**University Research Pump-Priming Fund**

**Supporting Statement**

***To be completed by the Associate Dean for Research and Enterprise supporting the application and uploaded under Documents under the relevant project on Worktribe at Bid Approval Stage.***

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| **Applicant’s Name** |  |
| **Department / School** |  |

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| **What financial contribution is the School making to this initiative?**Please give details. If no financial contribution is being made, please give the reasons for this. Please note that applications are less likely to be funded if this section is not addressed adequately. It is assumed that academic staff are given time to undertake research as a standard component of their role. This does not constitute financial contribution to the proposed research in this context; nor does the use of other resources already available to the School unless special arrangements have had to be made to release them. However, if additional funding is being provided directly in support of staff or other costs related to the proposal this may be indicated here. |
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| **How does this project fit within the School research plan?** |
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| **Please confirm that the applicant will be able to and have the necessary time to complete the proposed project within 12 months.**  |
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| **Applicant’s experience** |
| **Is the applicant a strong researcher (producing 4\* or 3\* outputs)?** | **Yes** | **No** |
| **If no, is the applicant research active?** | **Yes** | **No** |
| **If no, has the applicant been focusing on teaching so far?**  | **Yes** | **No** |
| Please provide details of the basis for this judgement. Funding will be available for promising researchers not currently 3\*/4\* provided that a clear case for support is made by the School indicating how the anticipated project outcomes will support the development of the researcher towards 3\*/4\* performance levels and hence the University strategy. Please give details.  |
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| **Signature of the Associate Dean for Research and Enterprise** |  |
| **Date** |  |