



## BBSRC IAA Conditions – 2020 Funding Allocation

Existing BBSRC IAAs have been offered an additional 12 months of funding, from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022. These funds will be added as a new funding stream to the original awards, using the same grant references. Should the IAA RO accept the additional funding allocation, the following conditions will apply, in addition to the conditions of the original IAA awards (Annex 1) and the standard conditions for UKRI research grants.

### Additional Conditions

#### In relation to RGC 4.4 – Transfers of funds

- This additional 12 months of funding is ring-fenced for use on new projects. It must not be used to provide costed extensions to existing projects supported through the IAA.

#### Reporting

- IAAs must capture where this funding has been used to support Covid-19 focused work. Using standard reporting procedures already specified in the IAA conditions and guidance, please also include “Covid-19” in the title of any project addressing the current pandemic disease. This applies to both BBSRC reporting forms and the current nominated online system for reporting researchfish®.

#### FAQ

An FAQ document has been provided on the IAA website to help explain how the 2020 IAA funding allocation can and should be used.

<https://bbsrc.ukri.org/innovation/maximising-impact/impact-acceleration-accounts-iaas/>

#### Contact

If you have any questions or feedback about these conditions, please email James Sundquist at [impact.awards@bbsrc.ukri.org](mailto:impact.awards@bbsrc.ukri.org).

## BBSRC Impact Acceleration Account (IAA 2017)



### Award Conditions

***Except where specified below, RCUK Research Grant Terms and Conditions apply.***

<http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/documents/documents/TermsandConditionsofResearchCouncilfECGrants-pdf/>

#### Payment of award

The award will be administered as a standard grant.

#### Use of funds

The awarded organisation must ensure funds are expended in accordance with the scope of the IAA and as described in the Business Plan. The awarded organisation is responsible for the management of the IAA and the accountability of funds provided.

Any member of staff that you may want to employ on a project funded from this grant needs to be available to start during the duration of the grant. No extensions or delays to the grant for any reason including delays in recruitment will be accommodated. The grant must end and funds must be spent by 31st March 2021.

To build on BBSRC investments and co-funded investments, all IAA funded projects must link to a previously-funded BBSRC grant.

Specifically, IAAs may be used to support the following:

- To fund both directly incurred and directly allocated costs. Consequently Investigator and staff time can be charged to individual projects as required. Direct costs, including Travel and Subsistence, may be claimed at 100%.
- Up to £5k per annum can be used to contribute to the administration of the grant.

IAAs cannot be used to support:

- Patent filing or similar costs associated directly to registering intellectual property rights;
- Non-specific Public Engagement activities and science communication (specific activities designed to have specific impact upon a specific public may be acceptable);
- New research;
- Infrastructure and Capital Expenditure, i.e. no single items of equipment above the £10k threshold are permitted;
- Indirect or estate costs at the research organisation;
- Undergraduate activities, core PhD training, masters degrees;
- Funding for generic staff posts not directly related to IAA-funded projects, i.e. an IAA cannot support a general "Impact Officer" position, but can buy staff time on projects;
- Other costs not allowed in the BBSRC/RCUK Standard Research Grant T&Cs.

#### Annual Monitoring and Reporting requirements

The Grant Holder must produce a short annual report in accordance with guidance issued by BBSRC. Delivery of this report must be coordinated by the grant holding institution and BBSRC. Annual reports will be due on a date agreed with other Research Councils and communicated well in advance.

It will be appropriate that many outcomes and impacts from IAAs will be reported in Researchfish® against both the IAA grant and the Research Council grant to which they

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relate. The use of IAA funds must be clearly identified in the 'Further Funding' section using the grant reference for the IAA award.

The Grant Holder will be required to provide a narrative final report, in addition to the requirements in RGC 15, in a format specified by BBSRC at the end of the grant. BBSRC reserves the right to instigate a review of the grant after it has finished.

BBSRC is working with other councils to align IAA and IAA-like funding where possible, and as such there may be minor revisions to monitoring going forward.

### Eligibility for Future Grant Funding

Award of an IAA grant does not confer eligibility for standard research grants or qualify grant holders or Co-Investigators for further BBSRC funding, e.g. in schemes where eligibility is linked to previous grant funding.

### Start Date of the Grant

Notwithstanding RGC4, the grant will have a fixed start date, which is the announced start date. No slippage to this date will be allowed.

### Fixed Duration of the grant

Notwithstanding RGC 7, this grant has a fixed duration of 36 months. No extensions to this duration will be allowed under any circumstances.

### Transfer of a Grant to another Research Organisation

Notwithstanding RGC12 this award cannot be transferred to an alternative institution. If the Grant Holder moves institution or resigns the Research Organisation must nominate an alternative Grant Holder for BBSRC's approval.

### IAA Networking Meetings

All Grant Holders may be required to attend networking events, organised by BBSRC, to share experiences and learn from one another.