**Enabling Fund for Public Engagement with Research**

**Summary of Eligibility**

1. The awards are intended to support research-led public engagement projects that for lack of funding might otherwise not take place.

2. Proposals may consist of a standalone idea or feature elements of a larger project.

3. We will accept applications from anyone across the University community, however, projects must demonstrate a tangible link with current areas of University research.

4. Applications are made by an individual (the lead applicant), however, they may be made on behalf of a wider team.

5. The lead applicant must be a current employee or PGR student with the University of Aberdeen.

6. We particularly welcome applications that:

* Are linked to one of the five interdisciplinary challenges linked to the University’s strategy, [Aberdeen 2040](https://www.abdn.ac.uk/2040/)
* Help establish impact
* Foster 2-way digital engagement

7. Funds must be spent by 31st July 2023.

8. Proposals that involve partners and community engagement are welcome though we recommend seeking the support of third parties ahead of making your application.

9. Proposals must have an evaluation plan.

10. Applicants are encouraged to seek advice and support from the PERU team by emailing peru@abdn.ac.uk.

**Summary of terms**

1. Applications are assessed comparatively with other proposals received by a review panel, which represents different areas of the University. The decision of the review panel is final.

2. Applications must address the questions in the application form.

3. Where proposals require top-up or supplementary funding we may ask for evidence that such funding has been secured.

4. Applications should be submitted by email to peru@abdn.ac.uk indicating ‘Enabling Fund’ in the subject field.

5. Any funds not spent by 31 July 2023 will be required to be returned to PERU.

6. Funding recipients will be required to supply information about their project for the purposes of a case study.

7. A report on the project and its evaluation will be provided within 6 months of the project end date.