UKRI TRUSTWORTHY AUTONOMOUS SYSTEMS HUB

Integrator Programme

Background

The Integrator Programme will *expand* and *enhance* ongoing TAS research by supporting the formation of new links between the Hub and the wider TAS Network, composed of the Nodes, the Pump Priming projects and the soon to be awarded Responsibility projects. We aim to encourage Hub and Network researchers to establish areas of common interest, explore collaborative ideas, and foster new research partnerships.

Consolidator Activities

Hub researchers are invited to submit proposals at any time to an open call for ***Consolidator Activities***.

These projects must build on existing TAS Hub research projects. Proposals should demonstrate how further resources will result in greater synergy between an existing Hub project and one or more projects across the TAS Network. This call is open to all Hub researchers within an existing TAS Hub project, and postdoctoral staff are particularly encouraged to take the lead; the team must also include one or more researchers from the wider TAS Network; and the proposal must clearly articulate the benefits to the wider TAS programme of consolidating research across their respective projects.

Consolidator Projects are not intended to be entirely new research projects but should draw together existing strands of research. There will be an opportunity to explore new ideas for Hub-Node collaborative projects in future Agile Project and Pump Priming calls.

The Integrator Programme – like the Agile Programme - does not represent a new stream of funding; Consolidator Activities should therefore utilise existing research staff within the Hub and Network to carry out integrating activities. We welcome activities that range in scale and scope but would not expect them to exceed 12 months in duration. Subject to availability of funds and ensuring we maintain our agreed UKRI spending profile, Hub resources can be requested to support a range of activities such as travel, workshops (both COVID permitting!), research expenses, staff time or interns. Resource requests should only include Directly Incurred costs; however, these costs must be covered by current research budget within the applicant's organisation. Before submission, the PI(s) of the relevant Network project(s) *must agree* to the participation in the consolidator activity.

How to apply

Applications can be submitted at any time via the TAS Hub online application portal.

Consolidator proposals will follow a streamlined submission and review process. This will be managed responsively to minimise delays initiating Consolidator activities.

The TAS Hub has a strong commitment to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI). We particularly welcome applications from teams which are diverse in terms of protected characteristics and disciplinary areas. We would also encourage Early Career Researchers to assume co-leadership roles within project teams where possible.