## MU Research Seed Funding Programme

### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

**1. Am I eligible to apply for the MU Seed Funding Programme if I am on a non-permanent contract?**

Eligibility for the MU Seed Funding Programme depends on the duration of both the proposed research project and the applicant's contract. To apply, the applicant must have a contract that extends beyond the timeline of the proposed project. If you are on a non-permanent contract, such as a one-year contract, you must ensure that your contract covers the entire duration of the proposed research. If your contract ends before the project completion, you would not be eligible to apply.

**2. Can the funding be used to hire a research assistant or pay for open access publication fees?**

Yes, the Seed Funding can cover a range of research-related expenses. For hiring a research assistant or covering open access publication fees, it's important to justify these costs in the application and ensure they are reasonable and directly related to the research goals.

**3. Can the Seed Funding be used for preliminary data collection or pilot studies?**

Yes, the Seed Funding is intended to support early-stage research, including pilot studies or the collection of preliminary data. For example, you may use the funds to gather initial data to strengthen subsequent grant applications.

**4. Can the Seed Funding application be submitted by two co-investigators (Co-PIs)?**

Yes, applications can be submitted by co-investigators if both are contributing significantly to the project. However, it's important to clearly articulate each applicant's role and how the collaboration will help achieve the goals of the project. Recognition as Co-PI for subsequent phases should also be included if applicable.

**5. Is there a requirement for the applicant to be the lead on the follow-up research grant?**

No, it is not a strict requirement for the applicant of the Seed Funding to be the lead applicant on the follow-up research grant. However, it is crucial to explain why the collaboration and specific role (e.g., Co-PI) are necessary for the research project's success. This should be clearly articulated in the application.

**6. Are there templates available for submitting the proposal and budget for Seed Funding?**

Currently, there are no official templates for the proposal or budget. However, the Seed Funding call document provides guidance on the key areas to cover in your application. The evaluation criteria are equally weighted, and applicants are encouraged to use these as a guide.

**7. Are adjunct lecturers eligible to apply?**

Adjunct lecturers are not eligible to apply unless they are collaborating with an MU staff member. In this case, the MU staff member would be the Principal Investigator (PI).

**8. What is the timeline for completing the project funded by the Seed Funding?**

The project must be completed within one year of receiving the funding. This includes spending the funding and collecting the necessary data. A final report will be submitted detailing the progress and outcomes of the project.

**9. Can the Seed Funding be used for international collaborations?**

Yes, the Seed Funding can support international collaborations. It's important to ensure that the application clearly outlines the project's objectives, the role of collaborators, and the specific contribution of each party involved.

**Deadline**

**7th February 2025**

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