



DEPUTY DEAN (RESEARCH) REPORT TO HPRC – April 2015

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NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nurse review of Research Councils: responses submitted

As noted in the March report, the above review follows the recent Triennial review of Research Councils.

The University response has been submitted, with input from Humanities. We also submitted a response to the British Academy via Keith Brown, the Dean, in his capacity as a member of the BA Higher Education Policy Group. Copies of both submissions can be obtained from Jared Ruff: jared.ruff@manchester.ac.uk

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Recent Funding Awards

Congratulations to colleagues who have secured new research grants:

SALC

- Professor Dee Reynolds (French Studies) - Leverhulme International Network, "Evaluating Methods of Aesthetic Enquiry Across Disciplines". The award value is £122,941 over 36 months.

SoSS

- Professor Jennifer Mason (Sociology), Leverhulme Research Fellowship, "Living the Weather: a study in the socio-atmospherics of everyday life". The award value is £18,604 for an 8 month project.

SEED

- Professor Ruth Lupton (MIE), ESRC Newton Fund (RCUK-CONICYT), "The new private educational sector in Chile: entrepreneurialism and competition", Award Value £159,292

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Major achievements

We are pleased to congratulate the following on their success over the last year:

- Margaret Brazier and David Denison - The Fellowship of the British Academy
- Francesca J Gains, Stephen Hutchings, James Nazroo, Andrew W Stark - Fellows of Academy of Social Sciences
- David Hulme - President of the Development Studies Association
- Rachel Griffith - European Economic Association Birgit Grodal Award 2014 (European-based female economist who has made a significant contribution to the Economics profession)
- Rachel Griffith - President of the European Economics Association (the first woman to take up this post)
- Margaret Brazier - Manchester International Women's Day award under the 'Women in Legal and Business' category
- Nick Lord - Young Scholar of the Year, White Collar Crime Division of the American Society of Criminology
- Uma Kothari - The Royal Geographical Society Busk Medal for 'fieldwork to support an understanding of Global Development', 2014
- Chris Humphrey – Distinguished Academic Award by the British Accounting and Finance Association
- Norman Strong – Lifetime Achievement Award by the British Accounting and Finance Association

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Simon and Hallsworth endowment update

Following interviews in March firm offers have now been made to fill the two Simon Fellowships and the three Hallsworth Fellowships, which we hope to confirm in our next report. This will also announce the visiting professorships that have been awarded and initial decisions on applications to the conference fund, which are currently being reviewed.

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UNIVERSITY RESEARCH STRATEGY GROUP AND UNIVERSITY RESEARCH GROUP (RSG and URG)

Since the last report the following meetings have taken place: URG (23 March) and RSG (13 April). Membership, standard agenda and ongoing items can be found [here](#).

Important points to note that are not covered elsewhere in this report (or the reports of the ADs for PGR and Social Responsibility):

New/updated items to report from RSG/URG:

Research Income

HESA data on research income for 2013/14 is now available. It shows the University of Manchester research income is up 7.1% on the previous year, slightly ahead of the Russell Group average. The University market share is also slightly up to 4.2% and it ranks first in the UK Industry, Commerce and Public Corporations stream of funding.

Research Integrity and Good Governance

A consultation is underway on how we manage access to sensitive information on the internet required for research purposes (e.g. military information, political radical groups, potentially illegal activities). It is intended that a register of those people requiring access to such information will be established.

University Research Quality Strategy – Research Statement of Expectations

This will be launched shortly.

University Open Access Policy

This statement is due to be presented to Senate for approval. It will ensure that we are compliant with HEFCE and funder requirements, supported by use of the University's eScholar repository for green OA deposits.

Leverhulme Major Research Centre call

The University is allowed to submit one application to this call. The one selected to proceed from the original nine expressions of interest were received from across the University includes colleagues from SEED and SALC in a proposal led from CHTSM in FLS.

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RESEARCH SUPPORT SERVICES (RSS) UPDATE

Staffing

Louise Murphy has joined the MBS Research Support Hub as Research Support Officer. Two other Research Support Officer posts are being recruited – one is a Maternity Cover in the Arthur Lewis Hub and the second is a permanent replacement in SALC.

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Business Engagement Update

University and Faculty Strategic Partner Review

A review of University strategic partnerships is underway. This covers current and future business partnerships and is connected to the University operational priorities for 2 new partnerships to be developed per year, one of which is international. The University Business Engagement Group are working to identify priority sectors and companies aligned with the University research beacons, devising a pipeline for progressing relationships with partners and identifying key contacts for each partnership. A short paper will be submitted to the University SLT for comment and approval in due course. Discussion to identify Faculties' priority partners and plans for engagement are underway.

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Faculty of Humanities Event - Working with the Third Sector – GMCVO – May 14th 2015

“Working with the Third Sector”

Joint event: Faculty of Humanities Business Engagement with the Greater Manchester Centre or Voluntary Organisations (GMVO), May 14th

- To introduce University academic and third sector organisation staff to each other
- To explore mechanisms of engagement for third sector organisations and academic researchers
- Mutual learning about priorities, culture and potential offer
- Provide information about available funding schemes to support collaborations
- Explore case study examples from successful previous collaborations
- Discuss the barriers to, and opportunities for, engagement.

This event is sponsored by the ESRC IAA.

For further information and to register, please contact Rachel.kenyon@manchester.ac.uk

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Knowledge Exchange and Impact Update

Campaign for Social Science

On 22 April 2015, the Campaign for Social Science visited the University of Manchester for a lunchtime event to discuss [The Business of People](#), the Campaign for Social Science's pre-election report which makes a case to policy-makers for the value of social science to the UK's society and economy.

The event attracted a high level of interest and the Panel and audience discussed the challenges and opportunities for social scientists in coming years.

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ESRC Impact Acceleration Account

The ESRC IAA call 2 attracted a high level of interest and 10 projects were funded, representing partnerships with a range of organisations who contributed a total of £25.5k directly and £61k in-kind. The successful applicants and their project titles will be announced in *Humanities eNews*.

The third call will be launched shortly and an overview of the IAA can be downloaded [here](#). A video case study, showcasing work delivered via the ESRC IAA, can be viewed by following this [link](#).

Contact for ESRC IAA: esrciaa@manchester.ac.uk

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ESRC Festival of Social Science (7-14 November 2015)

In November 2015, the University of Manchester will partner with the Economic and Social Research Council and Manchester Metropolitan University on a Manchester-based Festival of Social Science for the first time.

The Festival aims to provide an insight into the many ways in which social science research has contributed to social, economic and political life across the City, region and beyond. Academics will work alongside community and cultural partners to create engaging and inspiring research-led events.

The call for applications to host events is now open. Any researcher can apply to hold their event under the Festival banner. In addition, academics can apply for up to £1,500 sponsorship from the University of Manchester to hold an event as part of the Festival. Events should attempt to engage with a non-academic audience including young people, third sector organisations, the public, business or local government and policy makers.

The University of Manchester and MMU are hosting a joint lunchtime networking session to launch the festival scheme, on Monday 20th April from 2pm until 3.30pm at MMU's Business School. Tickets are free but must be booked in advance from:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/esrc-manchester-festival-of-social-science-launch-tickets-16378112375>

The application deadline is 4pm on Friday 15th May. An application form and guidance document is attached to this email. Please address any queries to sooss.impact@manchester.ac.uk.

Contact for ESRC Festival of Social Science: chris.hewson@manchester.ac.uk

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Policy@Manchester Policy Week (2-6 November 2015)

After the tremendous success of Policy Week 2014, Policy@Manchester has announced that the fourth annual Policy Week will have the theme 'Science, Technology & Public Policy'. Policy Week 2015 won't be limited to just being about 'science policy', but about the impact advances across the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) areas are going to have on all public policies: including social policies like health, education and crime.

The aim is for the event to form a major, high profile, part of the activities around Manchester as the European City of Science in 2016, in which the University will be heavily involved.

Contact for Policy Week 2015: alex.waddington@manchester.ac.uk

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EU Funding Update

University event: Supervising a Horizon 2020 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellow in Manchester - Information Session, 19th May 2015

The 2015 MSCA Individual Fellowships call is now open.
Deadline: 10th September 2015

The University was successful in securing a number of MSCA Individual Fellowships following the first H2020 call and we are holding an information session for those

PIs/Supervisors who are intending to, or interested in, applying to the 2015 call for this scheme. Please note: this is not an administrators' event.

"Supervising a Horizon 2020 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellow at Manchester", May 19th 2015

Horizon 2020 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Individual Fellowships

Supervisors Information Session

19th May 2015

10:00-12:00

Zochonis Building - Lecture Theatre A

- For potential Supervisors/PIs
- Presentations from successful Marie Curie Individual Fellowship supervisors and fellows
- General Information about the schemes and the proposal process

MSCA Individual Fellowships in brief

The goal of the MSCA Individual Fellowships is to enhance the creative and innovative potential of experienced researchers who wish to diversify their individual competence in terms of skill acquisition at multi- or interdisciplinary level through advanced training, international and intersectoral mobility.

Individual Fellowships provide opportunities to acquire and transfer new knowledge and to work on research in a European context (EU Member States and Associated Countries) or outside Europe. The scheme particularly supports the return and reintegration of researchers from outside Europe who have previously worked here, it also develops or helps to restart the careers of individual researchers that show great potential, considering their experience. Support is available for individual, trans-national fellowships awarded to the best or most promising researchers for employment in EU Member States or Associated Countries.

The application is made jointly by the researcher and host organisation in the academic or non-academic sectors.

A Career Development Plan should be established jointly by the supervisor(s) and the researcher. In addition to research objectives, this plan comprises the researcher's training and career needs, including training on transferable skills, planning for publications and participation in conferences.

Fellowships are either European Fellowships or Global Fellowships.

European Fellowships:

- Held in EU Member States or Associated Countries and are open to researchers currently within and outside Europe.
- The country where the European Fellowship is held is subject to the rules of mobility.

Global Fellowships:

- Based on a secondment to a third country with a mandatory 12 month return period to a European host.
- The country where the Global Fellowship secondment takes place is subject to the rules of mobility, whereas the return phase is not.

Secondment Phase

- Researchers receiving an Individual Fellowship may opt to include a secondment phase in Europe, notably in the non-academic sector, within the overall duration of their fellowship.

- For a fellowship of 18 months or less, the secondment phase may last up to three months.
- For a fellowship of more than 18 months, the secondment phase may last up to six months.
- The secondment phase can be a single period or be divided into shorter mobility periods - the secondment should significantly add to the impact of the fellowship.

Expected impact:

- To add significantly to the development of the best and most promising researchers active in Europe, in order to enhance and maximise their contribution to the knowledge-based economy and society.
- The action will also strengthen the contact network of both the researcher and the host organisation.
- The fellowship will contribute to realising the full potential of researchers and to catalysing significant development in their careers in both the academic and non-academic sectors.
- Some researchers will be resuming a research career in Europe after a break, or reintegrating within Europe after living abroad.

Further Information can be found at:

[About MSCA IFs](#)

[FAQs](#)

To register email Claire.Faichnie@manchester.ac.uk

EU Research Project Management Support Service

The University's EU Research Project Management Support Service provides research project management support for PIs and project managers for EU awards. This service can also assist with the preparation of applications with regards to planning and costing the specific project management requirements.

Contact for EU Research Project Management Support queries:

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Research Communications and Marketing

Training Workshops

We held a successful Faculty-wide Social Media Workshop on 21 March 2015 for School, Institute and Centre colleagues. This training workshop, 'Effective Use of Social Media to Disseminating Research', was well attended (55 participants) and was facilitated by Pickle Jar Communications with input from Jon Keighren from the Division of Communications and Marketing. Feedback has been positive and further evaluation will be undertaken before considering whether to offer follow-up sessions.

Continuing on work to support Research Institutes and Centres we will be holding two media training sessions:

- Pitching Your Story (21 April), will run through the Research Communications and Marketing Network.
- A dedicated media training session for colleagues within Economics (28 April).

Resources from Research Communications and Marketing sessions are available on the Faculty of Humanities Intranet (HumNet) at:

<http://www.humanities.manchester.ac.uk/humnet/our-services/communications-and-marketing/research-communications/presentations/>

For further information on Research Communications and Marketing, please contact Lynda McIntosh (lynda.mcintosh@manchester.ac.uk)

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IT UPDATE

Research Development Team Activities

The Faculty IT Research Development Team design and build database driven applications, delivered through the web, typically in support of funded research activity.

Current project contributions

The team is currently working on the following activities:

- The Suicide/Homicide Inquiry project (Alyson Williams, MHS) is now completed from a development point of view and the handover process is underway.
- Innovation Policy Evaluation Repository project (Paul Cunningham, MBS) - work continues.
- Italian Journals project (Francesca Billiani SALC) – in development.
- LinguaSnapp project (Yaron Matras SALC) – this is now in the design stage.
- Contributing to the IT Services Software Development Framework project.

Currently the team is also responding to MBS ARS requests for assistance with existing tools/sites and/or requests for further development work.

Consultations

Since the last report:

- Francesca Billiani – provided technical plan and information on IT costs for AHRC Fellowship bid.
- Lisa Williams and Judith Aldridge – further discussion regarding proposed ESRC bid on drug and alcohol use – in particular data collection via mobile app.
- Luca Larpi – provided final version of technical info for Wellcome fellowship bid.
- Daniel Langton – provided technical plan and IT costs for AHRC bid
- Alex Samely - provided information on estimated IT costs for some aspects of AHRC bid.

Contact for Humanities Research related IT enquiries for: j.h.smith@manchester.ac.uk

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STRATEGIC FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Includes all annual and cyclical funding deadlines for RCUK and major UK charities.

Full details can be found in the Strategic Funding Opportunities Update (April 2015), circulated separately and at: <http://www.humanities.manchester.ac.uk/researchfunding/>

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Colette Fagan, Deputy Dean and Associate Dean (Research)
April 2015

APPENDIX

Please visit the new Humanities intranet, HumNet, for the following information:

Reference: Faculty Research Office 'live' information (previously circulated)

<http://www.humanities.manchester.ac.uk/humnet/committees/humanities-research-strategy-committee/deputy/>

University and Humanities Research Committees

University Research Strategy Group (RSG) and University Research Group (URG)

<http://www.humanities.manchester.ac.uk/humnet/committees/humanities-research-strategy-committee/deputy/>

Humanities Research Strategy Committee (HRSC)

<http://www.humanities.manchester.ac.uk/humnet/committees/humanities-research-strategy-committee/>

Faculty of Humanities Research Support Services Handbook 2014-15

This guide for academics outlines the steps involved, and the support available, in making a grant application through to setting up and successfully managing a funded project through to completion

<http://www.humanities.manchester.ac.uk/humnet/our-services/research-support-services/faculty-handbook/>

Simon and Hallsworth Endowment for ECR Research Fellowships, Visiting Professorships and the Hallsworth Conference Fund

<http://www.humanities.manchester.ac.uk/research/simonhallsworth>

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