

KISI Active Partnership Programme (KAPP) Funding Call Guidance 2023-24

Scheme Summary

Keele University's Institute for Social Inclusion is delighted to launch the Active Partnership Programme (KAPP) for 2023-24. This scheme offers seed corn funding (£2000- £5000) for non-academic partners to propose innovative, collaborative projects that address aspects of social inclusion.

The scheme is open to the Keele Institute for Social Inclusion's network of partners, including community and civil society organisations, charities, the public sector, political institutions, faith organisations, education organisations, businesses, and creative practitioners.

Proposals should demonstrate a well-defined, deliverable pilot research project, research impact delivery or knowledge exchange activity that examines issues relating to social inclusion or exclusion, explores workable solutions, and/or works towards the implementation of new initiatives.

We will fund a small portfolio of projects at the local, national, and international scale. We hope to receive applications from organisations representing or serving minoritized communities amongst their members or beneficiaries. International partners are welcome to join KISI and apply.

About the Institute

The Keele Institute for Social Inclusion brings together a vibrant community of academic researchers and external partners, working collaboratively to tackle issues including, for example, food poverty, educational exclusion, mental health, cultural regeneration, community resilience, security and safety, and health inequalities. The Institute's work seeks to identify, explain, and overcome specific social, economic, and cultural obstacles to social inclusion, to help people realise their full potential.

The Institute is directed by Professor David Amigoni, who is also the lead for Keele Deal Culture. KISI's academic membership includes over 90 active academic researchers from Keele University across a wide range of disciplines. Knowledge co-production and co-creation - where research questions, problems and their solutions are co-determined by academic and non-academic communities working in partnership - is central to the KISI's approach to research.

Within our three themes of Tackling Inequalities (including health), Supporting Communities, and Sustaining Democracies, KISI supports interdisciplinary research in five key 'challenge areas' which reflect Keele's academic expertise:

- Learning from heritage, lived experience, and community innovation
- Inclusive and sustainable government
- Security, policing and justice
- Marginalisation, migration and diversity
- Inclusive education and skills

More information about KISI and our research challenge areas is available on our webpages - <https://www.keele.ac.uk/socialinclusion/>

Aims of the KAPP fund

KAPP supports the Institute's work in addressing obstacles to social inclusion and developing solutions to these, and creates impact from the Institute's programmes and research. It seeks to increase and enhance opportunities for collaboration between the Institute's network of external partners and academic researchers at Keele University.

What kinds of activities will KAPP support?

- Pilot research projects developing creative and innovative research methodologies for examining specific issues relating to social inclusion and exclusion.
- Activities delivering impact from ongoing or previous Keele research, getting research-generated evidence to stakeholders, beneficiaries, and policymakers in accessible, useable form.
- Knowledge exchange activities, especially those dedicated to exploring innovative (service delivery, community development, entrepreneurial and cultural models) for doing social change 'with' communities and the organisations who support them.

Please note that funds are not intended to cover core activities or programme evaluation.

KAPP applicant eligibility

- The lead applicant must be a non-academic organisation or individual.
- Partner organisations must collaborate with an academic or academic team from Keele University. Postgraduate researchers can be included in the application as team members, but the Keele lead should be a member of the University's academic staff for the duration of the project.
- Projects must relate to at least one of the Institute's themes and challenge areas.
- All applicants must be members of the Institute. Membership of the Institute is open to all. If you would like to join us, please follow [this link](#) and complete the simple online form.

Partner/Academic Collaboration

KAPP projects are partner led but applications need to be co-developed in partnership with Keele academics, so that the research design and programme of activities meet the needs of both parties. Projects need to offer an achievable programme of work that will lead to academic publications and have the potential to move beyond the incubation of KISI funding to develop larger research funding bids.

We hope to see applications that can demonstrate a durable relationship between the partner organisation and academic collaborator/s. Academic leads should be involved at an early stage in application development, to ensure research interests are integral in the project design.

Finding a Keele Academic Collaborator

Organisations or individuals who might wish to collaborate with Keele academics with a view to planning a KAPP project can find information about Keele academics who are KISI members on our webpages, with interests grouped according to our research [challenge areas](#). You can also find a listing of cross-Faculty academics with an interest in co-creation and community engaged research through [coCREATE](#), our creative methods network.

Budget

Budget details are required at the application submission stage, with a detailed breakdown of costs. When planning your project budget, please consider the following financial guidelines:

Travel and subsistence: Any travel must be standard/economy class. Mileage is paid at 45p per mile. Accommodation rates should not exceed £200 per night for London and £125 per night elsewhere. Subsistence costs for the lead applicant and Keele collaborators are not eligible, but event catering will be considered.

Venue costs: Reasonable costs for event venue hire and associated costs will be considered.

Communications costs: Reasonable costs for project-specific communications, such as webhosting, web or flyer design, social media etc will be considered.

Staff time: Payment for the lead applicant or academic collaborators' time is NOT eligible for funding. Funds can be requested to cover the reasonable costs of time for organisation staff who will be seconded to specific, time-defined project activities and to cover reasonable hourly-rate research assistance for project delivery.

Participant costs: Gift cards or transport tokens for event attendees are permissible costs but cash honoraria paid to participants in events are not eligible.

KAPP application and award timescale

- Applicants should submit an application form by **30th November 2023**.
- Applications must include fully costed activities and project plans (Keele Academic collaborators can draw on support from Keele RAISE colleagues to cost projects).
- Applicants will be notified of outcomes in December 2023.
- Successful projects can commence from January 2024.

Application forms and any queries about this scheme or the Institute should be submitted to socialinclusion@keele.ac.uk

Project reporting

An Interim project report is required by 5th July 2024.

Projects must be completed, funds spent and fully reported by 31 October 2024.