# Birkbeck / Wellcome Trust Institutional Strategic Support Fund (ISSF)

## **Proposal Form for Early-career or Career break awards**

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Eligibility: Start-up funding for up to £10,000 is available for research projects in biomedicine or medical humanities. Applicants must be early-career researchers within 5 years of their first academic appointment at the date of application, inclusive of employment in academia in other institutions; or academics who have recently returned from a career break for maternity / extended paternity / adoption leave or other caring responsibilities.

This form should be filled in electronically and sent as an email attachment to [rescomp@bbk.ac.uk](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Cubyf211%5CDownloads%5Crescomp%40bbk.ac.uk), together with a copy of your CV. Please type your answers where indicated. There are no predefined boxes to limit the length of your answers, but please keep to the specified word limits. Ensure that you complete all sections of the form, that you provide all the information we need, and that all information is accurate. Your application will be judged solely on the information provided in this form.

1. **Applicant:**
2. **Department:**
3. **Eligibility statement.** Provide brief details of how you meet the eligibility criteria for this scheme:
4. **Title of proposed project:**
5. **Start date: End date:**
6. **Please provide details of your research proposal (max. 500 words).**

Describe the aims and objectives, project methodology and programme of work. Explain why the proposed project is of sufficient timeliness and novelty to warrant consideration for funding. Use this section also to provide any other information in support of the application.

1. **Please describe how, if at all, your research has been disrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic. (max. 150 words)**
2. **How does this project fit with the Wellcome Trust’s remit?**
3. **Budget:**
4. Please provide details of the budget requested from the Birkbeck/Wellcome ISSF. Note that the maximum amount available is £10,000.

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1. Provide a justification for resources you are requesting. This should be a reasoning of why you require the resources for your project rather than an expanded description of the above items.
2. **A short statement of support must be provided by your subject Assistant Dean.** This should be provided in the space below.

**Name of subject Assistant Dean:**

**Statement of support:**