**The Bartlett**

Faculty of the Built Environment

**The Bartlett Synergy Grants 2017**

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The Bartlett Synergy Grants funds activities that lead to, or support, interdisciplinary research collaborations in the Built Environment that are in line with the Bartlett Faculty’s Research Strategy.

We are keen to receive applications that support new and innovative interdisciplinary ideas and activities. This can include a wide range of research from ’blue sky’ thinking through to projects focused on impact through public engagement, policy-related activity or networking opportunities, and covers all modalities of research including action research and design research.

This round of funding will feature a priority theme of *Health and Wellbeing.* Applications are encouraged that address topics which could include, but are by no means limited to:

* Design for wellbeing and active travel
* Health-oriented urban environments
* Ageing-related research, particularly housing and care home design
* Healthcare buildings

Applicants might also particularly consider creative partnerships with colleagues from across the Faculties. In addition to applications aligned with this year’s priority theme, applications for the open call are also welcomed.

**Eligibility**

Applications must include at least two members of academic staff (including teaching fellows) from two different Bartlett schools/units as a minimum. In addition, the collaboration can also include colleagues based in other UCL Faculties or HEIs, as well as international organisations.

**Selection criteria**

Applications will be considered on their specific merits, and in relation to:

* All applications for funding must clearly state how the proposed activity relates to, supports or develops research into the built environment.
* All applications must include a lead applicant and a main collaborator who are members of staff in the Bartlett Faculty (i.e. academic and research staff at any level, including teaching fellows, that are based in the different Bartlett schools/units).
* Other UCL staff or external partners may be included as additional collaborators.
* Priority will be given to collaborations between staff across Bartlett schools/units who have not worked together in the past.
* Funds may not be used to meet staff costs or salaries.
* There is no absolute need to name research assistants in the application form if this information is not known at the point of application; however, if known, research assistants can be named within the description of planned activities. Please note that research assistants cannot be classified as either main collaborators or additional collaborators.
* Projects need to be able to demonstrate that they have the potential to be completed within one calendar year of being approved.

**Funding**

The maximum budget available from the Faculty is £30,000 per annum. The fund can support three projects of up to £10,000 each, or more projects at a lower sum.