**Leveraging Scotland’s World Leading Research in Optical Imaging for Medicine, Healthcare and Biology**

**Application for Proof of Principle Funding in Optical Imaging in Medicine, Healthcare and Biology**

**Guidance Notes for Applicants**

This funding is provided by the Scottish Universities Life Science Alliance (SULSA - <https://www.sulsa.ac.uk/>), Scottish Imaging Network (SINAPSE - <http://www.sinapse.ac.uk/>) and Scottish Universities Physics Alliance (SUPA - <https://www.supa.ac.uk/>) and is aimed at new research, and establishing or fostering research collaborations between academia and industry to drive novel optical imaging research in the context of healthcare and medicine. If you have any queries about this call please email Karen.ness@supa.ac.uk

Funding can be sought for a broad range of activities relating to any research or partnership activity with industry, e.g.

* Consumables
* Facilities access
* Travel to consortium meetings
* Travel for establishing network connections
* Attend or host meetings of academic and external partners at any stage during the preparation of applications
* Run workshops to share experience and best practice with regard to Industrial collaborations
* Co-ordinate meetings to engage with SMEs and to share best practice with regard to this engagement
* Funding for academics travelling to consortium meetings where they introduce a UK-based SME
* Showcasing skills and capabilities
* Participating in specific networking activities both for policy influencing and project preparation

Eligibility requirements;

* PhD students, post-doctoral researchers, technologists and academic staff are eligible to be the lead applicant
* The lead applicant should also be the academic researcher who must be employed in a University that is a partner of SUPA, SULSA or SINAPSE
* You must have a UK-based industrial partner and provide a letter of support.
* There is no limit on the number of partners
* Projects should demonstrate a potential for leveraging further funding.
* Researchers can apply for up to £5,000 - costs need to be justified.

We expect to fund up between 4 - 6 projects in this call. Priority will be given to interdisciplinary projects and we strongly encourage projects that bridge the different research pools. **Closing date for applications is Friday the 26th of April 2019 at Noon**. Completed applications, along with letters of support, should be submitted as one single PDF to Dr Karen Ness (karen.ness@supa.ac.uk)

**The following documentation is required with the application:**

1. A completed application form using this proforma

2. A letter of support from industrial partner

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| **Applicant Details** |
| **First name, Surname and Title** |  |
| **Position** |  |
| **Research Institute and University** |  |
| **Telephone Number** |  |
| **E-mail** |  |
| **Title of Project** |  |
| **Industrial Partner** |  |
| **Industrial Partner email** |  |

Add additional applicants as necessary.

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| **Industrial Partner** |
| **Company Name** |  |
| **Address** |  |
| **Contact Person** |  |
| **Email** |  |
| **Position** |  |

**Please use the box below to provide a lay overview of the project (maximum 200 words).**

Focus on the key question to be addressed by the project, the principal tools that will be employed or developed, and why it is important.

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**Please use the box below to give details of your proposal including aims, experimental design or knowledge exchange plans and expected outcomes from the project**. (maximum 500 words)

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**This is pump-priming funding and is intended to be used to leverage further awards. (maximum 200 words).** Please explain how you would take this project further i.e. InnovateUK, KTPs, Internal University funds, ISCF etc.

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**Explain what the benefits are in combining the academic and industrial expertise in this partnership (maximum 150 words).**

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**Please itemise and justify the costs in the box below (<£5,000).** Please add in additional lines where necessary.

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| **Expenditure Type** | **Expense** | **Cost** | **Justification** |
| **Travel** | *e.g Return flights to Birmingham* | *£150* | *Visit industry partner* |
| **Accommodation** |  |  |  |
| **Experimental Costs** |  |  |  |
| **Other** |  |  |  |
| **Total** |  |  |