**Inclusive Economy Initiative Bids**

**Changing Bristol’s Economy for Good**

The Inclusive Economy Initiative (IEI) is **inviting bids** to support research work aimed at tilting the city region towards a low carbon, high inclusion, high democracy economy.  The funding is explicitly for creating impact from existing research and so cannot be used to extend or create research projects

**Overview**

* The [Inclusive Economy Initiative](https://brisiei.blogs.bristol.ac.uk/), a Temple Quarter research centre, supports/works with other organizations in the Bristol city region to understand the forms of governance, finance, technology, innovation and economic participation which can tilt our economy in the direction of inclusive, fair and low carbon business systems.
* To achieve the aim of a low carbon, high inclusion, high democracy economy, patterns of employment that reflect the diverse population of the region, fair and democratic forms of business ownership and control, and carbon reduction strategies in all aspects of organizational practice are needed.
* The IEI plans to achieve this through developing partnerships with large and small businesses, local and regional authorities, trade unions and third sector and civil society organizations.
* Based in a civic university, our focus also includes considering the role of education and training in assessing current practices, disseminating our research and encouraging new ways of thinking and acting.
* The IEI responds to the absolute need to decarbonise the economy, as well as addressing social division and inequality which encompasses, but is not limited to, consideration of gender, ethnicity, social class, migration to address complex problems.
* ‘Business as usual’ cannot continue if a climate emergency, in which the poorest and most excluded in our society and planet will be hit hardest, is to be avoided.
* Business (in a wide variety of ways and market sectors) is the main generator of carbon, so altering the landscape of business, management, markets and organization is the most crucial element in the carbon reduction puzzle.
* Add to this the challenges of social exclusion, both within Bristol and beyond it, and a clamour of people asserting that the elites are failing the ordinary people, then it is clear that systemic change is required.

**Who Can Apply?**

* We welcome applications for funding from anyone working towards achieving our aims highlighted above.
* We are particularly interested in work that addresses
  + banking and finance
  + co-operatives and employee ownership
  + city and regional institutions
  + low carbon energy
  + food and agriculture
  + the cultural economy.
* We also welcome new projects that fit our overall aims and work with city region partners.
* Please note that this call is aimed at UoB members of staff on pathway 1, 2 or 3. PhD students cannot be the Principal Investigator on a project
* If you are planning to apply we would encourage you to let us know via the IEI email ([Bristol Inclusive Economy Initiative Enquiries Mailbox](mailto:iei-enquiries@bristol.ac.uk)) beforehand so that we are aware your application is in process

**How much can be applied for?**

* Standard bids would normally be in the region of £7,000 but we will accept bids for up to a maximum of £15,000.

**How to apply**

* You can access the application form from this site in the Work With Us, Academics section. Please ensure that you make your own copy, complete it and sign it to confirm that your Head of School is aware of your application. If you have any problems accessing the application form please contact us via the enquiries email below.
* Return the signed application to [Bristol Inclusive Economy Initiative Enquiries Mailbox](mailto:iei-enquiries@bristol.ac.uk)
* The deadline is the end of the day on the 13th December 2021.

**Approval of Applications**

* The awarding panel consists of members of the IEI Steering Committee and the Research and Enterprise Division (RED)
* The criteria for deciding where to award money will be based on which applications best reflect the overall aims, themes and working methods of the initiative and that show the greatest potential to help catalyse change.
* Applicants will be informed of the outcome within 4 weeks of the deadline. If approved, you will be sent an award letter and Finance will release the budget code.
* **Note:** successful applicants will be required to submit a brief report after completion of funded activities, detailing the impact of the project, including the outputs and outcomes and any follow-on plans

**What can the IEI Fund?**

The IEI can fund small pilot projects which have a clear objective to scale up to larger, externally-funded, projects or larger-scale impact projects. The funding is explicitly for creating impact from existing research and so cannot be used to extend or create research projects. Budget limitations:

* Full details can be found by following [this SharePoint link](https://uob.sharepoint.com/sites/red/Shared%20Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx?id=%2Fsites%2Fred%2FShared%20Documents%2FESRC%20IAA%20docs%2F2019%2D23%20ESRC%20IAA%20Guidelines%5F3%2E6%2E21%2Epdf&parent=%2Fsites%2Fred%2FShared%20Documents%2FESRC%20IAA%20docs) under section 4.2.
* Please note the maximum of £4,000 allowable on DA (directly allocated) staff time.
* Please send any queries to [Bristol Inclusive Economy Initiative Enquiries Mailbox](mailto:iei-enquiries@bristol.ac.uk)
* Note: all expenditure and claims must adhere to the [University Travel and Subsistence Policy](http://www.bristol.ac.uk/media-library/sites/finance/documents/travel-expenses-policy.pdf)

**Deadline for spending funds**

1. All allocated funds will need to be spent by the end of **September 2022**