**Pump Priming Award for ECRs in ISMIB**

In ISMIB there is a small pump priming fund that the Research & Impact committee has assigned to support early career researchers (ECRs[[1]](#footnote-1)). Three awards will be made (£5,000 each) to support new collaborations. These partnerships must be either inter-departmental, cross-institute, cross-faculty, or outside of the University of Liverpool. It is essential that these awards are led by an ECR in ISMIB and allow new research avenues to be initiated.

These funds may be used for consumables, travel, or equipment[[2]](#footnote-2). Staff costs are not allowed.

For successful applicants the funds must be spent by the end of July 2022. Committed but not spent funds are not eligible. This means for travel (e.g., to set up a new collaboration or learn a new technique in someone’s laboratory) that the trip should have taken place, not just pre-booked.

Note that activities that are a reworking or mere extension of current research will not be eligible for funding.

If you want to be considered for funding, please fill out the proforma below and submit to Amanda Penney (Amanda.Penney@liverpool.ac.uk) **before 4 pm on Friday 18th February 2022**.

Late applications or those that do not follow the instructions on word count will not be judged.

Timeline:

Announcement of call 18 January 2022

Deadline for applications 18 February 2022

Results 28 February 2022

Start date 1 April 2022

Enquires to Roy (roy.goodacre@liverpool.ac.uk)

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| **1. Project title:** |
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| **2. List of applicants and affiliations:*** The principal investigator must be an ECR and the coinvestigator from a different department, institute, faculty, or institution.
* This could potentially involve industry; however, the costs cannot be used for industry activities, but may be used for travel.
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| **3. Team experience and expertise:*** Please detail briefly (up to 100 words) the team’s *interdisciplinary track record* and how the project *brings together a new collaboration* which falls within ISMIB's remit.
* Detail team members’ experience in delivering multi-disciplinary projects.
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| **4. Outline of proposed project:*** Please detail the proposed research and what is new and not possible without the proposed collaboration.
* Activities that are a rework or mere extension of current research will not be eligible for funding.
* This section is no more than 500 words.
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| **5. Objectives and expected Outputs:*** Please outline (up to 150 words) the key objectives, deliverables, and associated timings for the project.
* Note that the funds must be spent by 31st July 2022.
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| **6. External funding plans for this project:*** Successful applications need to demonstrate a realistic plan for securing further substantive external funding (up to 100 words).
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| **7. Breakdown of the funding requested:*** Detail consumables, travel, or equipment to a maximum of £5,000.
* The funds cannot be used for staff costs.
* Detail matched funding if included.
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**Please submit to** **Amanda.Penney@liverpool.ac.uk** **before 4 pm Friday 18th February 2022.**

1. ECR definition for these purposes: you must be a PDRA, TTF, Fellow, or New Lecturer within 5 years of your first appointment. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Equipment this must be new and not already available within ISMIB. Matched funding from HoDs is encouraged, but not a necessary requirement. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)