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| **PtD Exchange & Explore Application Form** |
| Prior to submission, all applications **must** have been discussed with your college [Business Engagement Partner](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/partners/contact-us/index.aspx). Applications to the MRC PtD E&E fund must be made using this Exchange and Explore application form and submitted to Claire Potter (C.Potter@bham.ac.uk) and Alice Sayers (A.E.Sayers@bham.ac.uk).If the Industry partner wishes to part-own resulting IP you will also need to submit section 4 of the [MICA](http://www.mrc.ac.uk/innovation/mrc-industry-collaboration-agreement-mica/) Form and a letter of support (if the University will fully own resulting IP a MICA Form / supporting letter is not required). Upon submission, your application will be considered by the internal MRC CiC / PtD Steering Group. Where possible, a funding decision will be made within two weeks. |
| **Lead Applicant Details** |
| Name |  |
| School / College |  |
| Telephone / Email |  |
| **Industry Details** |
| Company Name |  |
| Contact (inc. position) |  |
| Telephone / Email |  |
| Address |  |
| **Project Title**  |
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| **Project Summary –** Please give a brief overview of the fundamental science behind the project, the research team, and how you plan to progress this project beyond E&E funding. [Suggested 500 words] |
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| **Rationale and Objectives -** Why have you chosen this company as a potential industrial collaborator? What are the objectives of the proposed project? [Suggested 250 words] |
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| **Project Plan –** Please give details of planned activities, the outputs, expected start and end dates and the costs associated with each. [Suggested 750 words] |
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| **Planned People Exchange –** Please give details of who will be involved in the “exchange”, which may include one or more of the lead applicant, postdoc, technician etc. Applications of up to £10k (consumables only, i.e. no staffing costs) are welcomed. This can support exchange into and out of industry, including some elements of personal support for travel /accommodation. [Suggested 250 words] |
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| **Pilot Data –** Where possible, please include preliminary data to support your application.  |
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| **Global Challenge** |
| *We do not expect all PtD applications to address global challenges, but where your research does please note that you do not have to work with specific partners from the* [*DAC list*](https://www.oecd.org/dac/financing-sustainable-development/development-finance-standards/DAC-List-of-ODA-Recipients-for-reporting-2020-flows.pdf) *however you do need to demonstrate how your research proposal will deliver primary benefits to Lower and Middle Income Countries (LMIC) countries in the long-term, and how you will deliver this pathway to impact.* |
| Is your research of direct and primary relevance within LMIC settings?  | Yes / No |
| If so, please give details of which countries from the [*DAC list*](https://www.oecd.org/dac/financing-sustainable-development/development-finance-standards/DAC-List-of-ODA-Recipients-for-reporting-2020-flows.pdf) *(any country on list is eligible)* your research is relevant to? |  |

**Next stages**

The application should be **completely** filled in and **signed** by the Lead Applicant and an electronic copy of the application **emailed** to Claire Potter (C.Potter@bham.ac.uk) **and** Alice Sayers (A.E.Sayers@bham.ac.uk).

Applications for the Exchange & Explore fund will be reviewed by the internal MRC CiC / PtD Panel. Where possible, a funding decision will be made within two weeks. Award letters confirming details of the funding will then be sent to successful applicants.

All awardees will be required to complete an **Outcome Reporting Form** within one month of proposed travel activity and to provide informal updates on progress as / when requested. If relevant circumstances change that might adversely affect proposed activity Claire Potter (C.Potter@bham.ac.uk) and Alice Sayers (A.E.Sayers@bham.ac.uk) should be contacted immediately.

We thank people in advance for their cooperation, but point out that failure to comply will preclude consideration for further Proximity to Discovery funding.

**Declaration**

I, the Lead Applicant, declare that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this application is true, accurate and complete.

I undertake to conduct any associated research in accordance to Medical Research Council (MRC) standard terms and conditions. I undertake to credit MRC Proximity to Discovery funding in any publications associated with this activity.

Signed: Date: