



DEPUTY DEAN AND VICE-DEAN RESEARCH REPORT TO HPRC – March 2017

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NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Academic Coordinator for Research Ethics and Governance in AMBS

Professor Nuno Gil has been appointed Academic Coordinator for Research Ethics and Governance in the Alliance Manchester Business School.

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ESRC IAA Update

The ESRC initially awarded The University of Manchester over £860k to deliver the Impact Acceleration Account (IAA) until 31 March 2018. The IAA will be used to fund knowledge exchange activities to accelerate the impact of research in the social sciences, across the University. Through the ESRC IAA we successfully applied, on invitation at short notice from the ESRC, for additional modest funding to support capacity building in relation to the Global Challenges Research Fund and Brexit. The detail is summarised below:

- **BREXIT Additional Funding**

The University of Manchester was successful in securing an additional £27,425 to develop a research and Knowledge Exchange capability in response to Brexit. Project details are provided in [Appendix 3](#).

- **Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) Additional Funding**

In 2016, seven GCRF projects were awarded to build relationships and/ or increase the impact of social science research and to take place in countries that receive Official Development Assistance (ODA). Project details are provided in [Appendix 3](#).

- **Call 6**

The sixth call attracted a high level of interest and 10 projects were funded to a value of £151,587, representing partnerships with a range of organisations who contributed a total of £12,510 directly and £122,775 in-kind. A summary of the awards is provided in [Appendix 3](#).

The details of future calls is under discussion but if you have an idea for a project, please contact esrciaa@manchester.ac.uk

For further information please contact [Louise Murphy](#).

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Simon and Hallsworth Endowments Update

Early Career Research Fellowships

Interviews for Early Career Research Fellowships will take place in the week commencing 20 March.

Simon Industrial and Professional Fellowships

Five applications have been received and decisions will be made in early March. A second call for applications will be launched shortly.

Hallsworth conference fund

The following conferences will be supported in 2017/18:

- World on the Move: Migration, societies and change, October/November 2017.
Convenor: Dr Tanja Müller, SEED

- The New Era in China's Economic Development: Challenges and Implications, September 2017.
Convenor: Dr Xiaobing Wang, SoSS
- Education, mental health and wellbeing: from crisis to opportunity, June 2018.
Convenor: Professor Neil Humphrey, SEED
- The Make do and Mend Expo, November 2017.
Convenor: Dr Helen Holmes, SoSS

One further applicant has been asked to revise and resubmit – an update will follow next month.

Visiting Professorships

Hallsworth – Fourteen visits approved (see [Appendix 2](#) for full details)

Simon – Six visits approved (see [Appendix 2](#) for full details)

For further information please contact [Laura Dobson](#).

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UNIVERSITY RESEARCH STRATEGY GROUP AND UNIVERSITY RESEARCH GROUP

Since the last report the following meetings have taken place: RSG 20 February; URG 6 February. Membership, standard agenda and ongoing items can be found [here](#). New/updated items to report from RSG/URG not covered elsewhere:

Building our Industrial Strategy Green Paper

The Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy published the 'Building our Industrial Strategy' Green Paper on 23 January. A consultation is underway and will close on 17 April. Luke Georgiou will coordinate the University response. Andrew James, the AAD for Business Engagement, is coordinating the response from the Faculty of Humanities to feed through to inform the University response. Andrew is also providing input into the University's development of potential projects for early calls announced by the Industrial Strategy Challenge fund – see below.

Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund

It is anticipated that the Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund will be distributing £420m over the next twelve months. The Associate Deans for Business Engagement have been asked to suggest relevant projects for the early calls. A list of priority areas for inclusion in a Greater Manchester LEP bid for ERDF funds has been drawn up.

UKRI Appoints Chief Executive

Sir Mark Walport has been appointed as the first Chief Executive of UKRI.

Finance Update

2015-16 TRAC Return: a different process has been implemented this year with income now being recognised on receipt. Due to these changes HEFCE are treating 2015-16 as a pilot year, rates for research will be rolled forward from the previous year with the addition of an extra year's indexation. Further detail on the TRAC results is available to Heads of School and their leadership teams on request as the detail is confidential and for internal use only.

RRE Update

The 2016/17 Research Review Exercise closed on 30th January. 1562 people (70% of the eligible population) proposed new outputs or prioritised old ones. There are 3268 new outputs proposed for review. This compares well with RRE last year where 72% of the eligible population proposed new outputs. Faculties agreed that the ability for academics to indicate within Pure that they had decided not to put forward outputs for review this year remained a significant priority for system development.

It was noted that Elsevier are not currently accepting development requests for the REF module (used for RRE) until the nature of the next REF is clear, but that this issue should be raised again later in the year.

EU Update

The University has been awarded nine Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships, a success rate of 13% which matches the UK average. Six applications have progressed to the second stage of the latest ERC Advanced Grants call. The recently published Brexit White Paper (The United Kingdom's exit from and new partnership with the European Union) provides some information on our research relationship with the EU which infers a continuation of the current arrangements.

GCRF Update

The application to the RCUK Collective Fund call from David Hulme (GDI) has progressed to the interview stage. The interviews will take place on 21 February. Work is underway to categorise spend against the £167k HEFCE GCRF QR allocation that was announced in January and requires spend by end of March.

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RESEARCH SUPPORT SERVICES (RSS) UPDATE

Business Engagement Update

Ordinance Survey

The Head of Smart Cities Practice and the Commercial Director visited the University on March 2nd. They have links already to CityVerve and are keen to broaden these. They met with Carmel Dickinson and SEED academics about University smart city activities and opportunities. The visit was very productive and a number of follow up initiatives are being discussed.

Fintech Working Group

This initiative is coordinated by Andrew James, the AAD for Business Engagement in the Faculty of Humanities. The first meeting took place a few weeks ago and was attended by more than 20 academics from maths, economics, computer science and AMBS. It was very positive and attendees found it a useful opportunity to connect with colleagues working in the field in different disciplines. A half day networking event is being organised which will be followed by a public-facing event later in the year.

Accessing collaborative research funding & support - Faculty of Humanities

The Business Engagement team is hosting a workshop on March 23rd, for all Faculty academic staff, on the funding mechanisms and internal support available for collaborative working with business/non-academic partners. This afternoon workshop will include case studies of successful collaborations from each School as well as a brief overview of internal support available from the BE team. Further details and registration can be found here – [Accessing Collaborative Research Funding Workshop](#)

For further information please contact [Shanta Aphale](#), Business Engagement Manager.

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EU Update

Government Response to the House of Lords S&T Committee's Reports Published

The UK Government has [responded](#) to the House of Lords Science and Technology Committee's reports on the relationship between EU membership and UK science (April 2016) and its follow-on report on EU membership and science after the referendum (December 2016). The report can be downloaded [here](#).

The response reiterates some of the messages included in the Government's response to the House of Commons S&T Committee's report on the same subject and confirms that, in the view of the Government, proper assurances have been given through the publication of the HM Treasury statement to businesses and universities *'that whilst we remain a member of the EU they should continue bidding for competitive EU funding.'*

The House of Lords reports made a number of recommendations, which the Government has responded to, including the following:

- In response to the Committee's call for retaining access to Horizon 2020 and other EU funding programmes post-Brexit, the reply states that the UK might choose to participate in some EU programmes, but it is too early to speculate on its involvement in Horizon 2020 (including the potential association status) and future EU Framework Programmes for Research and Innovation;
- On the issue of compensating for any reduction of research funding from the EU, the response highlights that the last Autumn Statement already included a commitment to spend an additional £2 billion a year by 2020/21 on research and innovation;
- On the issue of publishing any evidence of discrimination against UK researchers in EU funding or collaboration, the Government replied that while a number of cases have been reported to the dedicated research@beis.gov.uk inbox, supporting evidence was very limited.

Furthermore, the Government monitors UK performance in Horizon 2020, which, according to early indicators, remains strong. The document also includes responses to many recommendations related to ensuring the UK's competitiveness in research and innovation, as well as its attractiveness as a destination for the best minds in the world.

EASSH Response to Monitoring Report on Embedding of Social Sciences and Humanities in Horizon 2020

The European Alliance for Social Sciences and Humanities (EASSH) has issued a [response paper](#) to the European Commission's [Second Monitoring Report on Embedding of Social Sciences and Humanities in Horizon 2020](#).

[EASSH](#) brings together more than 25 European disciplinary associations and scholarly networks, with the purpose of promoting research on social sciences and humanities as a resource for Europe and the world. The response includes analysis of two European Commission Monitoring Reports – for the 2014 and 2015 calls for proposals. The paper highlights the lack of SSH research input in the 'SSH-flagged topics' in the Societal Challenges and Industrial Leadership pillars and identifies evaluation process, including guidelines for evaluators, as the area for improvement. The response paper has been endorsed by the Academia Europaea, and the Coimbra Group.

Changes to the Societal Challenge 7 Secure Societies 2017 Work Programme

The European Commission has published some changes to the 2017 Work Programme for Societal Challenge 7: Protecting Freedom and Security of Europe and its Citizens.

The changes have been included as updates to the Work Programme, which can be found for each of the specific topics in the [call updates section](#) on the Participant Portal.

For further information please contact [Liz Fay](#), European Funding and Development Manager.

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Research Communications and Marketing Update

Workshops and training sessions

We have developed training for the Sustainable Consumption Institute to help academic staff enhance their social media and digital presence, and to support knowledge exchange and impact activities. Initial feedback is that both workshops were very informative and helpful, and have helped academic colleagues think more clearly about impact activities. We will continue to evaluate feedback with a view to rolling out this training further across Schools.

- [Enhancing your social media and digital profile](#)
- [What makes a good impact case study?](#)

Training and [resources](#) for the administrators of research institutes, networks and centres through the Research Communications and Marketing Network this month include:

- [Working with the Research Beacons \(Global Inequalities\)](#)

Media and Social Media Activity

We supported the Manchester Institute of Collaborative Research on Ageing (MICRA) in the promotion of a report on intimacy in older people across digital, print and broadcast channels. The report (launched 14 Feb) was picked up by international and UK media including *The Times*, *Guardian*, *Daily Mail*, *BBC Radio 4* and *ITV*. Twitter interactions and mentions of the report through media channels have reached 15.9M. Twitter activity to support a second MICRA report and the Greater Manchester Ageing Hub Conference (16 Feb) generated 2,967 impressions and 39 engagements.

Social media activity in support of the Manchester Urban Institute launch event (7 Feb) resulted in a 76% increase in impressions over December, 67 engagements and 123 new Twitter followers including Guardian Cities (@guardiancities). We created a [Manchester Urban Institute Storify](#) to publish some of the social media content shared during the event. Facebook video views were 6,695, we reached 18,239 people on Facebook, and had 58 Twitter engagements (likes, retweets and mentions).

Communications support

We have been offering advice on how to develop print and online publications to the Inclusive Growth Analysis Unit (in the Manchester Urban Institute), the Knowledge Exchange and Impact team, MICRA and the Effective States and Inclusive Development Research Centre (in the Global Development Institute); and are supporting the development of a new Research Support Services blog and RSS Twitter feed that will help promote funding opportunities to academic staff and final year PhD students.

Faculty content planning

We are in the process of setting up monthly Faculty Content Planning meetings to share ideas and newsworthy stories so that we can ensure we are promoting Humanities in the best way possible, within the wider University and externally. We are confirming the names of representatives from across the Faculty teams and communications representatives from our Schools. Collated content will be fed into monthly Communications and Content Planning sessions that are coordinated by the Division of Communications and Marketing.

Marketing toolkit

We have created a marketing toolkit for SALC following a process review undertaken by the marketing team and SALC colleagues to look at new opportunities for collaboration and coordination of marketing activity. The toolkit will be adapted to suit local needs and rolled out across Schools by the end of the academic year.

Faculty websites

A series of websites have been developed this month to support research and public engagement related activity:

- [Policy@Manchester](#)
- [Confucius Institute](#)
- [Centre for Translation and Intercultural Studies](#)
- [Centre for Interdisciplinary Research in Arts and Languages](#)
- [Institute for Cultural Practices](#)

For further information, please contact [Lynda McIntosh](#), Research Communications and Marketing Manager.

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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 circulated separately and on the [website](#).

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March 2017

APPENDIX ONE: HUMNET

Please visit the Humanities intranet, [HumNet](#), for the following information:

[Business Engagement](#)

[Faculty Research Office 'live' information \(previously circulated\)](#)

[University Research Strategy Group \(RSG\) and University Research Group \(URG\)](#)

[Humanities Research Strategy Committee \(HRSC\)](#)

[Faculty of Humanities Research Support Services Handbook](#)

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

[Research funding opportunities](#)

[Funding body guides](#)

- Arts and Humanities Research Council, AHRC
- The British Academy
- Economic and Social Research Council, ESRC
- Global Challenges Research Fund, GCRF
- Joseph Rowntree Foundation, JRF
- The Leverhulme Trust
- National Science Foundation (NSF) and Research Councils UK (RCUK)
- Newton Fund
- The Royal Geographical Society, RGS
- The Royal Society
- The Wellcome Trust

[Simon and Hallsworth Endowment](#)

Funds ECR Research Fellowships, Simon Industrial and Professional Fellowships, Visiting Professorships and the Hallsworth Conference Fund

[Online System for Ethical Review \(ERM\)](#)

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APPENDIX TWO: SIMON AND HALLSWORTH VISITING PROFESSORS

SIMON AND HALLSWORTH VISITING PROFESSORS 2017/18				
HALLSWORTH				
Visiting Professor	Based at	Host school	School host contact	Duration and provisional dates
Professor Larry Catá Backer	Pennsylvania State University	AMBS	Prof Ken McPhail, Dr Lara Bianchi	1st – 7th October 2017 and Feb 4th – 11th 2018
Professor Rosemary Batt	Cornell University	AMBS	Professor Paula Hyde	September 2017 and May 2018
Professor Laurent Lapierre	University of Ottawa	AMBS	Sheena Johnson	4 weeks July 2018
Professor Bruno Latour	Sciences Po, France	SEED / AMBS	Professor Albena Yaneva and Dr Damian O'Doherty	end of August – end of September 2017
Professor Zhigang Li	Wuhan University	SEED	Professor Cecilia Wong	1st to 21st August 2017
Professor Ira Gang	Rutgers University	SEED	Professor Kunal Sen	25 February - 18 March 2018
Professor Zoë Sofoulis	University of Western Sydney	SEED	Dr Alison Browne and Professor Erik Swyngedouw	Trip 1 - September/October 2017. Trip 2 - May 2018
Professor Michael North	University of Greifswald	SALC	Dr Philipp Rössner	23 April – 7 May 2018, plus two further weeks (not consecutive) in 2018; three visits in total.
Professor Amanda Grenier	McMaster University	SoSS	Professor Chris Phillipson	August 2017 1 week tbc; October 15-21 2017; Feb 18-23 2018
Professor Jawwad Noor	Boston University	SoSS	Professor Horst Zank	May/June 2018
Professor Ken Wald	University of Florida	SoSS	Professor Angelia Wilson	October 2017 OR March 2018 for 3 weeks
Professor Nancy Foner	City University New York	SoSS	Professor Alice Bloch	October 11th to October 25th 2017
Professor Yi Wen	Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis	SoSS	Xiaobing Wang	1 - 30 September 2017
Professor Marcus Hunter	University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)	SoSS	Professor Claire Alexander	7th-28th May 2018

SIMON				
Visiting Professor	Based at	Host school	School host contact	Duration and provisional dates
Professor Hilde Lindemann	Michigan State University	Law	Prof Søren Holm	10-23 September 2017
Professor Letizia Paoli	University of Leuven, Belgium	Law	Dr Nicholas Lord	3 weeks in Nov 17, Feb 18 & Apr 18
Asst. Prof Thomas Grund	University College Dublin	Law	David Gadd (Law) and Elisa Bellotti (SoSS)	3 weeks in Sep 17, Jan 18 & May 18
Professor Cynthia Connolly	University of Pennsylvania	CHSTM (FMBH)	Professor Ian Burney and Professor Christine Hallett	Three weeks in March 2018
Dr Anthony Ware	Deakin University, Melbourne	SALC	Professor Roger MacGinty	36 days, September - November 2017
Professor Douglas Holmes	Binghamton University, SUNY	SoSS	Dr. Soumhya Venkatesan	4 weeks in Semester 1 2017-18

APPENDIX THREE: ESRC IAA AWARDS 2016/17

Call	School	Academic Lead(s)	Project title
BREXIT	Faculty of Humanities	various	Scoping work to identify the feasibility of creating a Brexit focused research area/cluster in Humanities
BREXIT	Law	Dr Nicolette Butler	Brexit: Implications for Trade and Investment
BREXIT	AMBS	Dr. Andrew James	International trade opportunities in light of BREXIT
BREXIT	SALC	Professor Yaron Matras	Brexit, Migration and 'Diversity Management' in Greater Manchester
BREXIT	Law	Dr. Shavana Musa	Strengthening Cyber Security for a Brexit and Post-Brexit UK
BREXIT	SoSS	Professor David Richards	Mapping the "New Politics"
BREXIT	AMBS	Dr. Jenny Rodriguez	Implications of Brexit for Employment in the Greater Manchester region
GCRF	SEED	Dr. Richard Duncombe	Reframing Human Centred Design Approaches for Developing Country Contexts
GCRF	SALC	Mr Allard Duursma and Dr. Roisin Read	Making Peacekeeping Data Work for the International Community
GCRF	School of Health Sciences	Dr Laoise Renwick and Dr. Helen Brooks	Cultivating newly formed collaborative partnerships in Indonesia with leading mental health clinicians and academics
GCRF	SEED	Professor Kunal Sen	Political drivers of local government implementation of public goods delivery in India
GCRF	SEED	Dr. Jacobus Christiaan Renken	Impact Preparation for an ICT4D Champion Development Programme
GCRF	School of Health Sciences	Professor Rachel Calam	Migration Hub
GCRF	SEED	Mr Luis Perez-Murcia and Professor Diana Mitlin	Dissemination of the research "Losing and Remaking Home: Narratives of Conflict and Displacement in Colombia"
Call 6	SoSS	Professor David Richards	Westminster's Dilemma in a Post-Brexit World: Reconciling a 'New Politics' with the Westminster Model
Call 6	SEED	Professor Richard Kingston	Manchester's Environment Map: Online (MEMO)
Call 6	Law	Dr. Alan Cunningham	Exploring the opportunities for, and likely consequences of, disruptive technologies within the legal sector
Call 6	SEED	Dr. Gary Motteram	Supporting and developing teachers in contexts of conflict and disturbance
Call 6	SEED	Professor Stephanie Barrientos	Gender Equality in Global Supply Chains
Call 6	SEED	Dr. Deljana Iossifova	Miyakobashi Yokocho: Urban Transformations in Japan between the Tokyo Olympics
Call 6	SALC	Professor Roger Mac Ginty	Everyday Peace Indicators
Call 6	AMBS	Dr. Jiajia Liu	Developing and feasibility testing a 'Wechat investment network platform' for channelling small-medium sized investment funds from China into the Greater Manchester Area

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Call 6	SEED	Professor James Evans	Well cities: implementing a wellbeing valuation toolkit for urban learning
Call 6	Health Sciences	Dr. Goedele De Clerk	The right of each deaf young person and adult to tell his/her life story: a new intervention to enrich deaf wellbeing