

# SSSHARC Research Impact Accelerator

*A Staged Approach to Collaboration*


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We recognise and pay respect to the Elders and communities – past, present, and emerging – of the lands that the University of Sydney's campuses stand on. For thousands of years they have shared and exchanged knowledges across innumerable generations for the benefit of all.



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A place for collaboration  
*and a collaborative platform*

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The Impact Accelerator consists of a four phased approach to developing opportunities and activities for impact. The Accelerator will support up to five research teams working across FASS's strategic research priorities (2024-2026). To be delivered in conjunction with the Sydney Knowledge Hub and Cruxes Innovation.

**Phase Zero:** Teams self-identify and prepare EOI for submission in Feb.

**Phase One:** Identify opportunities and pool available funding to explore research collaboration projects with external stakeholders to demonstrate engagement track record. Initial collaborative workshop to be held at SSSHARC between 18-29 March 2024.

**Phase Two:** Research Impact Masterclass for all five project teams. Facilitated by Cruxes and held at Sydney Knowledge Hub, 12pm 9 April 2024.

**Phase Three:** Coaching sessions for forward planning for research impact. 2-hour coaching session with each project team to develop roadmap and budget for strategic research activities (Cruxes & SSSHARC).

**Phase Four:** Plan and schedule activities to be supported by SSSHARC Project Officer.



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# What can research teams expect to gain from this Program?

## Leadership Experience

- Project Leads will be responsible for the team and participation will provide demonstrable evidence of leadership
- Coaching sessions

## Collaboration Experience

- Opportunity to engage with colleagues, partners and organisations beyond individual silos
- Cross-functional and multidisciplinary team dynamics
- Two-way mentoring opportunities

## Capacity Building

- Resources and support for projects that would otherwise not happen
- Space to think about research impact activities
- Fine tune skills and capabilities around engagement
- Well-supported space for teams to explore innovation
- Training to identify opportunities, build track-record, and go after Category 2 and 3 funding
- Represents institutional investment that applicants can demonstrate in subsequent funding applications



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**PHASE ZERO**  
Composition of  
Teams and EOI

**PHASE ONE**  
Collaborative  
Foundations

**PHASE TWO**  
Research  
Impact

**PHASE THREE**  
Forward  
Planning

**PHASE FOUR**  
Impactful  
Activities

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# Eligibility

## Project

Projects should aim to address a pressing social challenge and create positive change. Teams should identify at least one external stakeholder (partners/beneficiaries/end users) who would be interested in, could benefit from, or might influence the progress of the research.

## Project Leads

- Each team should nominate a FASS academic in a continuing position as a Project Lead. Leads can be from Level B-D, but each team would ideally include an additional researcher on a level twice removed from the one held by the Project Lead. For example, teams led by a Level B academic would ideally include another researcher from Level D and teams led by a Level D academic would ideally include another researcher from Level B.
- Teams can also be co-led. One Co-Lead can be from a different Faculty/MDI. If two academics are co-leading a team, they need to be from different career stages across Levels B-D. One may be on a fixed term contract.
- Level Es can be on the project team to provide mentoring and guidance, as well as participating in the research activities but, for capacity-building purposes, should not be named as Leads or Co-Leads.



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# Team Composition

## Each team can have up to a maximum of five members but must include:

1. Up to two Project Leads who will be responsible for preparing and submitting the program application, identifying the project, nominating the team, role delegation, acquitting funding, interim and final reporting, and ensuring the team's sustained commitment to the project.
2. At least one additional researcher at any level from any School/Faculty at the University. This includes researchers on fixed term or casual contracts.
3. At least one HDR or Honours student from FASS.

## Up to two additional team members can be named, including

- Researchers from USyd or other Universities at any level.
- People from mission-focused external organisations or service providers.
- Professional staff from the University of Sydney who could add strategic value in line with the project's vision, including those with community / advocacy / campaign building or project management experience.
- Other USyd Masters or HDR students with expertise appropriate to the project, such as those enrolled in Masters of Business Administration or Social Enterprise.

All team members must participate in the Accelerator. This will require a 10-hour time commitment in Phase 1-3, with an additional 10-20 hours estimated for Phase 4. As above, subject to threshold requirement, an assigned Project Officer will dedicate up to 0.3 FTE to each project in Phase 4.





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# Applications & Key Dates

## Applications will open in February 2024

- Up to five teams will be selected through a competitive process on based on an expression of interest (EOI) and narrative CVs.
- Potential applicants (either individuals or teams) are encouraged to contact SSSHARC to discuss their proposals before submission.
- SSSHARC may suggest additional collaborators or strategic directions for the application.

Dates	Program Component	Details
Dec 2023 – Jan 2024	Phase Zero	Teams self-identify and prepare EOI for submission end Feb
Feb 2024	Applications Open/Close	Communications campaign
Mar 2024	Selection Committee and Teams Appointed	Award letters go out
18-29 Mar 2024	Phase One	Half-day collaboration workshop for each team
9 Apr 2024	Phase Two	Half-day Research Impact workshop
Apr – Jun 2024	Phase Three	2-hour Forward Planning workshop
Jun 2024	Threshold Evaluation	Continuation letters go out
Jul – Nov 2024	Phase Four	Activities determined by project teams



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