

The School of Arts, Languages and Cultures
‘Student Community Engagement’ funding scheme, 2016-17

The Director of External Relations and the External Relations Committee of the School of Arts, Languages and Cultures invite submissions to a **funding competition to support projects organised by students with/for local communities** and the Greater Manchester public.

Project proposals may be submitted by a **current student** (undergraduate or postgraduate) or **team of students** registered on a degree programme in the School of Arts, Languages and Cultures. It is **also open to Alumni of the University** who have graduated in the last 1 year. In both cases, the applicants will need to be mentored by a current member of staff, who will ensure the spending is appropriate and accountable.

A project could involve students offering workshops in a school, staging a public performance or mounting an exhibition, running an event at a care home, contributing to a community festival or other creative idea.

Funding can support venue hire, materials, hire of technical equipment, technician fees, travel expenses, performance rights, marketing costs and other reasonable expenses. Applicants may apply for **any amount up to £500**. We envisage making 4-5 awards in the first year.

Proposals should be a maximum of 500 words. The proposal should include:

- Statement of aims/objectives including how your project will benefit you and what it will offer the community or public audience;
- Description of your proposed project methods (e.g. a workshop in a school, a public performance, an exhibition or display, a guided tour);
- Your target audience/community/participants – we are particularly interested in promoting engagement with communities and organisations beyond university staff/students;
- Key partners and whether you have already approached them (e.g. Is the project part of a festival, a museum or gallery, based at a particular venue, or working with an external organisation such as a charity, veterans group or home for the aged?);
- A timeline for the project – it should start and finish before 31 July 2017; all spending must be completed by then.
- A precise budget indicating exactly how you will spend the money and any other sources of funding you might have for the project.

There is no formal application; the above proposal is all that is required to apply. **Applicants must identify a mentor** who will meet with them 2-3 times in the course of their project to offer advice and support. This person could be a member of academic or PSS staff. Applicants must ensure that their mentor agrees to take on the role of advising for the project. Consulting with their mentor while conceiving of and composing their submission will lead to a stronger and more competitive application. **Spending will need to go through the mentor.**

Projects **MUST** be extra-curricular and not part of your course work. However, applications may draw upon skills and knowledge acquired from taught classes. Projects should not conflict with taught courses in terms of students’ time commitments. If you are an alumnus and would like to team up with a current group of students, please do consult us.

Please consult the Director of External Relations and Director for Social Responsibility for any clarification or discussion: Dr Ana Carden-Coyne a.cc@manchester.ac.uk and Dr Pierre Fuller, pierre.fuller@manchester.ac.uk

Deadline for proposals is **5pm Friday 17 October 2016**

Successful applicants will be notified by 1 November 2016

Applications should be submitted to Dr Ana Carden-Coyne, Director of External Relations, School of Arts, Languages and Cultures: a.cc@manchester.ac.uk