Dear Fellow,

We are delighted you are applying for a Wales | Cymru Fellows' Award.

The Award has been created to enable Fellows across Wales to test ideas, projects and assumptions which are in an embryonic stage, so it's OK if you are just starting out.

The [online form](#) we have created is simple and will allow you to outline your idea clearly and quickly. Your application will be scored by a panel of Fellows from the region.

**Wiard, Kathy and Rich – Wales | Cymru Fellowship Team**

**Why should I apply?**

We hope it will act as a catalyst for Fellows to share their ideas and thoughts on projects with others to strengthen collaboration and/or applications for RSA Catalyst Fund and other sources.

Alongside the financial aid (up to £500) all projects will be highlighted on the [Wales | Cymru RSA webpage](#) and we will help you showcase your idea widely using the RSA’s popular blog platform. Your Award will be celebrated in our quarterly Fellowship newsletter and we will help you share your idea using local events.

**How are applications judged?**

Each application is judged by five RSA Fellows who assign a numerical score from one to five for questions four through eight. Applications must average above 16 to be considered for the award. The assessment criteria are available at the bottom of this document for reference. We expect to support between 6-8 projects this year. If our Fellows’ Award budget is exhausted notice to this affect will be made via Fellowship communications and on our webpage.

**How long should a decision take?**

We are aim to have a decision within three weeks of sending receipt of your application.

**Are there any obligations on Award winners?**

Our successful Award winners’ ideas will be posted on the Wales | Cymru project page of the RSA’s main website. We also ask that you write a short blog post outlining what you did with the award and how it helped you. If you use the funding to bring people together we ask that we make events available to relevant Fellows sand non-Fellows and that you record and share who joins you.

**What additional help can I receive?**

Alongside financial and promotional support we will aim to connect you to Fellows who may have expertise in your ideas field. We can’t guarantee that we will be able to connect you to Fellows with all your needs and advise you make good use of the Find a Fellow feature on the RSA website.

For further information or to discuss your project idea please contact [Rich Pickford](#), [Wiard Sterk](#) or [Kathy Seddon](#).
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**I want to host a topical event, is this fund suitable?**

No - this Award is for testing an idea or project. The Fellows’ Event Fund can help with the cost of one-off events or initiating networks which need financial support. Please contact the Wales | Cymru team for further information about this.

**I need to speak to somebody about my idea before I apply. Who should I speak to?**

Please scroll to the bottom of this guidance for email addresses of the regional team. Please be aware that both Wiard and Kathy are volunteers so have restricted availability and may not be able to get back to you straightaway.

**Can you help publicise my idea?**

Of course, if you are successful we will do our best to showcase your idea.

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**Wales | Cymru Fellows Award Criteria**

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<td>4 – Your Idea</td>
<td>1-5</td>
<td>Using a five point scale with one at the bottom and five at the top the team will assess your answer based on how well you have explained your idea. Please remember this text will be used to highlight your work to other Fellows and potential partners.</td>
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<td>5 – The Need</td>
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<td>We will assess how clearly you have identified and explained the problem or issue that sits at the root of your proposal.</td>
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<td>6 – Your Solution</td>
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<td>Your answer will be assessed on the merits of your intended solution to the need outlined in question four. Is your solution achievable, will it help you test or take your idea further, does it recognise other ideas, issue and potential solutions and learn from them?</td>
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<td>7 – The Budget</td>
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<td>The team will be looking to see that you have considered how you plan to spend the funding element of this award. We aren’t looking for a details budget simply a clear indication of what the award will help you do.</td>
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<td>8 – RSA Key Themes</td>
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<td>The RSA’s focus on three key themes helps to focus our work and energy. How well does your idea align to one or more of the key themes and how could it feed into other work being developed by Fellows and staff at the RSA. Your answer will scored on a scale of 1-5 when judged next to each of the Key Themes you indicate.</td>
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<td>9 – Could Fellows help you?</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>This question is not assessed because we recognise not all Fellows’ Award applications will need support, however, any detail about skills or experiences you may require can help the team to search for potential supporters from within our Fellowship</td>
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