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# Call for New Interdisciplinary Research Themes

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# What are the Interdisciplinary Research Themes (IRTs)?

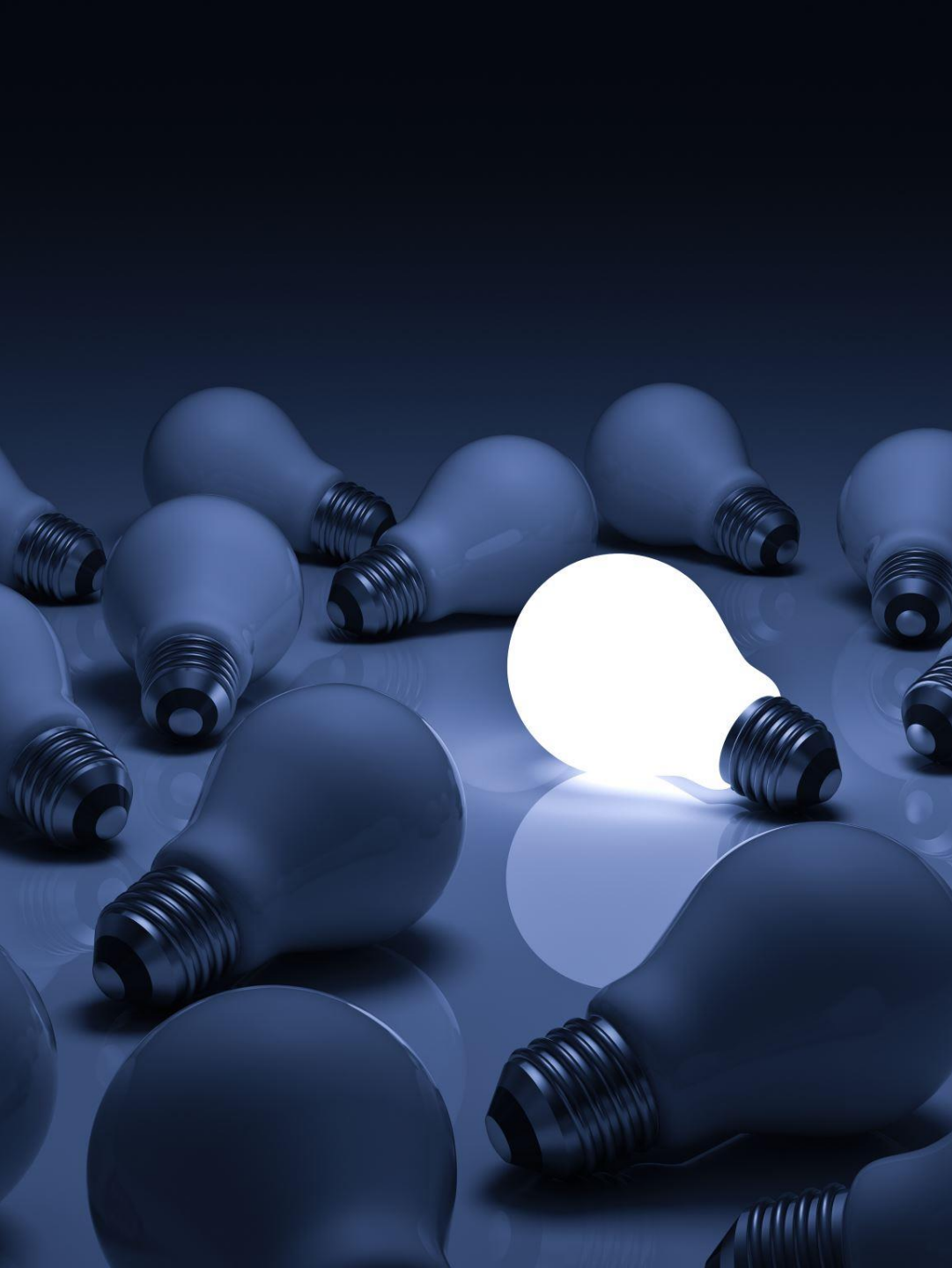
- Bring together researchers within and beyond COSS around themes that address the world's most pressing problems:
  - Sustainability
  - Challenges in Changing Cities
  - Justice, Insecurity and Fair Decision Making
  - Addressing Inequalities
  - Digital Society and Economy
- Current structure:
  - Academic leadership team – 3-6 people from at least 3 different Schools
  - Post-doctoral Research Fellow – 2 years FT
  - Professional services support from Madeleine and Morgan
  - No consumables budget
- Position the research interests of COSS internally and externally



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## Three pillars of activity

- Research income
  - Bidding
  - Team building
- Skills and culture
  - Events
  - Skills development
  - Ideation events
- Impact and engagement
  - Network events
  - Dissemination
  - Work with external partners



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## IRT refresh

- Purpose
  - Bottom up – the ideas have to come from you
  - Has to be ‘big picture’
    - Be ambitious!
- More than the sum of the parts
  - Not about you or your individual research agenda
  - What can we do together that we can’t do individually?

# Timeline

- Online information sessions plus FAQ
  - Completed – presentation and FAQ [here](#)
- In person development and matchmaking sessions
  - This one
  - March 7<sup>th</sup> – 2-4pm ARC 237A
- Online drop-in surgeries (see final slide)
- Logic Model workshop – TBA
- Written application, including basic logic model: 5pm Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April
- Verbal pitch and Q&A with panel: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May – afternoon
- Decision: end of May
- Themes begin: 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024



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# Criteria

- Interdisciplinarity
  - Leadership team spans 3 or more COSS Schools
  - Potential for ID research in COSS
  - Awareness of funding landscape and existing clusters
- Leadership development and inclusion
  - Approach to shared leadership
  - Plan to ensure themes act inclusively
  - Understanding of 'research ambition and how this theme supports that
- Feasibility and outcomes
  - Desired outcomes under the three pillars
  - Feasibility in terms of timeframe, risks, budget/resource



# Application form

- Title:
  - Try to capture the 'big idea'
- Leadership team
  - 300 hours to be spread across (the COSS parts of) the team
- Theme description and overview of desired outcomes
  - What do you hope to achieve?
  - 250 words



The image shows a white application form on a clipboard with a silver clip. The form is titled "APPLICATION FORM" in large, bold, black letters. Below the title, there are several sections with horizontal lines for text entry:

- GENERAL INFORMATION**: Includes fields for "FULL NAME", "BIRTHDAY", "AGE", "HOME ADDRESS", "MAILING ADDRESS", "DEPENDENTS/AGES", "CELL PHONE", "MARRIED" (with a "SINGLE" checkbox), "HOME PHONE", and "HOBBIES".
- EDUCATION**: Includes fields for "HIGH SCHOOL", "TRADE/COMM. COLLEGE", and "COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY".
- WORK EXPERIENCE**: Includes fields for "COMPANY" and "CITY/STATE".



# Application form – interdisciplinarity

- What is the theme's potential for ID research involving COSS?
  - 250 words
- What is your understanding of the funding landscape in this area?
  - 250 words
  - Are there schemes that would suit this theme?
  - Opportunities with partner institutions?



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## Application form – leadership, development and inclusion

- Approach to shared leadership
  - 250 words
  - Plans to work with CRSO, Schools, other university investments (ARC, Glasgow Changing Futures)
  - Any experience of this kind of leadership? Track record?
  - Development opportunities?
- Ensuring the IRT is inclusive to a wider group than the leadership team
  - 250 words



## Feasibility and outcomes

- Initial plans for research income
  - 400 words
- Initial plans for skills and culture
  - 400 words
- Initial plans for impact and engagement
  - 400 words
- We recognise that your early plans for later years may change



<b>IRT Logic Model Template</b> 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?). <i>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).</i>		
<b>INPUTS</b> <i>Rough idea of resource needed for each activity. Will you need to draw on wider expertise e.g. KE, researcher development...?</i>	<b>ACTIVITIES AND OUTPUTS</b> <i>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.</i>	<b>OUTCOMES</b> <i>You must identify at least one outcome for each pillar (research income, skills and culture, <u>impact</u> and engagement). Some outcomes might fall under more than one pillar – see example.</i>
<b>EXAMPLE: University venue (free) + catering for 25; College research office/ researcher development team input on workshop design.</b>	<b>EXAMPLE: In person workshop with <u>College</u> research office focussed on mid-career researchers and the skills/ challenges of interdisciplinary funding bids.</b>	<b>EXAMPLE: Increase mid-career researchers' confidence in applying for <u>interdisc funding</u> (RESEARCH INCOME, <u>SKILLS</u> AND CULTURE).</b>
<b>Assumptions, External Factors &amp; Feasibility</b> <i>Are there any risks with your plans? How might you mitigate them or adapt?</i>		

# Next steps

## Weekly (online) drop in surgeries

- These are open sessions to ask questions and discuss your ideas as an individual or group with the college's Research Development Team.
- The same Zoom link will work for all sessions; please register on [Eventbrite](#) to receive the link.
- You can attend more than one session if needed. There is no need to register twice.
- These are not one-to-one sessions. Please be aware that other people may attend the same session.

## Dates of planned surgeries:

- Thursday **15 February**, 10am - 11.00am
- Wednesday **21 February**, 3.00pm - 4.00pm
- Friday **1 March**, 1.00pm - 2.00pm
- Monday **4 March**, 10.00am - 11.00am
- Tuesday **12 March**, 2.00pm - 3.00pm
- Monday **18 March**, 3.00pm - 4.00pm
- Wednesday **27 March**, 2.00pm - 3.00pm
- Friday **5 April**, 12.00pm - 1.00pm
- Tuesday **9 April**, 9.30am - 10.30am
- Thursday **18 April**, 1.30pm - 2.30pm