



## ESRC Impact Acceleration Account

### Assessment Criteria

Applications to the Impact Acceleration Account are assessed by [LSSI's IAA Review Team](#). The assessment criteria used to assess each application:

#### **Criteria 1: Overall proposal quality**

Is the underpinning research on which the proposal builds clearly defined and of the appropriate standard i.e. is it academically rigorous in terms of its methodology, reach and significance?

Is it clear what 'problem' this proposal hopes to address and how this will be achieved?

Is this clear knowledge exchange activity, where the collaborators are working together on generating impact from University of Leeds research?

#### **Criteria 2: Work plan/Resource**

Are the proposed activities deliverable within the timespan defined?

Are there clear and SMART objectives for the proposed activity? (SMART: specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and time-bound)

Have the resources requested been fully justified and are these in line with the proposed work-plan?

#### **Criteria 3: Outcomes and Impact**

Can the project result in impact that can deliver significant economic, environmental and/or societal benefits?

Are there appropriate plans in place to record and evaluate impact generated within the project lifespan?

How transformative could this IAA funding be in terms of PIs growing capacity in impact generation, and career progression?

Does the proposal align with the University's [Research Culture Statement](#) and the development of a supportive, inclusive and collaborative research culture, for example, embedding 'equality, diversity and inclusion' (covering, but not limited to, early career researcher development, support of under-represented groups and the facilitation of flexible circumstances) and 'responsible research and innovation' considerations?

#### **Criteria 4: Follow-on plans**

Are the follow-on plans developed and detailed beyond the period of funding and will these progress the broader project towards future impact?

Is there a plan for further engagement/collaboration between partners, in any form, after the duration of the proposal?

Is there potential for the proposed activity to lead to the development of a sustainable relationship with an external organisation?