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## Message sent on behalf of Professor Gerry Graham, MVLS Dean of Research

Dear Colleagues,

An essential aspiration of the MVLS Research Strategy is to identify, and develop, new internationally competitive cross-cutting themes that capitalise on outstanding research within MVLS and, where appropriate, play to our responsibilities as a civic University. Through the strategy, themes identified will be supported to develop into externally funded national centres which will enhance the reputation of the College and the wider University\*.

Cross-cutting research themes will be identified by open competition to ensure all colleagues across MVLS have the opportunity to propose and develop research visions. Please find below the application and assessment process:

### A call for the establishment of new cross-cutting research themes within MVLS

Proposals for new cross-cutting research themes are requested and will generally adhere to the following principles:

1. will be clearly distinct from existing structures within MVLS, e.g., will not be an existing centre (externally funded or University recognised) unless there is clear justification of additional value in the proposal
2. will span at least two Schools within MVLS and ideally include Schools within other Colleges in the University
3. will be underpinned by demonstrable research excellence
4. will have significant ECR representation
5. will have a demonstrable route towards external funding for Centre status

### Application process

Applications will comprise the following **to be submitted to: [mvls-research-office@glasgow.ac.uk](mailto:mvls-research-office@glasgow.ac.uk) by 24 March 2022:**

1. a two-page document describing the proposed cross-cutting theme, initial membership and leadership team
2. an appendix outlining the route to external funding, detailing national and international competing themes
3. a two-page CV and a list of the top 10 publications for each of the PIs within the proposed theme

I would welcome early discussion of proposals. Please e-mail me to arrange: [Gerard.Graham@glasgow.ac.uk](mailto:Gerard.Graham@glasgow.ac.uk).

### Assessment process

Proposals will be assessed and ranked by MVLS College Management Group with input from an external advisory board. Themes regarded as being viable, and internationally competitive, will be identified and the lead PIs called for interview (panel to include external expertise, including funder representation).

\*In late autumn 2022, the MRC will seek new applications for Major Centres. These will be of significant duration and will be expected to be multidisciplinary and radical in nature. Therefore, **up to three** identified themes relevant to this call will be supported towards a credible application to this opportunity.

Many thanks,

Gerry

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