Higher Education Innovation Fund (HEIF)

Social Sciences Knowledge Exchange Fellowships
Business and Industry – up to £25K

Call for Expressions of Interest - Deadline: 20 July 2018, 5pm

Applications are welcomed from University of Oxford social sciences researchers.

Introduction
Expressions of Interest are sought over the summer for a new knowledge exchange scheme to support the development of mutually beneficial partnerships, with Business and Industry.

The aim of the pilot is develop our understanding of how best to work with Business and Industry and advance the application of our innovative social sciences research to address key industrial challenges.

The funding can either be used to enable researchers to spend time in a business or industry setting or to support two way mutual exchange.

Fellowship proposals could take several forms, including (but not limited to):

- developing a new partnership with business or industry
- growing existing business and industry relationships into a more established partnership
- brokering connections and relationships between industry and academia
- co-designing projects that answer business problems or developing collaborative research bids
- understanding industry needs and identifying interesting social science questions
- exploring possibilities for collaboration with the KTN, industry catapults or industry consortia bodies

External partners could include: Private sector organisations; Small and medium enterprises (SMEs); Social enterprises; Industry Bodies, catalysts, or other industrial network organisations.

Funding
There is a total of £100K available for this scheme.

- The maximum amount per Fellowship award is £25K.
- Funding can be spent between 01 October 2018 and 31 July 2019. No extensions will be possible.
- This funding is not for primary research.

How to apply
Please complete the relevant Expression of Interest (EOI) application form and return this via your departmental research support officer/facilitator or departmental administrator to impact@socsci.ox.ac.uk by 5pm, 20 July 2018.

After an initial review, eligible EOI’s will be invited to submit full-stage applications, which will be due in September 2018 (exact timing TBC).

Support
If you would like support with your EOI, or to discuss business engagement or partnership opportunities more generally, please contact Esther Brown (Head of Business Engagement and Partnerships for Social Sciences and Humanities) – esther.brown@socsci.ox.ac.uk.

For queries about the application process, please contact impact@socsci.ox.ac.uk.