Universities UK International

Department for Business, Innovation, Science and Trade

Fostering bilateral and multilateral research ecosystems in Engineering Biology pump priming scheme - selection criteria

Applications will be scored out of 20 and judged against the criteria set out below.

1. Strategic partnership fit		**2. Project fit**		**3. Deliverability**		**3. Alignment with** Horizon Europe priorities	
Key criteria	**Scoring (out of 5)**	**Key criteria**	**Scoring (out of 5)**	**Key criteria**	**Scoring (out of 5)**	**Key criteria**	**Scoring (out of 5)**
Demonstrates engagement to establish new or recently formed partnership including future planning OR demonstrates clear evidence of plans for how to revive an historically established partnership Clearly shows why the partner institution is suitable and outlines their contributions of expertise and resources. Further explains how the funding would enable further partnership activity. Highlights mutual commitment to Horizon Europe and long-term collaboration to foster innovation and research impact	**5 points:** Meets all criteria to an exceptional level **4 points:** Meets the majority of the criteria to a very high level **3 points:** Meets the majority of the criteria to a high level **2 points:** Meets the majority of the criteria to an adequate level **1 point:** Meets some of the criteria to an adequate level	Clearly articulates the aim of the project and the specific objectives in relation to the call priorities. Focuses on at least one of the Horizon Europe pillar 2 cluster 1, 4, 5 and 6 and supports UK-wide research and innovation priorities as underpinned in the UK's Modern Industrial Strategy.	**5 points:** Meets all criteria to an exceptional level **4 points:** Meets the majority of the criteria to a very high level **3 points:** Meets the majority of the criteria to a high level **2 points:** Meets the majority of the criteria to an adequate level **1 point:** Meets some of the criteria to an adequate level	Provides a clear and concise project timeframe. Demonstrates the ability to deliver the project in a timely manner with necessary provisions in place, including a realistic plan for spending the budget. Demonstrates that the project is feasible within the proposed timeframe and that the requested budget can be fully utilised within the award period.	**5 points:** Meets all criteria to an exceptional level **4 points:** Meets the majority of the criteria to a very high level **3 points:** Meets the majority of the criteria to a high level **2 points:** Meets the majority of the criteria to an adequate level **1 point:** Meets some of the criteria to an adequate level	Clearly shows how the proposed project aligns with the Horizon Europe funding priorities, and how it will be suitable for submission to calls within pillar 2 clusters 1, 4 5 or 6. Explains how the project will support the institution's ability to meet these priorities. Describes a plan for measuring project impact Explains how the project will enhance the institution's engagement with Horizon Europe and support institutional and UK-wide research goals.	**5 points:** Meets all criteria to an exceptional level **4 points:** Meets the majority of the criteria to a very high level **3 points:** Meets the majority of the criteria to a high level **2 points:** Meets the majority of the criteria to an adequate level **1 point:** Meets some of the criteria to an adequate level