

Research guidance

Research networks

A number of networks exist within the University to support researchers working in a range of areas, including research centres and institutes combining disciplines and capabilities to address major environmental challenges and solutions. 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. Contact the [Academic Lead for Sustainability](#) to discuss in more detail.

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 contact the Environmental Sustainability Team via es@manchester.ac.uk.

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 (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 (contact [Lisa Govey](#) to discuss this).
- Considering whether the [policy@manchester](#) network can help you in influencing and shaping public policy on a particular issue.