**Centre for Decision Science**

**Kickstarter Funding**

**About the Centre**

The Centre for Decision Science aims\* to promote research into how, why, and what people select, and also to focus on addressing [global challenges](https://sdgs.un.org/goals) (e.g., human lifespan changes, climate change and economics, finance, health behaviour politics, etc.). It will do so through research in fundamental neuroscience, and research at the interface between neuroscience and other areas. In doing so it will build on existing strengths, create new ones, develop reputation, and drive more and larger multi-lab neuroimaging collaborations between neuroscientists in the Centre. This will be an inclusive and outward-looking Centre, in which Centre neuroscientists collaborate with external partners such as those in other Departments (for example, Biological Sciences, Economics, Politics, Health Sciences, and Geography), and other Centre members in our Department whose focus is outside neuroscience.

**About the Kickstarter Funding Scheme**

One of the key aims of the Centre is to increase the number and frequency of collaborative publications and grant applications in this area. Centre members are invited to apply for the following funding opportunity. **This scheme is intended to help Centre members develop new collaborations, and is open to any project that meets the scientific aims of the Centre\*.** The primary purpose of the scheme is to fund research activity that leads to a grant application (but could additionally lead to publications as secondary outcomes). Examples could include a demonstration of feasibility, or the generation of pilot results to be highlighted in grant applications. Applications will be prioritised if proposals involve new collaborations, meet Centre aims\*, and make clear how work will lead to a grant application.

Please apply by supplying the following information by email to [Narender Ramnani](mailto:n.ramnani@rhul.ac.uk) **by Tuesday 24th February 2023**. Applications will be reviewed by the Research Committee and application outcomes will be announced at the end of February.

**Project Details**

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| **Project title** |  |
| **Lead PI(s) and role(s)** |  |
| **Collaborator(s) and role(s)**  Please also specify whether or not this is a new collaboration. |  |
| **Study details (up to 500 words)**  Please provide details about aims, design, methods, and hypotheses. Please include details of a pilot phase (see Budget and Rationale below). |  |
| **Link to Grant**  Please explain how the work described above will benefit the proposed grant application (see below) |  |
| **Budget and rationale**  Please include access to research facilities (e.g. MRI time, cluster computing, funds etc). Please provide separate costings and justifications for (a) the pilot and (b) the main study.  Guidelines:   * MRI time if applicable: Maximum 30 hours in total. * Participant costs: £20 per participant maximum (please justify rate) * Total non-MRI costs: £2K for non-MRI projects and £1K for MRI projects * Please provide separate cost estimates of the pilot and for the main study. * Resources are fixed once approved. No further costs can be provided. * Resources will need to be expended as specified in the budget. Variations to the budget are possible, but will need to be justified and approved before spending. |  |

**Project timeline**

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| **Phase** | **Start and End Date** | **Details/Notes** |
| **Pilot study**  Initial resources will be provided for a pilot study based on pilot budget above; remaining funding will be released following evidence of a successful pilot study | (April – May 2023) |  |
| **Interim review with NR** | End of May |  |
| **Data collection and Analysis**  Please note that in the case of MRI time, this will only be available during July and August; your plan should provide details of how you will recruit participants during this period; please include advertising and participant incentive costs in your costings. | (June – August 2023) |  |
| **Presentation at Centre Meeting for feedback** | End of August |  |
| **Paper Submission** |  |  |
| **Grant Application Preparation**  Grant application must be complete by 15th December 2023. | Ideally by December 2023, but negotiable |  |
| 1. **Funder, scheme and deadline details** |  |  |
| 1. **Submission to internal departmental review** |  |  |
| 1. **Proposed submission date** |  |  |