Research guidance

Research hubs

A number of networks exist within the University to support researchers working in a range of areas. These networks facilitate multi-disciplinary engagement between colleagues and can be a useful way to develop larger research proposals and communicate your own expertise to a larger audience. If your research is relevant to one of these areas / if you would like to become active in the area, you should contact the academic lead for the network to discuss in more detail.

An extensive list of the various hubs that exist around the University can be found on the sustainability research page. If you have any further networks that you think should be added to the list, please contact es@manchester.ac.uk

Applying your research to the local environment

Greater Manchester and our own local campus are ideal environments in which we can test out our research and make a positive difference to the lives of the public and our own students / staff. The local region and the campus can also act as data sources from which you can extract a range of information to help inform your research.

To understand the opportunities that may exist in making connections between your research and the local environment there are a number of opportunities:

- Provide further details of what you think the opportunity could be to the Environmental Sustainability Team via es@manchester.ac.uk and we will follow up.
- Speak to Jonathan Sadler from the Manchester Climate Change Agency.

Sustainability issues in delivering research

As we carry out our research, we should work to minimise its environmental impact. The University has put many measures in place to support this. More details of the specific considerations you should make as you deliver your research can be found by following these links.

- Procurement
- Travel
- Waste
- Laboratories

Communicate your contribution

Much of our research has a positive impact within Manchester, the UK and across the globe. Examples of this can be found in articles covering the clean up of the Manchester Ship Canal and our work on climate change policy. Communicating what we have achieved is a vital part of our activities to demonstrate the positive contribution that the University is making to environmental sustainability. You can consider communicating the work that you have done in a number of ways. There are a number of different routes to consider when communicating your work that depend on whether you are seeking national
press coverage, increasing the visibility of your work and research area to external stakeholders or simply raising internal awareness:

- Approaching your Faculty media contact – a list of these is [here](#).
- Discussing with your Faculty Vice-Dean for Social Responsibility – these can be found via your Faculty website or by approaching your Head of School.
- Approaching the Office for Social Responsibility to see if the area is suitable for their newsletter – you should contact Lisa Govey to discuss this.
- Considering whether the [policy@manchester](#) network can help you in influencing and shaping public policy on a particle issue.

**Cover aspects of sustainability in your taught course**

Within all of our taught courses there are opportunities to cover topics that can be linked with environment sustainability. With colleagues already doing this across the University, there is a chance to learn from other academics and early career researchers who work together to share ideas and best practice about embedding sustainability into the curriculum. Amongst the specific actions you can take include:

- Attend the meetings of the Academic Engagement Group for Environmental Sustainability who look at how sustainability can be embedded in the curriculum. Contact [es@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:es@manchester.ac.uk) to join.
- Make contact with [University College](#) who run sustainability themed units.
- Make contact with the [Academic Lead for Sustainability](#) to see what other support or opportunities may be available.