

Aston Research Support Fund 2024/25

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* This form will record your name, please fill your name.

PI details



1. PI Employee ID Number *

2. ORCID (<https://orcid.org/>) *

3. Are you an Early Career Researcher? *

An Early Career Researcher is defined as:

- within eight years of their PhD award (this is from the time of the PhD 'viva' oral test), or equivalent professional training
- within six years of their first academic appointment (the first full or part time paid employment contract that lists research or teaching as the primary function).

Yes

No

4. College *

BSS

EPS

HLS

5. Have you previously received internal research funding (Pump Priming, Bridging Fund, Returning Researcher Fund etc) *

Yes

No

6. If yes, please provide details (including year, Job-Code, deliverables and outcomes)

Aston Research Support Funds

7. What are you applying for *

- Research Pump Priming
- Bridging Funding
- Returning Researcher Support

Aston Research Pump Priming

8. Which Research England thematic area(s) does your project align with? (please select as many as are relevant)

For more detail see the guidance web-page *

- Excellence in research
- Research with Business or Industry
- Enhancing Research Culture
- Participatory Research
- International Collaboration
- Grant Writing Support

9. Please provide details of additional team members.

Full Name (Employee ID);

10. Activity details. Please provide a detailed description of your planned project *

- Does your project fit the Research England criteria included in the guidance webpage?
- How does your project align with the University and College Strategic Priorities?
- Who are your project partners or collaborators
- What are the planned outcomes of your project (eg funding calls targeted, specific targeted publications etc)?
- Who are the beneficiaries of the outcomes of your project?

(Maximum 500 words)

11. Timeline *

- What you will do and by when?
- Please account for engagement with University processes; Recruitment, Ethics, Procurement, Digital Services (System Owners Group in the case of high value Digital Procurement)
- What is the timeline for your expected outcomes (both during the funding period and beyond)?

Reminder: all planned funded activities (including receipt of equipment) must take place before 31st July 2024, and all funding sought must be spent by that date. (Maximum 500 words)

12. Current research and funding profile *

Will this funding:

- Develop and initiate new activities?
- Increase the scale of unproven or pilot activities?
- Increase the scale of already proven activities?
- Approximately equal allocation to new and upscale activities?

(Maximum 300 words)

13. Please upload any figures / tables etc. as PDFs here.

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Justification of Resources

14. Please provide details of the funding that you are requesting and provide a rationale for the costs for which funding is being sought. This fund will cover direct costs for example, teaching buy back, short-term researcher posts, minor equipment, consumables, and travel. When costing any travel, accommodation and subsistence costs, please refer to Aston's Expenses Guidance and if applying for postdoctoral time (up to 12 weeks, or part-time equivalent) please refer to the University's casual rates of pay . (Maximum 500 words)

The RKE Research Project Support - Pre-Award web pages provide guidance on how to cost a bid. <https://www.aston.ac.uk/research/research-project-support-pre-award>

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15. Total Amount requested from the Aston Pump Priming Fund (GBP) *

16. Please provide an itemised breakdown of costs *

17. Please upload any relevant quotations etc here.

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18. Does the project include any matched funding? (In-kind or financial)

Yes

No

19. If yes, please provide details

20. Does this project include teaching buy-out *

- Yes
- No

21. As teaching buyout can increase demand on departments and colleges please provide confirmation (screenshot etc) of agreement with Head of School or equivalent

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22. Please indicate which University processes your project will engage with

- Ethics (human or animal participants/data)
- Procurement (equipment etc)
- Digital Services (IT procurement)
- System Owners Group (high value IT procurement)
- Recruitment (Human Resources)
- International Due Diligence (international partners)
- Other

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24. Submit application

- Submit

Aston University Bridging Fund 2024/25

The Aston University Bridging Fund is designed to provide financial support to bridge gaps between externally funded projects within the academic community. This funding opportunity aims to address temporary funding shortfalls and maintain the continuity of research, scholarship, and creative endeavors during transitional periods between projects. The fund seeks to enable researchers, scholars, and creative practitioners to sustain their activities, advance their work, and ensure the smooth progression of research projects.

Applications will be accepted from Principle Investigators or Line managers on behalf of the colleagues to be bridged. The fund is allocated on a first come first served basis, applications where external awards are already confirmed will receive priority.

All spending must be completed by July 31st 2025.

Applications are limited to 12 weeks of funding for salaries.

Researcher(s) Details

Please enter details of the researcher(s) to be covered by the bridging funding.

25. Name(s) *

Please separate multiple names using a semi colon

26. Employee ID(s) *

Please separate multiple IDs using a semi colon

27. Email(s) *

Please separate multiple email addresses using a semi colon

28. UKVI Status *

Do the researcher(s) have the right to work in the UK? Please provide details.

29. Reasons for applications (Researcher's / Team skill set etc) *

Max (1000 words)

Current Project / Grant details

Please provide details of the current project

30. Current grant the researcher(s) employed on *

31. Budget Code *

32. Funding body *

33. Funding end date *

34. Current Salary Spinal Point *

Future Funding Details

Please enter details either (a) of the awarded grant from which the researcher's salary will be paid in the future or (b) the external funding application for which you are awaiting an outcome.

35. Project details (max 200 words) *

36. Funding body *

37. Is the project funded? *

Yes

No

38. Submission date

39. ARCP Code (where appropriate)

40. Researcher(s) role on this project. *

Bridging Funding Details

Please provide details of the funding requested

41. Estimated duration of funding gap between externally funded projects (weeks) *

42. Details of work to be conducted during bridging period (max 200 words) *

43. Salary spine point(s) *

If the application covers multiple colleagues please provide details of all salary points.

44. If the application is for multiple colleagues, please provide an itemised breakdown of cost *

45. Total cost of bridging application *

Head Of School / ADR Sign-off

Bridging fund applications require Head of School / ADR Sign-off. Please upload a screenshot of email confirmation using the naming convention 'RESEARCHER SURNAME_SIGNOFF' eg 'SMITH_SIGNOFF'.

46. Question *

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Submit

Aston Returning Researcher Fund

Please provide as much detail about the programme of work as possible.

All spending must be completed by July 31st 2025

48. Length of absence

49. Type of absence

- Sickness
- Maternity / Parental
- Carer
- Unpaid
- Other

Support Requested

50. Total amount requested from the Returning Researcher Fund (GBP) *

51. Activity details. Please provide a detailed description of your planned project *

- How does your project align with the University and College Strategic Priorities?
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Acknowledgement

57. I acknowledge that the funding cut off is July 31st 2025

All research activity, travel, procurement and casual employment detailed in this application must be completed by July 31st 2025. No extensions or exceptions are possible.

Yes

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