# Birkbeck / Wellcome Trust Institutional Strategic Support Fund2 (ISSF2)

## **Proposal form for PhD students**

The aim of this initiative is to give PhD students in biomedicine or medical humanities up to three months’ funding beyond the end of their period of formal study to complete publications or develop engagement or dissemination activities. Note that awards cannot start until after the thesis has been submitted.

Awards will cover salary costs for the student on the Researcher 1 scale, and up to £,3000 for research/event costs. The research/event costs must be requested as part of this application on the Budget table and all activities must take place during the period of the award.

This form should be filled in electronically and must include a statement of support from your supervisor (see section 9 of this form) and sent as an email attachment to [rescomp@bbk.ac.uk](mailto:rescomp@bbk.ac.uk) together with a copy of your CV. Please type your answers where indicated. There are no predefined boxes to limit the length of your answers, but please keep to the specified word limits. Ensure that you complete all sections of the form, that you provide all the information we need, and that all information is accurate. Your application will be judged solely on the information provided in this form.

1. **Applicant:**
2. **Department:**
3. **Supervisor:**
4. **Short description / title of proposed activities: (max 150 words)**
5. **Start date: End date:**
6. **Please provide further details of your proposed activities (max. 500 words).**

Describe the background, aims and objectives and programme of work/activities. You should include a timeline/Gantt Chart of your planned activities. You are advised to be realistic not optimistic in your plans; over optimistic applications are often not funded.

Use this section also to provide any other information in support of the application. If you are applying for funds to develop engagement activities we recommend [contacting our public engagement team](mailto:public-engagement@bbk.ac.uk?subject=ISSF%20-%20PhD%20student%20application%20enquiry) before applying.

1. **Please describe how, if at all, your research has been disrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic. (max. 150 words)**
2. **How does this project fit with the Wellcome Trust’s remit? (max. 150 words)**
3. **Budget:**
4. Please provide details of the budget for your proposed research/event costs. Note that the maximum amount available for these costs is £3,000. You do not have to ask for £3,000 and the panel will be looking for some realistic costings not just round numbers. Be specific as to what conference you will be attending for example. Equally, we do not want every small item listing. Do not ask for OPEN ACCESS Publishing costs as they will be provided anyway.

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| **Item description / breakdown of costs** | **Cost** |
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1. Provide a justification for resources you are requesting. This should be a reasoning of **why** you require the resources for your project rather than an expanded description of the above items.
2. **A short statement of support must be provided by your Supervisor.** This should be provided in the space below. The supervisor should outline how the work will benefit Birkbeck in terms of the next REF or new grant applications, or in any other significant way.

**Name of Supervisor:**

**Statement of support:**