

SOAS IMPACT ACCELERATION ACCOUNT

Impact Acceleration Grants on Migration, Displacement, Minorities and Marginalisation

Introductory webinar

19 March 2024

Agenda

- SOAS IAA
- IAA Impact Grants: Strategic & Rapid Response
- Achieving Impact: going beyond dissemination
- Non-academic Partners: collaborative projects
- Impact planning
- Impact Case Studies
- Q&A

SOAS IAA



What? A 5-year, £1.25 million grant from the ESRC



Aim? To maximise the impact of SOAS and partners' social science research in the service of addressing the nationally, regionally, and globally urgent challenges of migration, displacement, minorities, and marginalisation.



How? Engaging public, private and third sector organisations to create opportunities to raise awareness and strengthen capacity for policy, strategy, and cultural shifts.



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IAA Impact Grants: Strategic & Rapid Response

	Strategic Grants	Rapid Response Grants
Approach	Designed to create greater impact from ongoing or recently concluded SOAS research in the IAA thematic areas	Designed to generate impact from emerging issues and provide a process to approve and allow work to start immediately
Key criteria	Collaborative projects between SOAS researchers & non-academic partner(s)	
Eligibility	SOAS researchers, Research Associates, & PhD students	
	ECRs are encouraged to apply	
	SOAS parties are encouraged to work with academics from other institutions and non-academic partners. Applications must be led by SOAS affiliates	
Size	£5,000 to £10,000 per project	£2,500 to £5,000 per project
Spending by	31 May 2025	31 March 2025

Achieving impact: going beyond dissemination

- **Dissemination:** distribution & sharing of research outcomes and findings to make it accessible to a wider audience (academics, practitioners, decision-makers, wider public) through publications, events, and other medium.
- **Impact:** “is defined as an effect on, change or benefit to the economy, society, culture, public policy or services, health, the environment or quality of life, beyond academia” (Research England, REF).
- Activities geared toward realizing greater impact, effect, or benefit on the population affected by the themes of research or on society at large.

Non-academic partners: collaborative projects

- Emphasis is on the participation of non-academic partner(s) in the process of designing projects and their activities, as well as the analysis of outcomes.
- Non-academic partners can be community members, volunteer sector and charities, policymakers, public or private sector entities.

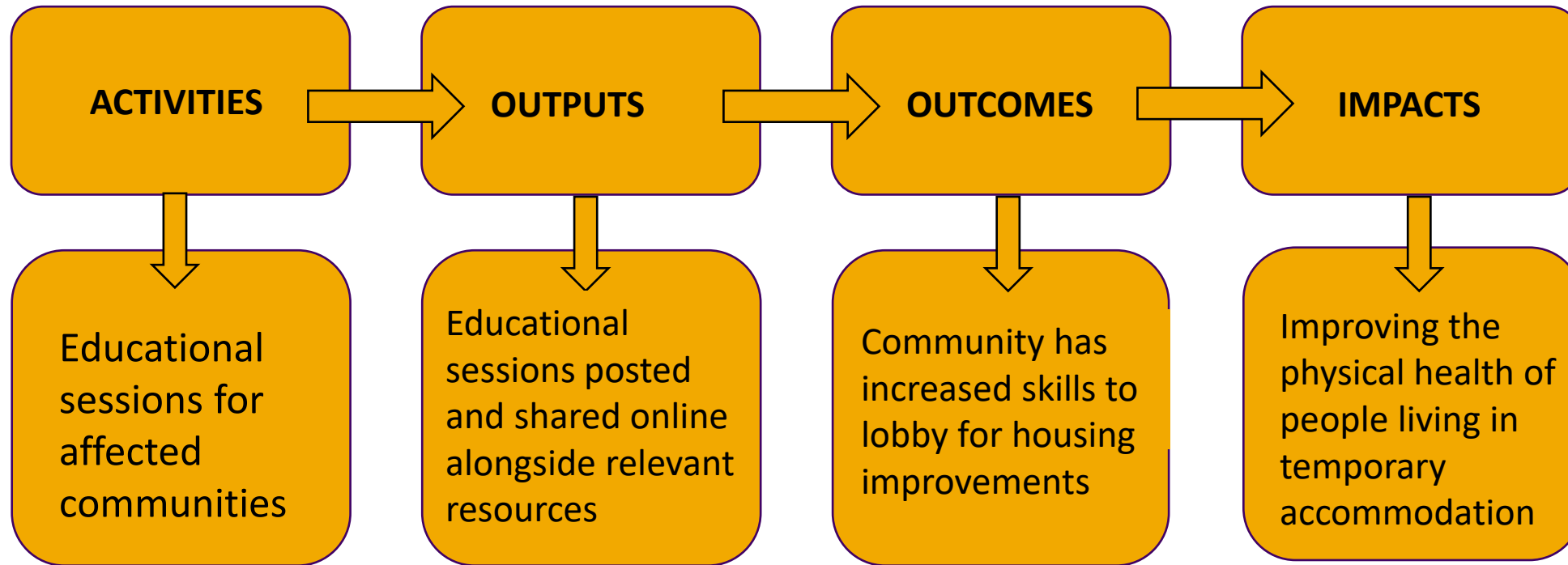
Non-academic partners: collaborative projects

- **Co-design:** collaboration between researchers and non-academic partners to design projects, their methodologies or interventions. This collaboration makes the project more effective to meet the specific desired change.
- **Co-production:** the collaborative effort between researchers and non-academic partners in the delivery of impact projects.

Impact Case Studies

- Useful toolkit: REF impact case studies submitted by HE
 - REF 2014 database & REF 2021 database

Impact planning: theory of change



Key information

- Deadline for application: 1 May 2024
- Announcement: early June 2024
- Project application call:
<https://www.soas.ac.uk/about/news/soas-impact-acceleration-account-grants-migration-displacement-minorities-and>
- Contact us: iaa@soas.ac.uk



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