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1. Case studies should highlight where past use of your institution's REG has resulted in research impact, broadly understood. There is no specified time period for these case studies and, in fact, examples that show the long-term nature of research investment and impact are particularly valuable.
2. We understand that institutional approaches to use and distribution of REG funding can make it difficult to track impact and capacity back exactly to these sources. Broad uses, for example, as core funding for a School or research centre, are acceptable and specificity, where possible, is ideal, e.g. if it is possible to highlight the level (even approximate) of REG invested. Where possible please also include why REG investment made more sense than another funding source (for example due to the flexibility/agility of REG, its ability to top up the full costs of research projects, its long-term stable nature etc).
3. Impact from research contributes to many national and international challenges and priorities, research by its nature seeks to improve and contribute to the world around us. Case studies should demonstrate how REG has contributed to research impact and, where possible, this should be linked to Scottish Government priorities such as those outlined in the National Performance Framework, the National Strategy for Economic Transformation (NSET), and the National Innovation Strategy.
4. Case studies should be no longer than 500 words and should be suitable for a non-specialist audience, avoiding jargon or excessive acronym use. Where you feel it is appropriate, images or diagrams may be provided (due to constraints of the RAA template you may need to provide these separately via researchfunding@sfc.ac.uk).
5. SFC may wish to use case studies for a variety of purposes and audiences and institutions should clearly identify any case studies which should be treated as confidential. We will contact you before reproducing case studies in any formal publication.

6. The model below should be used for guidance:



7. As an illustrative example, a case study could outline how REG was used over a number of years to build up a new research area or facility which then resulted in leveraged funding from UKRI or another research funder and ultimately led to a spin out company or further developments or benefits to society.