The Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) has awarded The University of Manchester over £2.4M to deliver an Impact Acceleration Account (IAA) that aims to increase and accelerate the impact of EPSRC research outputs from the university through a range of knowledge exchange activities.

Running from April 2017 to March 2020, the £2.4M IAA will aim to ensure that the university fulfils its strategic knowledge exchange objectives in the domains covered by EPSRC research.

The Knowledge Exchange Team is pleased to announce the 4th Call for Proposals under the following mechanisms:

- **Relationship Incubator Scheme** (£10k, Open call)
  Fostering new relationships between industry and academic researchers, creating opportunities for collaboration and exchange of knowledge and skills

- **Proof of Concept Scheme** (£25k)
  Support for the very early stage of transforming research outputs into commercial opportunities

- **Secondment Scheme** (£50k)
  Flexible support for secondments between The University of Manchester and businesses and other organisations

**Eligibility**

Applications are only permitted for projects focused on the exploitation / application of knowledge or technology generated through EPSRC-funded research.

Eligible collaborators are UK-based businesses (including UK sites of international businesses), UK charities, and UK public sector organisations such as the NHS. If you have any queries regarding user organisation eligibility, please contact the Knowledge Exchange Team.

**Do you have a potential project?**

The Knowledge Exchange Team provide active support for the development of EPSRC IAA submissions. Prior to applying, academics are strongly advised to contact a member of the KE Team for support, and at least 1 month before the call closing date of 6th June 2018.

Initial contact should be made via ke@manchester.ac.uk

Further information can be found at http://man.ac.uk/0ns2Xr. Application forms and guidance notes are available via: http://man.ac.uk/X6eAVP.