

## **The Bartlett Innovation Fund 2022-23**

*Deadline: 12pm midday Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022*

*Note, all funds awarded in this round to be spent by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023*

The aim of the Bartlett Innovation Fund is to provide funding for activities that generate, or support: innovation and enterprise collaborations, associated impact-related activities, and innovation learning initiatives. This includes innovation and enterprise activities that enable research innovation, and transform your knowledge and ideas into action. Projects should demonstrate measurable impact to all partners and a clear strategy for impact tracking.

We would like to encourage applicants to view the Bartlett Innovation Fund as a means to provide additional support for our colleagues and our partners in their innovation and enterprise work, especially when this has been challenged, curtailed or changed due to the pandemic. We therefore encourage projects that have a focus on supporting economic recovery, and our climate change response. Applications that reflect the Bartlett's [Commitment to Change](#) are particularly welcome, and applicants are encouraged to think creatively about challenges relating to travel and partnership development, and how the fund can create new opportunities in this space.

### **Eligibility**

Proposals must be led by a member of academic / teaching staff (including Research Associates and Teaching Fellows) based in [The Bartlett Faculty](#). Proposals can include multiple colleagues across The Bartlett, and those based in other UCL Faculties or HEIs.

A total of £40,000 is available for this fund. In previous years projects have been awarded at the £10k level approximately, and we welcome larger projects that would particularly benefit from greater investment.

**The BIF scheme is not intended to fund projects where the research itself is the primary aim/outcome of the work, but focuses on the three activity streams below.**

BIF proposals must target one (or more) of the following three strands:

Funding strand	Focus	Example of eligible activities and outputs (not prescriptive)
<i>Partnerships Development and Consolidation</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development and consolidation of external academic and non-academic innovation partnerships</li> <li>• Creating long-term innovation and enterprise collaborations, and future opportunities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pilot/feasibility/proof of concept studies involving non-academic partners, ideally in preparation for future innovation-lead funding schemes.</li> <li>• The development of an application with external project partners for future innovation-lead funding schemes</li> <li>• Follow-on activities for funded projects to achieve further impact and partnership/stakeholder engagement.</li> <li>• Network development events: these may include workshops and public engagement. Please note that given Covid-19 constraints, creative approaches to networking outside of traditional in-person meetings should be considered.</li> <li>• Activities that support engagement with policy and policymakers.</li> </ul>
<i>Impact Development or Acceleration</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of innovation and enterprise pathways to impact of existing research</li> <li>• Translation of research into innovation and enterprise</li> <li>• Collaboration with groups within and outside of academia to accelerate innovation</li> </ul>	<p>Please note that conference attendance as a standalone proposal will not be funded, and although academic collaborations will be considered, we particularly welcome those that include non-academic entities such as social enterprises, NGOs or local government bodies.</p>
<i>Innovation Learning</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The creation of innovation through teaching and learning</li> <li>• Life-learning and professional development innovation and enterprise projects</li> </ul>	<p>Innovation focused activities including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued Professional Development (CPD), accredited and unaccredited</li> <li>• Lifelong learning in discipline-specific fields</li> <li>• Executive education;</li> <li>• Bespoke offerings for organisations or communities;</li> <li>• Other activity that grows innovation and impact through learning.</li> </ul> <p>Please note that the panel recommend that applicants discuss their ideas in this theme with <a href="#">UCL Life Learning</a> (open courses) and <a href="#">UCL Consultants</a> (closed and bespoke courses).</p>

## Application process

Applications should be made using the designated BIF application form.

Completed application forms should be emailed to the Bartlett Faculty Impact Manager ([t.caffrey@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:t.caffrey@ucl.ac.uk)) with School / Unit HoD cc'd. Candidates are welcome to discuss ideas in advance of submission and should email the Faculty Impact Manager in the first instance.

## Assessment Criteria

Applications for funding will be assessed by a panel convened by the Vice Dean Enterprise who expects applicants to review and explore possible future synergies with other funding avenues (detailed below) before submission. Resubmissions will be on an invitation-only basis.

Priority will be given to proposals that:

- fit the above eligibility criteria for this Innovation and Enterprise fund;
- demonstrate measurable impact to all partners;
- set out a clear strategy for impact tracking and evaluation, during and beyond the lifespan of the project;
- demonstrate value for money with appropriate resourcing, any partner contributions, match funding etc.;
- set out a clear plan for how funding will be used to help secure external funding for future collaborative work.

The panel particularly welcomes plans for future project development in line with [UCL's Innovation and Enterprise strategy](#), including plans for securing future funding from relevant UCL sources (e.g. UCL Innovation and Enterprise) or external sources. This could also include projects that outline links to existing or future Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund waves. As mentioned above, applications that focus on economic recovery, climate change responses, and our [Commitment to Change](#) are particularly welcome.

National and international academic and non-academic organisations are encouraged as project partners. Projects are welcomed where match/partial match funding contribution is provided by partner organisations. Please keep travel and in-person meeting constraints in mind when developing these proposals. Applicants who plan to develop international links as part of their projects should consider how online platforms like Teams and Zoom can be best used to enable collaborations, and we encourage creative approaches to stimulate global exchanges of ideas.

Should your application be better suited to alternative funding at UCL, the panel may suggest you apply there in the first instance. We highly recommend that you consider the suitability of your project for the following funding pots before submitting your application:

[UCL Public Policy Funding Opportunities](#)

[UCL Knowledge Exchange Funding Opportunities](#)

[UCL Enterprise Funding](#)

[UCL Public Engagement Funding](#)

[UCL Global Engagement Funds](#)

[UCL Grand Challenges Funding](#)

### **Terms and Conditions**

- Proposals must be led by a member of academic / teaching staff (including Research Associates and Teaching Fellows) based in The Bartlett Faculty.
- Funds cannot be used to meet contracted staff salaries.
- Funds can be used for casual payments (including PhD students) and additional payments to existing staff, in accordance with UCL HR policies.
- Research post bridging can be included, in accordance with UCL HR policies, although this is not the primary aim of the fund.
- Estates and indirect costs cannot be funded.
- External partners may qualify as subcontractors – contact us with queries on this matter.
- Funds for this round must be spent by 31 July 2023. This means all casual payments must be submitted to HR by 10 July 2023, and all goods and services received and invoices paid by 31 July 2023. This constraint includes staff time where costed, which will need to be processed in June 2023.
- Departments should only produce a Worktribe costing report as part of their application if researcher time is included.
- Individual Schools/Units are expected to manage the finance and HR administration for BIF grants.
- School / Unit Head of Department should be aware of BIF submissions and should be included on the submission email.
- Applicants who have previously been granted a BIF award must submit a final report before they are eligible to apply for further funding from this Scheme.
- Any extension of time for the project needs to be agreed in advance with the Vice Dean of Enterprise, but all funds must be spent by 31 July 2023.