**GW4 BUILDING COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME**

**Generator Fund Round 6 Application Form**

Please refer to the GW4 Building Communities [Generator Fund Guidance](https://gw4.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/GF6-Guidance-Doc-FINAL.pdf) and return the completed form to communities@gw4.ac.uk by midnight on **Monday** **3rd February 2025**.

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| **1. Name of Proposed GW4 Community**  |
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| **2. Applicants****Please list grouped by institution.** ***Please note:*** *There must be at least three, preferably four of the GW4 institutions involved in a GW4 Application. Other non-GW4 partners are encouraged and can be named in section 8C.* |
| **PI and Co Applicants *(please delete to indicate institution: Bath / Bristol / Cardiff / Exeter)*****Please indicate the PI with suffix (PI)** |
| Name |  |
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| **Co Applicants *(please delete to indicate institution: Bath / Bristol / Cardiff / Exeter)*** |
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| If your proposal does not involve applicants from all four GW4 institutions, please justify here: |
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| **3. Key Info** |
| **Start Date** | **End Date** | **Amount Requested (max £20k, further details given in Section 11)** |
| 1st June 2025 | 30th November 2025 |  |
| ***Please note****: We expect awards to be of six months duration; from 1st June to 30th November 2025. This allows two months for project preparation, following award notification in early April 2025.* |
| *If your requested project dates differ from this, please amend above and provide full justification in relation to the context of your proposal:* |
| **Generator Showcase and Launch Event: Wednesday 21 May 2025** |
| *Successful applicants are expected to attend our Generator Showcase Event on* ***Wednesday 21 May 2025****. This will be an opportunity for new research communities to network with each other and begin initial plans for their projects.****Please confirm that you and your team will hold the date:*** |

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| **4. Lay person summary** |
| *(100 words) Please provide a lay person’s summary of your motivation and project. This overview will be read by all members of the panel so they understand the breadth of applications (applications are assigned by subject area to three panel reviewers and therefore reviewers do not score all applications). We will also use this summary for promotion and communications of successful applications in GW4 news articles and our social channels.**Please also indicate the correct classification for your community:* ***STEM, HASS or both.*** |

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| **5.** **Current Status of your GW4 Community** |
| ***5A****. Please state if yours is a new or existing GW4 community (if existing, please tell us how long it has been in existence):* |
| ***5B****. (100 words max) Please tell us if you have previously been awarded GW4 funding; what this was and how you used this:* |

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| **6. Focus of Research**  |
| *(300 words max) Please outline the research or innovation opportunity that you intend to address through this collaboration, its wider context and importance:* |

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| **7.** **GW4 Added Value** |
| *(300 words max) Explain the rationale for coming together as a GW4 community, what synergies or gaps do you believe you have identified, and what is the anticipated added value of working as a GW4 research community rather than as a single institution. What is the demonstrated, or anticipated, level of interest across GW4:* |

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| **8.** **Proposed Activities** |
| ***8A.*** *(600 words max) Please describe how you intend to use the funding, taking into consideration the project must be completed within a 6-month period. Please detail:** + - * *activities (their aims, benefits and timeframe - providing a brief work plan where appropriate), and how these will initiate or develop collaboration*
			* *anticipated outcomes and impact of each activity*
* *how you anticipate activities and impact will be sustained in the longer term*
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| ***8B****. (200 words max) Please outline any external grants to be targeted; academic publications, conference papers, reports or other to be developed (either during or following the lifetime of the award):* |
| ***8C.*** *(200 words max) If relevant, please provide details of external partners (e.g. non-GW4 academics, businesses, research organisations, government bodies and third sector organisations) and how and why you plan to engage with partners during the award.* ***Please note:*** *Complete this section only if your project includes external partners – if not, leave blank and move on to Section 9.* |

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|  **9. Project Team** |
| *(300 words max) Please outline the structure of your team (noting any other key, non-GW4, partners who are core team members) and tell us about its strengths to successfully deliver and sustain the proposed activities and outputs (consider aspects such as roles and responsibilities, including mentoring, breadth of experience, multi-disciplinarity, track record with project delivery and targeted funders):* |

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| **10. ECR Communities** |
| ***10A.*** *(200 words max) GW4 encourages applications led by ECRs and welcomes communities involving ECRs which build capacity and capability for leadership. Please indicate if you consider yours to be an ECR community and why:* |
| ***10B.*** *(200 words max) If you answered yes, please explain how ECRs within your community will be supported in terms of project delivery and beyond. For example, mentoring, continuing professional development and/or other support.*   |

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| **11. COSTS*****Please note:*** *we require a breakdown of the costs associated with your project – including direct costs only - with full justification for each element. Please refer to the guidance document. Your local finance teams or research office can help with this. Applications where costs are unclear/not broken down/not costed appropriately will be returned for clarification.****Please check the box to confirm that all costs have been developed and approved with your local finance teams or research office*** [ ] ***.****As per the guidance document, we encourage budget to be entirely held at the Lead (PI’s) Institution. However, we will still allow budget to be split across institutions if required, but budget allocated to CoI Institutions should only be for workshop expenses, staff salary expenditure etc – i.e. only things that cannot be claimed as an external expense. Therefore, budget for staff expenses (such as travel, accommodation, etc) should all be held at the Lead Institution and CoIs should claim as an external or the Lead Institution should book and pay for these.*  |
| **Lead Institution (1)** | **Cost** | **Justification** |
| Travel and subsistence |  |  |
| External speakers/facilitators |  |  |
| Venue  |  |  |
| Administration |  |  |
| Research assistant support1 |  |  |
| Other (explain) |  |  |
| *TOTAL Lead Institution (1)* | **£** |
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| **Co-Applicant Institution (2)** | **Cost** | **Justification** |
| External speakers/facilitators |  |  |
| Venue  |  |  |
| Administration |  |  |
| Research assistant support1 |  |  |
| Other (explain) |  |  |
| *TOTAL Co-Applicant Institution (2)* | **£** |
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| **Co-Applicant Institution (3)** | **Cost** | **Justification** |
| External speakers/facilitators |  |  |
| Venue  |  |  |
| Administration |  |  |
| Research assistant support1 |  |  |
| Other (explain) |  |  |
| *TOTAL Co-Applicant Institution (3)* | **£** |
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| **Co-Applicant Institution (4)** | **Cost** | **Justification** |
| External speakers/facilitators |  |  |
| Venue  |  |  |
| Administration |  |  |
| Research assistant support1 |  |  |
|  Other (explain) |  |  |
| *TOTAL Co-Applicant Institution (4)* | **£** |
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| **TOTAL across institutions** |
| Travel and subsistence |  |
| External speakers/facilitators |  |
| Venue  |  |
| Administration |  |
| Research assistant support1 |  |
| Other |  |
| **TOTAL** | **£** |

***1Research assistant support costs*** *must be fully justified and proportionate to the anticipated activities, outputs and outcomes to be delivered, and the overall budget costs.*

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| **12.** **Equality, Diversity and Inclusion monitoring (PI Only)***GW4 is committed to equality of opportunity to help achieve and maintain diversity and inclusion in all GW4 programmes. Completion of the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion monitoring section (in all or part) is* ***voluntary*** *but your assistance is appreciated as the data enables us to take an evidence-based approach when reporting on outcomes.* *The information you give will be used in accordance with GDPR. A GW4 Officer unconnected with the Building Communities call will receive the ED&I information. The GW4 Officer is not involved in assessment processes and will not see the application forms. The Building Communities team will only receive summarised ED&I data for all applications, after the selection process. Aggregate data will be retained for EDI monitoring purposes only, individual data will be deleted after the application period.**If you are willing to provide this information, please can the PI complete the form at the following link (no response needed in this application form):* |
| [GW4 Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Monitoring Form](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=l444uZqb90u81_XNjJPSCpgp_vmRRbFPuLcxa4apbA1URTVHVzNOWUpRWFJKM0g0VUkxTVk2QzY5RS4u) |

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| **13.** **Data Protection***Please carefully read the statements below and tick as appropriate.* |
| We understand that information provided by the applicants on this application form may be copied for use during the assessment process. All information will be treated as confidential. |[ ]
| We consent that if our community is successful, relevant information may be taken from this form and used as part of our community record. |[ ]
| We consent to be contacted by our institutions for further support and development if this application is unsuccessful. |[ ]

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| **14.** **In submitting this application, we confirm that we have read and will comply with the guidance notes for GW4 Generator Fund and that the information given is accurate and to the best of our knowledge.** |
| **SIGNATURE OF LEAD APPLICANT** | **DATE** |

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