

Words of Wisdom

The following are Words of Wisdom that were offered by previous Brigstow seedcorn projects and might help guide you when planning your project.

- Be clear at the application stage about how much time the project will take, **what the contribution of each team member will be** and what other resources you might need. Remember that not all time across the university and beyond is equal.
- It is good to have commitment to the project from all team members. Projects should be **co-created and co-led**.
- **Ensure all members of the team are involved in all parts of the research process.** If you want someone to be involved but they can't commit the same amount of time as the rest of the team, why not include them as a critical friend instead?
- **Ideas should flow between all team members** - avoid one-way flow of information and ideas. The knowledge generated by the project should be mutually beneficial.
- Be prepared to **step outside of your discipline and experiment** with methods and approaches, and output formats you may not have worked with before.
- Don't underestimate the value of frequent, face-to-face (or online!) meetings with the team. Remember that there is **value and learning from those discussions**, as well as pursuing the project itself.
- The **projects are generative** - while there might be some immediate outputs, many projects have taken months, or even years for the research to develop, secure further funding, crystallise approaches, and create hard outputs.

