

## **GUIDANCE FOR TIGER TEAM CALL 2019**

The Leicester Institute for Advanced Studies (LIAS) is dedicated to creating a collaborative and inspiring research environment, bringing together researchers from across disciplines to deliver ambitious and transformative research. Through our funded tiger teams, we aim to break down the silos that have traditionally been a feature of higher education research, enabling academics to explore challenging and innovative ideas, and to stimulate increased ambition.

The term “tiger team” is used to describe groups of specialists, coming together to work on a focused task over a short duration. The LIAS tiger team scheme is intended to support new collaborations across disciplines, focused on a well-specified topic, to enable the advancement of research. A tiger team could bring individuals together to:

- Critically challenge incumbent theories and approaches to advance research understandings or methods
- Explore interdisciplinary ideas to address empirical problems with no currently adequate theory or investigative methodology
- Explore potential of new collaboration through bringing new teams of interdisciplinary researchers together for the first time
- Facilitate initial project planning and development for new teams wishing to pursue collaborative research outputs and outcomes
- Carry out preliminary or pilot research and analysis for cutting-edge interdisciplinary research ideas

A tiger team can apply for up to £5,000 for up to six months with no renewal.

Applications can be centred on any interdisciplinary research challenge. Successful bids will span more than one field and demonstrate a pathway to potential outputs. These include, but are not restricted to:

- Grant applications
- Publications
- Submissions to the LIAS Working Paper Series
- Multimedia outputs for use in developing or communicating research
- New areas of scholarship

The scheme is not intended to fund standalone events that are not part of the research development process. Ineligible activities include:

- Funding for PhD studentships
- External conference attendance and travel
- Salary costs of substantive staff members
- Supporting existing collaborations or already well-established research teams/projects

In addition, if your proposed work falls clearly in the remit of one of the other University of Leicester research Institutes, applicants should seek to engage with the appropriate Institute and its mechanisms rather than LIAS.

## **The Application**

Proposals are invited using the application form in Annex A of this call.

Proposals are strongly advised to consider:

- Potential contributions from other UoL and external investments such as the Innovation Hub, Doctoral College, the Research and Enterprise Division, the BRC, the Wellcome Trust ISSF, Prospects and Proof-of-Concept scheme leads.
- Appropriate administrative and event management support for the duration of the funding

If you would like to discuss an application with a member of the LIAS team, please email [lias@le.ac.uk](mailto:lias@le.ac.uk) to book a conversation.

The lead applicant must seek approval from their Research Lead/Director and Head of Department before the application is submitted and all co-applicants should agree their participation. Completed application forms (Annex A) should be sent by the lead applicant to [LIAS@le.ac.uk](mailto:LIAS@le.ac.uk) **no later than 5pm on 15 July 2019.**

All applications will be considered by a panel late in the summer, with the intention of the new tiger team cohort starting in September 2019.