

MVLS NERC Demand Management (DM) Approach

- 1) Each UoG College will identify a Pool-Lead. For MVLS this will be DoI BAHCM.
- 2) Each School/Institute identifies a standing pool of experienced researchers that will act as sponsors/mentors to support individual proposals.
- 3) The workflow will apply to Pushing the Frontiers Proposals.
- 4) PIs will notify the MVLS Pool-lead when they start to develop proposals
- 5) At this time the Pool-lead will consult with the PI and identify 3 independent 'sponsors' from the pool to support the development of the proposal from concept to full-length case for support. Sponsors may be chosen from different Colleges (and if necessary and agreed with the Pool-lead, from appropriate experts outwith the University assuming they have credible track records with NERC).
- 6) The PI submits a full-length, coherent and reasonably polished Case for Support to sponsors copying in the Pool-lead and the proposal is time-stamped.
- 7) The sponsors then have 3 weeks to judge whether it is regarded as '*potentially submittable*' (i.e. it is full-length, coherent, reasonably polished).
- 8) If it is judged *potentially submittable* it enters the queue with its designated time-stamp, but will undergo further revision and improvement with the support of the sponsors. If it isn't judged *potentially submittable* the time stamp is removed and the proposal returned to stage (6) with feedback.
- 9) Following further work the proposal is resubmitted to the sponsors who are again given 3 weeks to judge whether its '*potentially fundable*' (currently this would require a view that the proposal 'could be scored as a 9'). This call could be made at stage (8).
- 10) If at least 2/3 of the sponsors regard it as potentially fundable, the proposal is noted as *potentially fundable*. Otherwise the proposal stays at stage (9)
- 11) The MVLS Pool-lead brings the potentially fundable proposals with completed costings* to the UoG Pool-lead meeting in order of their time-stamps (earliest first) and with no further assessments or comparisons made.
- 12) At the UoG Pool-lead meeting MVLS feeds proposals into their allocated submission slots with no further assessments or comparisons made.
- 13) The MVLS pool-lead may hold back or fast-track a particular proposal if there is unanimous agreement to do so.
- 14) The queue rolls-over to the next submission round in this form.
- 15) Proposals that are rejected but may be resubmitted return to (8), but (13) would allow accelerated resubmission depending on circumstances.

*Note that costings could take a month, and potentially fundable proposals without finalized costings will not be entered.

This process is subject to review by IBAHCM IMG at any time.