**BPI Research and Partnerships Fund 2021-22**

**Guidance**

The Bristol Poverty Institute (BPI) is pleased to relaunch our funding opportunity for researcher-led engagement activities for the 2021-22 academic year. This will run in complement to other BPI activities, and is designed to enable researchers to bring together colleagues – and external collaborators, where appropriate – to discuss shared research interests and build networks for future collaboration. Early Career Researchers (ECRs) are particularly encouraged to apply. The primary purpose of the fund is to support **small-scale activities to grow and develop the University of Bristol poverty-research community and its visibility**.Activities are likely to include seminars and workshops. Under normal circumstances funding would primarily be used to purchase catering and refreshments for events in Bristol; however, where appropriate it can also be used towards travel costs for visiting speakers and participants to come to Bristol. Due to the ongoing pandemic we are currently also able to provide funding for online events which incur costs for software/technological support, translation (including sign language interpreters), live-streaming, and/or virtual facilitation. Where possible applicants should make use of the support available through the UoB IT services team, however, rather than seeking external costed suppliers.

The fund is open to **University of Bristol researchers at any career stage** and from any school or faculty; however, poverty must be a central theme and the activities should align with the focus and objectives of the [Bristol Poverty Institute](https://www.bristol.ac.uk/poverty-institute/). Audiences should include UoB academics and/or students, with external participants from academia, policy, and practice also welcome and encouraged. This fund is for activities hosted by UoB academics, either in Bristol or online.

Grants awarded under this scheme will normally be in the region of **£300**, although applications up to £500 will be considered. Staff salaries, UoB staff travel, and conference fees are not eligible costs. If you are unsure whether your proposed activity is suitable, please feel free to contact the BPI team via [bristol-poverty-institute@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:bristol-poverty-institute@bristol.ac.uk). Please provide a breakdown of costs. For example:

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| **Description** | **Total cost** |
| Virtual whiteboard | £80 |
| British Sign Language interpreter  (Two interpreters for 1.5hours at £50/hour/person) | £150 |
| Toll-free dial-in number for African participants | £30 |
| **Total applied for** | £260 |

**Applications will be considered on a rolling basis** until all funding has been allocated or the call closing date (31 May 2022), whichever is sooner. **All activities and spend must be completed by the end of the academic year** (31 July 2022). We aim to communicate decisions within three weeks of applications being received.

Please note that successful applicants will be expected to complete a short end-of-award report as a condition of funding.

Application forms and queries should be submitted to [bristol-poverty-institute@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:bristol-poverty-institute@bristol.ac.uk).

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**Application form**

The completed application form should be **no more than 2 sides A4**, minimum font size 11 (you may remove the italicised notes). Completed forms should be returned to [bristol-poverty-institute@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:bristol-poverty-institute@bristol.ac.uk) **no later than 31 May 2022**. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until all funding has been allocated.

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| **Name** |  |
| **Faculty** |  |
| **School** |  |
| **Project/event title** |  |
| **Anticipated date(s)** | *N.B. This can be approximate at time of application* |
| **Amount requested** |  |

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| **Description of project** | | |
| *What activity/activities are you proposing?*  *Who are the intended audience/participants?*  *What is the purpose of the activity/activities?*  *What are the expected outcomes?* | | |
| **Relevance to poverty research** | | |
| *How is your proposed activity/activities relevant to poverty research?*  *See* [*https://www.bristol.ac.uk/poverty-institute/*](https://www.bristol.ac.uk/poverty-institute/) *for more information on the BPI.* | | |
| **Budget** | | |
| **Description** | | **Cost** |
| *Please include breakdown* | |  |
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| **TOTAL applied for** | |  |
| *Please add additional rows as required* | | |
| **Project partners** | | |
| *Please list any project partners or collaborators (if applicable – not required)* | | |
| **Other funding for this project** | | |
| *Please list any other sources of funding for this or related activities (if applicable – not required)* | | |
| **Signature** | *Typed signatures can be accepted, so long as the form is submitted from the UoB email address of the signatory* | |
| **Date** |  | |