

Enabling Impact Platforms - Strategic Impact Fund 2025

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Applicant Details

1. Project Lead *

Title	First Name	Last Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

2. RMIT employee number *

Include "e" with the number

3. RMIT Email *

4. Which most accurately describes you? *

- Man or male
- Woman or female
- Non-binary
- Trans or gender diverse
- Prefer not to respond
- I use a different term (please specify)
- Other:

At least 1 choice and no more than 4 choices may be selected.

If you have checked "I use a different term" please specify in the Other box

5. Do you identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander? *

6. College/School *

7. Do you have an Enabling Impact Platform (EIP) Affiliation? *

To be eligible to apply you must have an EIP Affiliation. Those not already affiliated with one of the EIPs are able to sign up online at <https://rmiteduau.sharepoint.com/sites/EnablingImpactPlatforms/SitePages/Become-an-EIP-Affiliate.aspx>

Employment Details

8. Current Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) - Proportion of a full-time workload you are currently assigned.

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Please specify your current FTE (e.g. if working full-time FTE you would select 1.0 FTE)

9. Employment Status *

Continuing employment means all full-time or part-time employment other than employment on a fixed-term or casual basis.

10. If Fixed-Term, advise the expiry date of your fixed-term contract

Fixed-term end date must not expire before 31 December 2025

11. Academic Level *

12. Academic Function *

Please pick the most accurate option.

Activity Details

Select the lead EIP; and the supporting Platform/s in the following sections:

13. Expected activity start date (Approximate)

Must be a date and between 15/4/2025 and 30/6/2025.

Please add an approximate date between this timeframe as your expected start date. Mid-April 2025 corresponds to the expected notification of outcomes.

14. Lead Enabling Impact Platform (EIP) *

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| <input type="radio"/> Advanced Materials, Manufacturing and Fabrication | <input type="radio"/> Information in Society |
| <input type="radio"/> Biomedical and Health Innovation | <input type="radio"/> Social Change |
| <input type="radio"/> Design and Creative Practice | <input type="radio"/> Sustainable Technologies and Systems |
| <input type="radio"/> Global Business Innovation | <input type="radio"/> Urban Futures |

Designate one EIP platform as the 'Lead'. In the next question, choose at least one other platform as a secondary/supporting platform relevant to your project. This applies to both the Interdisciplinary Thought Leadership and Enabling Impact Streams of funding.

15. Supporting EIP *

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Materials, Manufacturing and Fabrication | <input type="checkbox"/> Information in Society |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biomedical and Health Innovation | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Change |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Design and Creative Practice | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable Technologies and Systems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Global Business Innovation | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Futures |

Strategic Impact proposals must identify more than one aligned EIP and demonstrate interdisciplinary themes. Applications with multiple Schools/Colleges participating and demonstrating cross-EIP interactions will be prioritised.

Team and Co-Applicants (if applicable)

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16. Name	School or Organisation	Academic Level (if known)

Co-Applicants

If your submission is a team submission, briefly describe the expertise of the team members and why an interdisciplinary team approach is required to progress your proposal. Describe the diversity of team members (e.g. Gender, life experience, expertise, career stage, including details of any HDR students). Please also describe elements of the proposal that will contribute to preparing the next generation of leaders to take on the challenges of the future (e.g. mentoring, training etc). NOTE: HDR students can participate as team members, if endorsed by their Principal Supervisor. If successful, the team lead will be asked to provide evidence of Principle Supervisor endorsement for any HDR team members.

17. Interdisciplinary Team Description

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

RMIT Futures Alignment

All proposals to also align with the broad impact outcomes of (at least) one of six [RMIT's desired Futures](#);

18. RMIT Futures *

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fairer | <input type="checkbox"/> Secure and Resilient Futures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Healthier | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Productive and Creative | <input type="checkbox"/> Connected |

At least 1 choice must be selected.

19. Describe how the activity/project aligns with the RMIT Futures *

Word count:

Must be no more than 150 words.

Proposal Type

20. Proposal is for: *

- Strategic/Interdisciplinary thought leadership (\$3,000 - \$10,000)
- Enabling Strategic Impact Proposals (\$5,000 - \$50,000) - NOTE: average funding awarded is \$20,000 - \$30,000

If you would like to apply for both types of funding, please submit separate applications for each funding type.

Strategic/Interdisciplinary thought leadership

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Proposal Details and Outcomes

This section is only for those that selected Strategic/interdisciplinary thought leadership

Strategic/interdisciplinary thought leadership proposals must demonstrate external engagement as a pathway to societal impact as a key focus and design feature.

21. Title of Proposed Activity or Project

Give a short, descriptive title for your proposed project.

22. Proposal description and how it is interdisciplinary *

Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

Provide a short overall summary description of your project - refer to the selection criteria listed in the Strategic Impact Fund Guidelines to ensure your proposal addresses the criteria. Highlight the interdisciplinary approach/es to the opportunity/initiative, research translation and/or societal impact potential and key collaborations.

23. Activities and Impact Pathway *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Provide a short description of the specific activities planned within your proposal. Highlight the steps that will be taken to make impact more likely from the proposal (i.e. planned pathway to impact). Include details of any input and/or co-contribution from potential industry, community, government or delivery partners or end users.

24. Activity Type *

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Externally-facing concept paper | <input type="checkbox"/> Speculative designs | <input type="checkbox"/> Externally focused summaries and reports |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Roadmap | <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstration projects | <input type="checkbox"/> Activities related to Indigenous knowledges, knowledge systems, and engagement with Indigenous knowledge holders |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Policy briefs/ Briefing papers | <input type="checkbox"/> Seeding and idea validation of 'white spaces' | <input type="checkbox"/> Other strategic engagement mechanisms |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of Principle Demonstration | | |

At least 1 choice must be selected.

Select the activity type/s that will be undertaken in your proposal, noting you can also add 'Other'

25. Intended Activity Outcomes *

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Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Provide a short description of the potential for your proposal to grow RMIT's reputation for creative / strategic / interdisciplinary thought leadership related to issues of social or environmental importance, policy impact and/or solutions that assist external groups (beyond academia) with decision-making. Highlight innovative features of the proposal and any downstream translation and/or impact potential (short-, medium- or long-term).

26. Anticipated Outcomes *

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Increases the readiness and application of RMIT's research and innovation capability to respond to current and future strategic initiatives | <input type="checkbox"/> Strengthens a positive interdisciplinary research culture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enhances the readiness of RMIT's research and innovation capability to respond to externally focused, high impact-potential opportunities | <input type="checkbox"/> Grows RMIT's reputation for creative / strategic/ interdisciplinary Thought Leadership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enables, demonstrates and de-risks the application of innovative capability to new or adjacent areas of application | <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrates other possible futures through speculative, conjectural, visionary prototypes or designs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Catalyses interdisciplinary research and engagement, including through the establishment of transdisciplinary networks | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/> |

What research impact potential and/or outcomes will your proposal achieved if funded. Please select the outcome/s anticipated from your proposal, noting you can also add 'Other'.

27. Detail any current industry, community or government partners that may be interested to work with you on this proposal/initiative. State 'N/A' if this does not currently apply *

Word count:

Must be no more than 150 words.

Priority will be given to those activities that are undertaken in consultation with community, industry, government or other significant external stakeholders.

28. Upload evidence (where relevant) of any ongoing partner discussions e.g. letter/email of support

Attach a file:

Only relevant for those applications that have evidence to share

Enabling Strategic Impact Proposals

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Proposal Details, Impact Pathways and Outcomes

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****This section is only for those that selected Enabling Strategic Impact Proposals****

Priority will be given to projects that seed high-impact potential initiatives to tackle large, complex problems or to capture large opportunities. Typical grants will range from \$20,000-\$30,000, however for exceptional proposals grants could be awarded up to \$50,000.

29. Title of Proposed Activity or Project

Give a short, descriptive title for your proposed project.

30. Proposal description and how it is interdisciplinary *

Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

Provide a short overall summary description of your project - refer to the selection criteria listed in the Strategic Impact Fund Guidelines to ensure your proposal addresses the criteria. Highlight the interdisciplinary approach/es to the opportunity/initiative, research translation and/or societal impact potential and key collaborations.

31. Strategic Impact Proposal Type *

- Projects and activities driving interdisciplinary collaboration and interdisciplinary research capability
- Engaging with external industry partners or stakeholders with a view to research translation
- Best practice processes enabling more effective research engagement and research translation for a clear strategic purpose/opportunity
- Scaling up of existing (or identifying new) research capabilities that contribute to RMIT's ability to create impact from research
- Developing new expertise/skills to address specific needs on the part of external partners or stakeholders
- Engaging with external stakeholders for co-development of significant opportunities to innovate, or to deploy innovation
- Enabling major interdisciplinary opportunities to create impact from the translation of research
- Other:

Select the activity type/s that you will be undertaking, noting you can also add 'Other'

32. Activities and Impact Pathway *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Provide a short description of the specific activities planned within your proposal. Highlight the steps that will be taken to make impact more likely from the proposal (i.e. planned pathway to impact). Include details of any input and/or co-contribution from potential industry, community, government or delivery partners or end users.

33. Intended Outcomes *

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Word count:

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Describe the potential of your proposal to achieve transformative impact based on the anticipated outcomes you have selected. Highlight innovative features of the proposal and any downstream translation and/or impact potential (short-, medium- or long-term).

34. Anticipated Outcomes *

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Increases the readiness and application of RMIT's research and innovation capability to respond to current and future strategic initiatives | <input type="checkbox"/> Strengthens a positive interdisciplinary research culture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enhances the readiness of RMIT's research and innovation capability to respond to externally focused, high impact-potential opportunities | <input type="checkbox"/> Grows RMIT's reputation for strategic/ interdisciplinary thought leadership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enables, demonstrates and de-risks the application of innovative capability to new or adjacent areas of application | <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrates other possible futures through speculative, conjectural, visionary prototypes or designs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Catalyses interdisciplinary research and engagement, including through the establishment of transdisciplinary networks | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input style="width: 80px;" type="text"/> |

What research impact potential and/or outcomes will your proposal achieve if funded. Please select the outcome/s anticipated from your proposal, noting you can also add 'Other'.

35. Detail any current industry, community or government partners that may be interested to work with you on this proposal/initiative. State 'N/A' if this does not currently apply *

Word count:

Must be no more than 150 words.

Priority will be given to proposals that provide evidence of input from potential industry, community, or government partners (e.g. hospitals, arts organisations), including in-kind and/or cash contributions.

36. Upload evidence (where relevant) of any ongoing partner discussions e.g. letter/email of support

Attach a file:

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Activity Budget

Proposal Funding

Refer to the Strategic Impact Fund Guidelines available at the [EIP Funding Opportunities](#) page for a summary of Eligible funding items and expenditure that is not supported.

In the sections below:

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i) Describe the anticipated key milestones of your proposal, the activity date and the expected output ii) Select the relevant budget category, describe the activities to be funded and the associated funding request iii) Disclose any funding already received for this proposal and disclose any ECP/EIP funding previously received from any members of the Project Team (including Project Lead).

Milestones

37. Milestone Description Activity Date Expected Output

	Activity Date	Expected Output
	Must be a date.	

Budget

38. Budget Category Activities to be funded Associated Funding Request

	Activities to be funded	Associated Funding Request
	Please see the RMIT salary schedule for further information at https://www.rmit.edu.au/staff/service-connect/benefits-salary/salary/schedules	Must be a dollar amount.
		\$
		\$
		\$

Budget Totals

39. Total Expenditure Amount

\$

This number/amount is calculated.

40. Please disclose any previous ECP/EIP funding received from any member of the Project Team (including Project Lead) (if applicable)

Provide a short description (100 words recommended) of any previous ECP/EIP funding received, the year received, the activity funded and the amount.

41. Please disclose any funding related to this proposal that you have already received (eg internal or external grants, contracts, other funding sources)

Provide a short description (100 words recommended) of any previous ECP/EIP funding received, the year received, the activity funded and the amount.

Additional Affiliation and Alignment Information

Affiliation with College Research Centres and Clusters

42. Please identify any research centres/clusters that you (applicant/team members) are affiliated with.

STEM Research Centres (If applicable)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Accelerator for Translational Research & Clinical Trials (ATRACT) | <input type="checkbox"/> Centre for Innovative Structures and Materials (CISM) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Centre for Human-AI Information Environments (CHAI) | <input type="checkbox"/> Satellite Positioning for Atmosphere, Climate and Environment Research (SPACE) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Centre for Atomaterials Nanomanufacturing (CAN) | <input type="checkbox"/> Water: Effective Technologies and Tools (WETT) Research Centre |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Centre for Opto-Electronic Materials and Sensors (COMAS) | <input type="checkbox"/> Integrated Photonics and Applications Centre (InPAC) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Centre for Additive Manufacturing (RCAM) | <input type="checkbox"/> Centre of Industrial AI Research and Innovation (CIAIRI) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RMIT Applied Quantum Technologies (RAQT) | <input type="checkbox"/> RMIT University Centre for Cyber Security Research and Innovation (CCSRI) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Centre for Future Construction (CFC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sir Lawrence Wackett Defence & Aerospace Centre (SLWC) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Centre for Advanced Materials and Industrial Chemistry (CAMIC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="text"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Centre for Information Discovery and Data Analytics (CIDDA) | |

DSC Research Centres (If applicable)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Centre for Urban Research | <input type="checkbox"/> Social and Global Studies Centre |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Post-Carbon Research Centre | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Equity Research Centre |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Centre for Design and Digital Social Transformation | <input type="checkbox"/> Centre of Digital Ecosystems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Centre for Materials Innovation and Future Fashion | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="text"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Digital Ethnography Research Centre | |

COBL Research Centres (If applicable)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> RMIT Centre for Innovative Justice | <input type="checkbox"/> Behavioural Business Lab |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Centre for International Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Blockchain Innovation Hub |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Centre for Business and Human Rights | <input type="checkbox"/> Digital3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Centre for People, Organisations and Work | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="text"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RMIT University Centre for Cyber Security Research and Innovation (CCSRI) | |

UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Alignment

43. UN SDG Alignment

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| <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 1 No Poverty | <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 10 Reduced Inequalities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 2 Zero Hunger | <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 11 Sustainable Cities and Communities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 3 Good Health and Wellbeing | <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 12 Responsible Consumption and Production |

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- SDG 4 Quality Education
- SDG 5 Gender Equality
- SDG 6 Clean Water and Sanitation
- SDG 7 Affordable and Clean Energy
- SDG 8 Decent Work and Economic Growth
- SDG 9 Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
- SDG 13 Climate Action
- SDG 14 Life below Water
- SDG 15 Life on land
- SDG 16 Peace and Strong Justice Institutions
- SDG 17 Partnerships for the Goals
- No Alignment to UN SDGs

Choose all that apply. Please identify any alignments that your proposal shares with the UN SDG's Information about the UN Sustainable Development Goals may be found on the RMIT SDG page:[Click here](#)

44. Explain how your proposal aligns with the selected UN Sustainable Development Goals

Word count:
Must be no more than 200 words.

Alignment with RMIT's Strategy

45. Alignment with RMIT's Knowledge with Action Strategy

[Direction 2: Research and innovation for impact](#)

Tick all that apply

- Deepen research impact culture and capabilities.
- Foster partnerships for sustained impact at scale.
- Scale up applied, transdisciplinary research.
- Grow impact-focused research training.
- Accelerate research translation and commercialisation.