

Researcher Development Fund (2020-21) Application Form

1a. GENERAL INFORMATION

Provide brief details of your proposed initiative for administrative purposes

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NAME OF SCHOOL:	Health and Social Care
DETAILS OF ANY COLLABORATIVE APPLICANTS:	Dr Catriona Connell Dr Ariane Critchley

1b. PROJECT PLAN

Summarise your project including a separate activities plan and timeline. Provide an indication of the intended beneficiaries and how you and they will benefit with regard to the development of personal, professional and career management skills. Outline clearly how this project will benefit the University's wider research culture. **(Max.500 words)**.

INITIATIVE TITLE	Developing an Allied Health and Social Work Research Program
OUTLINE OF ACTIVITY AND TIMETABLE	
<p>Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy and Social Work is a new subject grouping at ENU, which required bringing together a new team of academics to work cross-profession to deliver MSc programmes in the 3 disciplines. We have successfully delivered our first graduating cohorts, and with the curriculum now embedded are keen to shift focus to our collective research agenda. We are a group of active researchers with a substantial collective publication output but have little in the way of shared strategy. There is great enthusiasm to develop this though, as demonstrated by the representation of each profession on this application. We currently represent a substantial but underutilised resource for the university. With the end of the current REF cycle, this is the ideal opportunity to instigate a 5-year plan leading to greater representation and return of our specialties at the next REF. It is also an opportune moment to tie our research plans to the wider school and university agendas considering the updated research strategy for SHSC and development of new research centres. It is likely we will be able to work cross school and may contribute to applied science and social policy initiatives as well as cardiovascular health and mental health centres.</p> <p>We are seeking funding for a single 'kick-starter' event to be led by an experienced facilitator to develop a strategy of engagement and to generate momentum for shared initiatives and projects. Our target is to develop cohesive and translational cross-professional research leading to collaborative grant applications across our professions and with the established school research teams.</p> <p>This event is aimed at all 12 of the allied health and social work staff members, and the leads/representatives of the related subject groups and research centres. Isolating staff time through an</p>	

'away day' ensures a focus on the event though for cost-efficiency we will utilise ENUs venue portfolio and catering services. We have explored conducting this event with RIE, who are supportive and have agreed in principle to contribute and help lead the day. The meeting will specifically explore our existing (individual) research programs, look for ways to merge these with strategic priorities, investigate public engagement opportunities and methods to enhance impact. Not all our team are on the research pathway and there is a range of experience in grants management (primarily through previous experience at other universities). As such an additional focus will be on the logistics of research management and the assistive infrastructure available at ENU. The planning of the event will involve all 3 applicants liaising with the RIE team as to structure and content, this will be directly relevant to their personal development in terms of developing strategic planning and collaboration.

The timeline is of event program development (the 3 applicants and RIE) with a view to a single full day meeting in May/June. We envisage further and ongoing engagement amongst all stakeholders over the next academic year and beyond, with the focus on shared grants development, pilot/development work leading towards this and submission of shared co-authored publications.

2. Please provide an overview of your costings.

DESCRIPTION	COST
<p>Facilitator day rate</p> <p>1. This should be considered a budget request and 'worst-case' scenario. Typical day rates for external facilitators are £800-1000 and we will liaise with RIE as to approved partners. There is also scope for the whole session to be led by the RIE team at a substantial cost saving – this has been explored in principle with Grainne and may be feasible. Any underspend would be returned.</p> <p>2. Should covid-19 restrictions continue this may need to be an online event which would also minimise costs.</p>	<p>£1000</p>
<p>Venue hire – minimised by using the ENU portfolio.</p> <p>Catering: breaks and lunch for 20 delegates</p>	<p>nil</p> <p>£300</p>
TOTAL COST	£ 1300

3. RESEARCHER DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

Please indicate which of the main domain(s) of the Researcher Development Framework your proposed Initiative addresses. Please refer to the [Vitae Researcher Development Statement](#) (Max. 350 words).

This event seeks to enhance the **knowledge base** across the group about where expertise is held – in research theory, traditions, emphases and methods. This will enable those from different research traditions to acknowledge how advances in their own field relate to other research areas, underpin a respect and understanding for plurality, and generate potential collaboration to produce highly **creative** novel and innovative academic contributions.

Domain B: Personal effectiveness

We will operate inclusively, to encourage contributions and curiosity of people at all stages of research activity and experience. Involvement in the event will act to support reflection on the development of **personal qualities** supportive of quality research, and greater knowledge of **self-management** needed to achieve this. Through the event all team members can contribute to AHP-SW strategy, plans and priorities, and relate these to their own **professional and career development** to enhance the effectiveness of individuals, the group and ENU.

Domain C: Research governance and organisation

The event will enable the team to maintain their **professional conduct** in by learning about, respecting and acknowledging the attributes and contribution of others. The team will strengthen understanding of the contribution of research to the health of each discipline and to the ENU strategy, and consider how to **manage** our own and collaborative projects in line with broader strategic aims.

Domain D: Engagement, influence and impact

A central focus of the event is enabling the AHP-SW team to enhance their ability to **work together** in research. Greater knowledge of one another's knowledge, experience and activity will foster inclusive, respectful and constructive collaboration that recognises the contribution of each member in team success. This opportunity to learn about and from one another will extend our existing relationships into research in a way that will underpin influential, innovative and novel research that advances each individual, AHP-SW research, the SHSC Strategy and University ambitions in research.

4. ENDORSEMENT

Please confirm that you have discussed this application with your School Director for Research and immediate Supervisor/PI/ Line-manager and that they are happy for you to proceed with your application. We will require in addition **either** their signature on the final hard-copy of your application, or an email from them to a.mcnaughton@napier.ac.uk to confirm.

Name of School Director for Research:	
Signature:	Thanos Karatzias
Date:	01-02-21

Name of Supervisor/PI/Line Manager:	
Signature:	Elizabeth McKay
Date:	29-01-21

5. SUBMISSION

Completed application forms should be emailed to Angela McNaughton, Research & Innovation Administrator a.mcnaughton@napier.ac.uk by **5pm Monday 1st February**.

For further information and questions, please contact Angela McNaughton a.mcnaughton@napier.ac.uk.