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**Collaboration with the University of Bristol**  
Creating impact through social science



# Impact through collaboration charities, businesses and public-sector partners working with social science researchers



## Introduction

The Economic and Social Research Council has awarded the University of Bristol an Impact Acceleration Account of £850,000 to develop collaborations between our social scientists and external partners from 2014-18. These funds will help us to use our research to create benefits for partner organisations and society more widely.

Partnerships can work together to develop new services, products and professional practice. We will use the Impact Acceleration Account to support projects that create tangible benefits for our partners and impact upon clients, customers or wider stakeholders.

We aim to develop new partnerships, enhance existing ones, and help academic researchers realise their ambitions for collaboration and impact.

This leaflet describes the funds available and how they can be used. Whether you are a small, medium or large-scale organisation, whether you are a Professor or an early career researcher, we want to hear from you and to discuss your idea.

*“The University of Bristol’s social scientists embody a vibrant community of world-class expertise. The ESRC Impact Acceleration Account gives us new opportunities to form partnerships that address some of the challenges affecting the UK and global society today.”*

*Professor Wendy Lerner,  
Chair of Delivery  
Board*

## Collaboration opportunities

Projects are usually designed by the social science researchers and partner organisations together.

- **Impact Travel Awards** of £100 - £300 enable visits to stakeholders to explore impact opportunities and contextualise research findings
- **Exploratory Impact Awards** of up to £3,000 help take a first step towards impact e.g. by working with stakeholder networks, adapting research results, or testing impact ideas with potential collaborators.
- **Impact Projects** of £5,000 - £20,000 allow partner organisations and researchers to work on any activity that leads to impacts from University of Bristol social science research.
- **Knowledge Exchange Secondments** of £5,000 - £20,000 enable the movement of people between organisations: full-time or part-time, into or out of the University, for all researchers, academics and staff in charities, the public sector or business.

## Other ways to work with us

- PolicyBristol brings together policy-relevant research to make it more accessible outside the academic community [bristol.ac.uk/policybristol](http://bristol.ac.uk/policybristol)
- Collaborative doctorates with the SW Doctoral Training Centre [bristol.ac.uk/fssl/swdtdc](http://bristol.ac.uk/fssl/swdtdc)
- Student internships and projects
- Consultancy and contract research
- Licensing technology and software
- Creating new businesses and social enterprises
- Knowledge Transfer Partnerships (KTPs)
- Collaborative research via InnovateUK, H2020 and Research Council awards
- Collaboration through commissions from Government Departments, public sector agencies, Trusts and Foundations

*“Our project will enable direct impacts on the governance of Bristol, on policy-making in the city, and on national policy for city regional governance.”*

*Dr David Sweeting,  
School for Policy  
Studies*





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**Impact Acceleration  
Account awards**

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esrc-iaa/esrciaaawards.html](https://bristol.ac.uk/red/industry/esrc-iaa/esrciaaawards.html)

and case studies

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research/case-studies/](https://bristol.ac.uk/fssl/research/case-studies/)

## Getting in touch

If you have an idea or project that could benefit from the Impact Acceleration Account or other collaboration opportunities then please get in touch with Research and Enterprise Development. Whatever the scale of your organisation or your research, our academics and support professionals have the expertise and experience to develop your work.

## To find out more

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