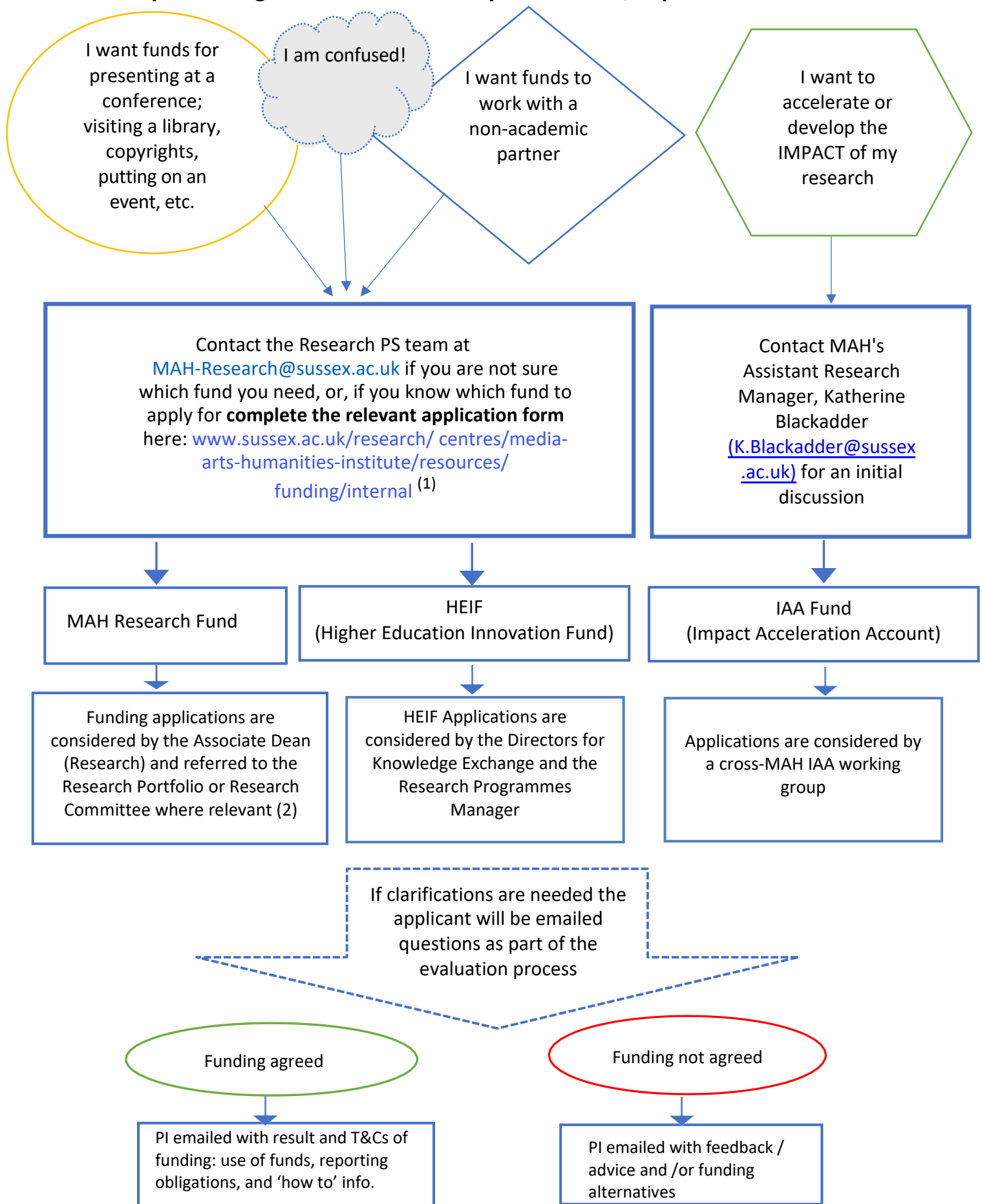


## Are you looking for internal funds for your research, impact and KE activities?



(1) Detailed info and application forms can be found in the Resources and Opportunities section of MAH Research Institute website: [www.sussex.ac.uk/research/centres/media-arts-humanities-institute](http://www.sussex.ac.uk/research/centres/media-arts-humanities-institute)

(2) Applications meeting the criteria for the MAH Research Fund will usually be approved by Chair's action by the Associate Dean for Research. Applications for large or complex projects will be referred to the Research Committee for discussion

# Frequently Asked Questions

## What are the key differences between the three internal funding streams?

**The MAH Research Fund** is for individual and group-based research activities which cannot be supported through external funding. For individual activities such as presenting at a conference, visiting an archive, illustration copyright permission; the maximum amount which can be applied for is capped according to that year's overall budget allocation for MAH. The Research Fund is also used to support activities and events coordinated through Research Centres, groups or Seminar Series. You can read the full guidelines on using the MAH Research Fund [here](#).

**HEIF funds** are not capped. MAH currently receives an annual allocation of £26,000. There is no cap on a single project; however, we would look at how we might combine with other sources of funding available if needed to ensure we can support as many projects as possible over the academic year. The central Innovation Business Partnerships team will also offer HEIF funding around specific themes throughout the year in addition to MAH-level funding. HEIF funds are specifically for developing Knowledge Exchange (KE) projects with non-academic partners, including cultural and social organisations, business & enterprise, and the public sector. They may also lead ultimately to impact too. They contribute to the Faculty's [KEF profile](#). KE projects don't require underpinning research but draw on your expertise. The key is co-creation and collaboration with external partners on projects that delivery towards the seven KEF perspectives or areas of activity which currently are: research partnerships; working with business; working with the public and third sector; CPD and graduate start-ups; local growth and regeneration; intellectual property and commercialisation; and public and community engagement. **We have further info on HEIF [here](#).**

**Impact Acceleration Account (IAA) funds** are typically up to £3,000 for projects to bring about positive changes in the wider world *beyond academia* as well as connecting researchers with external partners to work on *real-world* challenges. The scheme is particularly focussed on building and strengthening relationships which will accelerate the emerging impact being generated through your research. Although not necessary to be pre-existing (ie research can be published after impact work takes place) **a minimum of one 2\* peer-reviewed piece of research is required as the basis of your IAA project.**

## Where can I find the application forms?

All application forms and guidance can be found in the MAH Institute webpages, under the Resources and Opportunities section. Visit:

<https://www.sussex.ac.uk/research/centres/media-arts-humanities-institute/resources/funding/internal>

## How quickly will I find out about my funding application?

Applications to the MAH Research Fund and HEIF funds are assessed at dedicated points throughout the academic year and you will usually hear the outcome within two to three working weeks. IAA applications are considered by a wider group involving members outside of MAH; turnaround is usually a few weeks.

## I have more questions about internal funding, who can help me?

Visit the [Resources and Opportunities](#) section on the Media, Arts and Humanities Research Institute website, or contact the team at [mah-research@sussex.ac.uk](mailto:mah-research@sussex.ac.uk)