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UNICAS@Graduate School Inter-disciplinary Sandpit Programme Funding Application Form

## Closing date: 4 pm on Tuesday 20 February 2018

Application for financial support from the UNICAS@Graduate School sandpit programme requires:

1. **Completed application form**
2. **CV (maximum one side of A4) for each applicant**

Please email the completed application form and CVs to **ginny.birney@nottingham.ac.uk** by 4 pm on Tuesday 20 February 2018

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| **1A DETAILS OF PRINCIPAL APPLICANT\*** | | |
| **Name** |  | **Title** |
| **Position** | (If fixed term, also state contract end date) | |
| **School** |  | |
| **Cost Centre** |  | |
| **Email address** |  | |

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| **1B DETAILS OF SECOND APPLICANT\*** | | |
| **Name** |  | **Title** |
| **Position** | (If fixed term, also state contract end date) | |
| **School** |  | |
| **Email address** |  | |

**Please continue onto a separate sheet if there are more than two applicants.**

**\*Please note:**

* An application that exceeds the word limit in any section will not be considered.
* Principal and second applicants must be from different disciplines.
* The principal applicant is required to have attended the ‘sandpit’ and be either a postgraduate research student or member of research staff in job family R&T 4-5R i.e. not holding a permanent academic post.
* If successful, one project code will be set up. **Please advise the cost centre for this above.** This cost centre should undertake the majority of the purchases.
* All projects will run 1st April 2018 – 31st July 2018

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| **2 DETAILS OF PROPOSED PROJECT** | |
| **Length of project** |  |
| **Title of project** |  |
| *Summary (****maximum 500 words****) of the intended research, its aims and objectives. Applicants should highlight the interdisciplinary elements of the proposed research in line with the criteria described during the sandpit event. Please consider, when writing your application, that the judging panel will be from a variety of schools and disciplines.* | |

**Please continue onto a separate sheet if necessary, maximum word count of 500 words.**

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| **3 APPLICANTS’ PROFESSIONAL, RESEARCH AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT** |
| *Summary (****maximum 500 words****) explaining how the proposed research will contribute towards the professional, research and career development of the applicants. You may wish to refer to the following documents: The Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers (*[*https://www.vitae.ac.uk/policy/concordat-to-support-the-career-development-of-researchers*](https://www.vitae.ac.uk/policy/concordat-to-support-the-career-development-of-researchers)*) and the Researcher Development Framework (*[*http://www.vitae.ac.uk/rdf*](http://www.vitae.ac.uk/rdf)*).* |

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| **4 ANTICIPATED OUTPUTS** |
| *Summary (****maximum 250 words****) of the anticipated outputs of this project, e.g. publications, conference papers, grant and studentship applications. Applicants should also identify any outputs that will support the sustainability of the project’s activities.* |

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| **5 IMPACT SUMMARY** |
| *Summary* ***(maximum 500 words)*** *addressing the potential economic and societal impacts of the proposed research. (Applicants may find the guidance provided by RCUK helpful:* [*http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/ke/impacts/*](http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/ke/impacts/)*).* |

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| **6 RESOURCES: DETAILS AND JUSTIFICATION** | | |
| *Please provide a breakdown of the costs associated with your project. Any research staff costs must use the costs stated at* [*http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/hr/guidesandsupport/rewardpayandallowances/salaryscales/index.aspx*](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/hr/guidesandsupport/rewardpayandallowances/salaryscales/index.aspx)  *You must also provide a justification for the resources requested (you may find the EPSRC guidance helpful:* [*http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/funding/howtoapply/preparing/writing/jor/*](http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/funding/howtoapply/preparing/writing/jor/)*)* | **COST (£)** | |
| **Details of and justification for costs**  Below are some guidance notes/suggestions with regards to information to include when staff costs are to be incurred on your project:   * Are staff costs for a current member of staff? * If yes, are they paid from a research project, or school code, or other? * If paid by a research project, will this project ‘pause’ to allow the staff member to work on the UNICAS project, or will they run in parallel. * If a current member of staff, are they in the UK on a work visa? * If yes, is the staff member’s work restricted to a particular project? * If staff costs are not for a current member of staff, do you know who will be appointed? * If yes, what is their current status (e.g. unemployed, PhD student)? Do they require a work permit or does their current work permit allow them to take up this post? * If no, have you factored in recruitment time to your application? |  |  |
| **Total proposed cost (maximum £5,000)** | **£** | |

**Endorsement by academic supervisor/line manager**

Submit one endorsement for each applicant (please continue onto additional sheets if there are more than two applicants).

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| **7A STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FROM supervisor of applicant 1** | | |
| **Name of supervisor** |  | **Title** |
| **Position** |  | |
| **Institution** |  | |
| **School** |  | |
| **Email address** |  | |
| **Name of applicant 1** |  | |
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| *Please comment on the quality of the applicant* | | |
| *Please comment on how the project will contribute to the applicant’s career and professional development* | | |

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| **7B STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FROM supervisor of applicant 2** | | |
| **Name of supervisor** |  | **Title** |
| **Position** |  | |
| **Institution** |  | |
| **School** |  | |
| **Email address** |  | |
| **Name of applicant 2** |  | |
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| *Please comment on the quality of the applicant* | | |
| *Please comment on how the project will contribute to the applicant’s career and professional development* | | |

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| **8 Applicants’ Declaration** |
| In typing my name below, I confirm that the proposed research project is a new collaboration that has yet to receive funding either from external or internal sources.  I understand that if awarded a grant, I shall be required to write a brief report on the outcomes of the project, to provide a brief account of expenditure and to adhere to the expectations as set out in the Call for Applications.  **Name (Principal Applicant)**  **Name (Second Applicant)**  **Date** |

*The panel will judge and score the projects based on the below criteria. Please use this as a guide when writing your application.*

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| **9 Assessment criteria** | | |
| **Scoring criteria** | **Weighting** | **Explanation** |
| Scientific Excellence & Originality | 30/100 | Excellence and novelty of the science |
| Effective Collaboration | 35/100 | Specifically focussing on the professional development of the applicants |
| Novel use of research equipment | 15/100 |  |
| Value for money | 10/100 | What potential does this project have for generating pilot data to be used in support of a grant application |
| Research outputs | 10/100 | Likelihood and calibre of any research outputs, to include conference papers, publications, public/media engagement activities. |

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