

Early Career Research Fellowships

Tips on Developing your Research Proposal

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1. Make it understandable across disciplines

- Selection panel made up of academics from across Humanities & Social Sciences
- Balance detail on your specific question with accessibility for people outside your field

2. Your proposal can be individual

- Following guidelines (like these ones..) and reading successful proposals can be useful
- Your research is original, and your proposal can reflect this

3. Answer the most important questions clearly

- What is the idea?
- Why is it interesting?
- How will you address it?
- Can you explain it to non-experts (e.g. family)?

4. Details are good

- Precise contribution relative to existing work
- Methodology / Timeline
- Outputs, Dissemination and **Impact**

5. Focus on main idea

- Perhaps you have more than one good research idea
- (I think..) better to focus on developing one in detail rather than spreading yourself across two questions, even if they are related

6. Why Manchester?

- Relate it to research in your host department
- Good to have made contact before

7. Relate it to Fellowship aims

- How does the question relate to the broad aims of the Fellowship?
- E.g. for Hallsworth: how does it relate to Political Economy?

8. Make it “easy on the eye”

- Big enough font / margins, space between paragraphs etc.
- Keep the reviewers on-side