# ****Professor Joe Swierzbinski Memorial Fund Application****

# Postgraduate Research

Key information

* The funds applied for cannot exceed: £500.
* Eligible projects must comprise a financially incentivized experiment. Specifically, both experiments whereby payments are conditioned on subjects’ choices during the experiment and experiments whereby subjects are compensated for their time and the payment is not conditioned on their choices during the experiment will be considered. In addition, experiments that comprise one treatment with hypothetical money are also eligible, provided that the aim of the research is to investigate the effects of financial incentives. On the other hand, projects involving surveys will not be eligible.

For successful projects

* Experimental subjects will have to be recruited via ORSEE.
* The experiment has to physically take place in the Scottish Experimental Economics Laboratory, and can be run via either paper-and-pencil or through an installed experimental software (e.g. Z-Tree).
* The awarded fund is going to be transferred to the applicant’s supervisor research account. It is then the joint responsibility of the applicant and the supervisor to make sure that (i) the suitable cash amount aimed at paying the experimental subjects is ready in advance of the experiment and (ii) the necessary forms, such as the participant payment forms, are properly filled out prior, during, and after the implementation of the experiment. As far as (i) is concerned, the appropriate cash amount can be obtained in two ways: either via the Cash Office of the University [however, during the Covid-19 pandemic this option is unlikely to be feasible] or by privately anticipating the cash amount and then claiming the expenses upon exhibiting the participant payment forms suitably filled out.
* Supervisors can obtain the necessary forms (including the participant payment forms) by visiting:

<https://www.abdn.ac.uk/staffnet/documents/secure/finance-general/Research_Volunteers_Cash_Payment.xlsx>.

* Successful projects are going to be awarded the funds, conditional on Ethical approval.

## 1/ Project information

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| Title of the project |  |
| Applicant name |  |
| Supervisor name |  |

## 2/ Amount of funding requested

Please indicate how much money you are applying for

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## 3/ Project outline (500 words max.)

Summarise the project with emphasis on:

* The type of experiment
* The number of treatments
* The number of participants

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## 4/ Timescale

Detail a timescale of your experiment by indicating approximately the date when you intend to run it.

## 5/ Ethics statement

Summarise your plans to apply for ethics approval

## Signature

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| Applicant’s Name (printed) |  |
| Applicant’s Signature |  |
| Date |  |
| Supervisor’s Name (printed) |  |
| Supervisor’s Signature |  |
| Date |  |

## The decision process

The deadline for applications is 30.04.2022. Please submit all applications by email to Mr Nick Hindley [nick.hindley@abdn.ac.uk]

Applications will be reviewed by Dr Verity Watson, Dr Mauro Papi, and Prof John Skatun (as HOD) and a decision will be made within two weeks of submission. If an applicant’s supervisor is a panel member, then such panel member is not going to take part to the review process of the applicant’s project.

Any further queries pertaining to the application/review/decision process and eligibility criteria shall be directed to either Dr Verity Watson [v.watson@abdn.ac.uk] or Dr Mauro Papi [m.papi@abdn.ac.uk].