
| **Duration (start and end date)** |  |
| **Opportunity addressed** |  |
| **Funding requested** | £ |
| **Title of application** |  |
| **Summary of the proposal (500 words maximum).** Provide brief details of the request including a description of how you will utilise funds to develop interdisciplinary and collaborative responses to C19. We are particularly interested in proposals based on innovative ways of working that could inform best practice across the Research and Innovation community. Applications should include details of groups or individuals involved, an explanation of why you have decided to collaborate with the individual(s) or groups described, and how this collaboration relates to your current research activity.  |
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| **Describe any funding opportunity(ies) or grant submission(s) the planned collaboration will achieve, including an indication of the timescale associated with each outcome. (500 words maximum).** |
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| **Estimate of Costs (including any matching support, which must be approved by ADRI, Research Centre/Institute Director, Head of Department or equivalent)**Budgets are expected to be typically up to £2,000. Larger projects will be considered, along with the opportunity to combine with other funding sources (including other SHU CK schemes). Please discuss with your ADRI prior to submission.No directly allocated salary costs can be paid for by this fund. **Proposals demonstrating partner or College contributions will be prioritised** **Projects to be financially complete by 31 July 2021** |

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| **Provide a breakdown of the requested costs** |  |
| **Item** | **Description**  | **Proposed Date of Expenditure**  | **Costs £** |
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| **Total Requested** |  |  | £ |

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| Contribution from Centre/Dept/College/Other |  | £ |