TAS Hub Pump Priming Programme – Evaluation Criteria

Pump-priming projects can be categorised as follows:

**Research:**

1. Early-stage proof of concept projects
2. Foundational research
3. Industry-driven application-oriented research

**Knowledge Exchange:**

4. Entrepreneurship training and business incubation
5. Exchanges with world leading centres
6. Advocacy and engagement

Pump-priming projects will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

**Quality of the proposed activity**

- *Novelty, timeliness*
- *Ambition, potential to transform research or knowledge exchange*
- *Suitability of proposed methodology*
- *Realistic and achievable objectives and workplan, evidence of risk mitigation*

For Knowledge Exchange projects, the potential to grow the knowledge base in academia and industry will be considered.

**Relevance to stakeholders**

- *Evidence of at least one* named non-academic project partner
- *Relevance of the project to identified stakeholders and sectors, clear consideration of impact pathway*
- *Evidence of project co-creation with partners*

For Knowledge Exchange projects, more emphasis will be placed on the level of engagement with key stakeholders or relevant partners.

**Applicant team**

- *Expertise and capabilities within the applicant team to deliver the project*
- *Multi-disciplinarity: investigator involvement from at least two disciplines*
- *Inclusion of early career researchers*

For Knowledge Exchange projects, particular emphasis will be placed on the potential to grow the career and networks of individuals involved.
Fit to the TAS research programme

- *Relationship to the TAS Hub Grand Challenges*
- *Potential for planned outputs to impact on TAS programme*
- *Plans to embed responsible innovation in the project*
- *Adequate consideration of EDI in terms of the research or knowledge exchange*