

ESRC Impact Acceleration Account

The Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) has awarded The University of Manchester over £860,000 to deliver the Impact Acceleration Account (IAA) until 2018.

The IAA will be used to fund knowledge exchange activities to accelerate the impact of research in the social sciences from across the University.

The aims of the IAA are to:

- increase knowledge exchange through **staff exchanges/placements** between the University and user organisations;
- align external partners and academics strategically to extend collaboration and shape the research agenda, and influence policy and practice through **policy/evidence seminars**;
- provide **training, workshops and tools development** to extend the University's culture of engagement into new and innovative areas;
- provide flexible and innovative opportunities for researchers to translate **research into practice**.

Recently funded projects from across The University of Manchester

Core Maths meet Q-Step

Professor Julian Williams (School of Environment, Education and Development) has been awarded an ESRC IAA Placement Fund to enable research associates from The University of Manchester to be placed with an emerging national network of Core Maths practitioners and their support teams through the Core Maths Support programme. The programme is part of the Government's plan to increase participation and raise standards in mathematics education for post-16 students and the IAA project will assist in the development of professional practice using real-world data teaching resources.

Value of award: £19,013

A TTIP-ping Point for Democracy? Demystifying and Shaping the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership

Dr Gabriel Siles-Brügge (School of Social Sciences) and Dr Nicolette Butler (School of Law) have been awarded an ESRC IAA Research into Practice Fund with Global Justice Now (formerly the World Development Movement) and European Public Health Alliance to shape the course and content of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) negotiations, and establish a network of scholars and organisations that will help determine the future direction of global trade governance.

Value of award: £19,955

Manchester Policy Labs

Professor Colin R. Talbot (School of Social Sciences) and Dr Carole Talbot (Manchester Business School) have been awarded an ESRC IAA Research into Practice Fund to establish Manchester Policy Labs, an experimental approach to improving engagement between academics and policymakers, facilitating the exchange of information and ideas, and providing secure online space to develop possible policy options.

Value of award: £21,886

The Connected Economy: Towards a Paradigm Shift in Welsh Economic Policy

Professor Karel Williams (Manchester Business School) has been awarded an ESRC IAA Research into Practice Fund with the Federation of Small Businesses Wales to translate research on policies for economic renewal into a public interest report to influence the economic policy of the future Welsh Government.

Value of award: £7,710

Unseen and Unknown: Addressing the Social, Economic and Cultural Needs of Kashmiris in Rochdale Borough

Dr Virinder S Kalra (School of Social Sciences) has been awarded an ESRC IAA Research into Practice Fund with Rochdale Borough Council to address the social, cultural and economic needs of the Kashmiri Community in Rochdale Borough, creating a template for impact and engagement that can be applied across the ten boroughs in the Greater Manchester area.

Value of award: £17,677

'Making History Public': A Partnership between History and Manchester Histories

Professor Hannah Barker (School of Arts, Languages and Cultures) leads a team that has been awarded an ESRC IAA Research into Practice Fund with Manchester Histories to develop a collaborative partnership between researchers at The University of Manchester and the Manchester-based cultural organisation, Manchester Histories, delivering a series of public engagement activities, and building sustainable relationships with a variety of community groups and schools.

Value of award: £19,000

Towards the 2016 World Humanitarian Summit: Rethinking Humanitarian Information Systems

Dr Roisin Read (School of Arts, Languages and Cultures) has been awarded an ESRC IAA Research into Practice Fund with Fondation Médecins Sans Frontières / CRASH and Save the Children UK to contribute to and shape emerging debates about knowledge production and information management in the humanitarian arena in preparation for the United Nations World Humanitarian Summit in 2016.

Value of award: £9,065

Translated/ing Voices and Selves: Improving Stakeholder Knowledge and Intercultural Understanding in Services for Victims of Domestic Violence

Dr Rebecca Tipton (School of Arts, Languages and Cultures) has been awarded an ESRC IAA Research into Practice Fund with the Pankhurst Trust (incorporating Manchester Women's Aid) and Cambridgeshire Constabulary to investigate the nature and range of challenges facing limited proficiency speakers in situations of domestic violence in relation to communicating with relevant statutory and voluntary agencies.

Value of award: £6,236

Building with the Community: Construction Systems and Adaptable Housing Typologies for Ecuador

Dr Leandro Minuchin (School of Environment, Education and Development) has been awarded an ESRC IAA Research into Practice Fund with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, Ecuador to coproduce adaptable housing typologies for national housing policies in Ecuador.

Value of award: £19,011

Accelerating Impact through the Manchester Education Debates

Professor David Hall (School of Environment, Education and Development) has been awarded an ESRC IAA Research into Practice Fund with Teach First and four schools from across the North West to run a series of public debates on education policy issues 'the Manchester Education Debates', produce targeted policy briefings for politicians and opinion leaders, and develop a city-wide 'Youth Debate', run through local schools.

Value of award: £19,671

Responsibilities and Resources in Effective Translation and Interpretation

Dr Virinder S Kalra (School of Social Sciences) has been awarded an ESRC IAA Research into Practice Fund with Stoke-on-Trent Council to disseminate best practice in the field of interpretation and translation in the Midlands and North West, with a view to developing a training package for delivery nationally.

Value of award: £18,586

SCERAT – Social and Commercial Enterprise Resilience Assessment Tool

Dr Noemi Sinkovics (Manchester Business School) has been awarded an ESRC IAA Research into Practice Fund with New Economy and Greater Manchester Centre for Voluntary Organisation to develop and pilot a questionnaire-based tool (SCERAT) to assess enterprise resilience as well as specific support needs in social and commercial enterprises.

Value of award: £16,760

Research-Based Answers to the Needs of Practitioners Working with Multilingual Children

Dr Ludovica Serratrice (School of Psychological Sciences) has been awarded an ESRC IAA Research into Practice Fund with Big Life Families to provide practitioners with guidelines for addressing the language needs of culturally and linguistically diverse children, in particular those that may be at risk of language impairment.

Value of award: £19,968

Safer Eating through Research: Testing and Improving Children's Understanding of Food Pathogen Risks

Professor Dan Rigby (School of Social Sciences) has been awarded an ESRC IAA Research into Practice Fund with Chilled Food Association and Food Teachers Centre to provide an accessible and engaging means of testing children's understanding of food pathogens and food safety, and of educating them on these issues.

Value of award: £19,961

Language Barriers in Access to GP Services in Manchester

Professor Yaron Matras (School of Arts, Languages and Cultures) has been awarded an ESRC IAA Research into Practice Fund with NHS North, Central and South Manchester Clinical Commissioning Groups to investigate and make recommendations for practical measures to overcome the effects of language barriers on access to GP services among Manchester residents of immigrant background.

Value of award: £13,249

'Who Do You Think You Are': A Curriculum Intervention Project for a Targeted Group of 'at risk' Students and their Families

Professor Carlo Raffo (School of Environment, Education and Development) has been awarded an ESRC IAA Research into Practice Fund with Manchester Communication Academy to develop a curriculum intervention to meet the learning needs of a targeted group of educationally at risk students and their families.

Value of award: £3,908

Building Capacity for Grassroots led Development in West Africa and Beyond

Dr Solava Ibrahim (School of Environment, Education and Development) has been awarded an ESRC IAA Research into Practice Fund with Tostan International to produce a practitioners' guide on grassroots-led development for Tostan national coordinators, donor agencies and NGO practitioners in West Africa and the UK.

Value of award: £11,005

Measuring the Fundraising Effectiveness of Charities

Dr Peter Backus (School of Social Sciences) has been awarded an ESRC IAA Placement Fund with the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) to produce a section for the NCVO Almanac, measuring the fundraising effectiveness of charities based on charity accounts data.

Value of award: £5,195

A Pilot Community-Based Malnutrition Risk Assessment Tool for Older People

Dr K Purdam (School of Social Sciences) has been awarded an ESRC IAA Research into Practice Fund with Manchester City Council to deliver a pilot tool for the community-based assessment of malnutrition risk amongst people aged 65 and over.

Value of award: £19,528

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