ARC Accelerate – Letter of Support ESRC/AHRC SHAPE Catalyst delivered by the ARC Accelerator

Dear SHAPE Catalyst Team,

This letter is to confirm that [Name of institution and department] wishes to support the application for [Project/venture title] led by [Name of applicant].

In the event this proposal is funded, [Name of applicant] will be hosted by [Name of department] for the duration of the Award, from October 2025 until end of March 2026, or to the end date of any extensions agreed with UKRI.

[Name of institution and department] will provide a 20% fEC contribution for the Award. The total Award may be up to £62,500, with circa 80% fEC provided by ESRC, in line with its standard funding rules. Funding will be used for commercialisation activities, not further research.

If the project is selected to proceed to the next round of applications, I will support the applicant in establishing an appropriate time commitment from them (and their team, if relevant) and costings to support their engagement with the programme. I am aware that successful applicants need to commit at least 3 days per week for the duration of the 6-month ARC Accelerate programme unless exceptions have been agreed.

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