UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

**Interdisciplinary Research Theme Application Form**

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| **Title of Proposed Interdisciplinary Research Theme** | | | |
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| **Details of Proposed Leadership Team**  *You can add more rows if required. All leadership teams should span a minimum of 3 COSS schools.* | | | |
| **Name** | **School/Subject Area** | **Career Stage** | **Have you approved this IRT role with your line manager?** |
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| **Theme Description & Overview of Desired Outcomes**  *Summarise your theme area and what you hope to achieve through the IRT* (**max 250 words**) | | | |
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| **INTERDISCIPLINARITY** | | | |
| **What is the theme’s potential for interdisciplinary research involving the College of Social Sciences?**  *This may include reference to how an area or challenge cuts across disciplines; any evidence of interest from wider COSS colleagues beyond the leadership team; existing/ prospective interdisciplinary partnerships, and/or existing COSS e.g. previous projects or grant applications* (**max 250 words**). | | | |
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| **What is your understanding of the funding landscape in this area?**  *This may include reference to funder strategies or areas of planned investment, existing clusters of strength at other institutions (UK or international), what you think Glasgow social science strengths would be in seeking funding, and any opportunities you see to partner with other institutions* (**max 250 words**). | | | |
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| **LEADERSHIP, DEVELOPMENT & INCLUSION** | | | |
| **Provide an overview of your teams’ approach to shared leadership.**  *Including any plans to work with College Research Support Office, school research directors, and relevant university investments. This may also reference any experience research leadership your proposed team members already have, any track record of the team members working together, and how this role may support career development for members of the team themselves* (**max 250 words**). | | | |
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| **How will you ensure the IRT is an inclusive mechanism supporting a wide range of COSS colleagues?**  *This may include reflections on challenges faced at different career stages, openness and transparency in how the IRT operates, as well as wider consideration of equality, diversity and inclusion* (**max. 250 words**). | | | |
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| **FEASIBILITY AND OUTCOMES**  *All themes should be outcome-focused. We expect clear activities and outcomes for each of the three pillars (research income, skills & culture, impact & engagement). We recognise these may develop over the three-year period: you should outline key risks and assumptions on the logic model template below.* | | | |
| **What are your initial plans for research income?**  *Things you might want to consider include (non-exhaustive list): Are there specific funding calls expected in 2024/25 for which COSS should be prepared? Do you intend to target /support standard responsive mode grant applications in the first instance? If so, for which funders? Are there particular institutions where you would prioritise building links to support future funding bids? Do you have any mechanisms or activities in mind to support colleagues who are not part of the core leadership team with their funding bids?* (**max 400 words**). | | | |
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| **What are your initial plans for skills and culture?**  *Things you might want to consider include (non-exhaustive list): Are there specific gaps or needs that you would prioritise addressing and how have you identified these? Is there an established network working in this area or would the theme be starting from scratch building a community? Are there specific research communities to whom you would need to reach out? Are there any* *particular barriers for researchers working in this area (e.g. emotional sensitivity, logistics...)* (**max 400 words**). | | | |
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| **What are your initial plans for impact and engagement?**  *Things you might want to consider include (non-exhaustive list): What is the theme’s potential for societal and/or economic impact? What is the geographic focus of that impact – Glasgow, Scotland, UK, International? Are there specific organisations where you would want to prioritise building or deepening relationships? Are there wider communities of practice or interest you would like to engage with and how might you approach this? Why would these links be beneficial to wider COSS colleagues?* (**max 400 words**). | | | |
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| **IRT Logic Model Template**  Provide an overview of year 1 activities (what do you want to do?) and intended outcomes (what do you want to achieve through these activities?).  *We know logic models are hotly contested. This is a simplified model to provide an overview of intended outcomes, planned activities to achieve these, and expected resource needed. Start with your intended outcomes and then work backwards – which activities will help achieve these outcomes?* (Max 2 pages). | | |
| **INPUTS**  *Rough idea of resource needed for each activity. Will you need to draw on wider expertise e.g. KE, researcher development...?* | **ACTIVITIES AND OUTPUTS**  *What will you do/ create to achieve your planned outcomes? Some activities might support more than one outcome – you could use numbering and/or repetition to make this clear.* | **OUTCOMES**  *You must identify at least one outcome for each pillar (research income, skills and culture, impact and engagement).**Some outcomes might fall under more than one pillar – see example.* |
| **EXAMPLE: University venue (free) + catering for 25; College research office/ researcher development team input on workshop design.** | **EXAMPLE: In person workshop with College research office focussed on mid-career researchers and the skills/ challenges of interdisciplinary funding bids.** | **EXAMPLE: Increase mid-career researchers’ confidence in applying for interdisc funding (RESEARCH INCOME, SKILLS AND CULTURE).** |
| **Assumptions, External Factors & Feasibility**  *Are there any risks with your plans? How might you mitigate them or adapt?* | | |
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