



THE UNIVERSITY OF
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The University of Manchester

The University of Melbourne-The University of Manchester Research Fund 2020

Guidelines for Applicants

Deadline: Monday 29 June 2020 (Midday AEST)

The University of Melbourne and The University of Manchester Research Fund is an initiative of the respective Vice-Chancellors to enhance research collaboration between the two universities. This is the sixth call for proposals. A list of the projects supported in previous rounds is available on the [Manchester-Melbourne Research Fund](#) web page.

The overall aim of the fund is to encourage and provide initial support for development of high quality research projects in areas of mutual strength and shared interest. Funding is available for staff at both institutions to undertake short-term visits to deepen and extend research links with a view to enabling collaborators to make joint proposals to external funding sources for the next phase of their research.

The fund is open for proposals across all research areas.

The two universities have recently established a dual award PhD programme and proposals with the potential to provide opportunities for dual PhDs at a future stage are encouraged.

Activities and Scope of Support

Proposals may include, but are not limited to workshops, staff exchanges, research seminars/presentations and the formation or development of a collaborative network.

The funding provided is intended to support expenses, including but not limited to costs of travel (PIs, post-doctoral fellows, research associates, students) between the institutions, and necessary related consumables. The scheme does not cover salaries, equipment, scholarships, conference attendance or tuition fees.

Eligibility

To be eligible, a proposal must include team participants from both institutions.

Manchester: Academic staff members from all disciplines are welcome to apply. The lead applicant must be a permanent member of staff. Post-doctoral staff are eligible to apply on the condition that the end of their post-doctoral contract is after the end of the proposed project.

Melbourne: Applicants must hold an appointment at the University of Melbourne at Academic Level A (6) or higher and 0.5 FTE or higher at the time of application and for the duration of the award. Honorary employees whose primary academic affiliation is the University of Melbourne are eligible to lead the application if their primary employer has entered into an agreement with the University for the support of the Australian component of the collaborative activity; or may participate at their own expense if they are otherwise unaffiliated (for example, they hold an emeritus position). Previous

recipients may not reapply to the scheme. The relevant Heads of Department/Units and Faculty Deans/Directors of Institutes of the home university must endorse applications.

Funding

The funding envelope for the research fund comprises £50, 000 from UoM and AUD \$100, 000 from UniMelb. We expect to award up to 10 grants in this round. **Applications may request up to \$10,000 per project for the UniMelb collaborator and £5,000 for the UoM collaborator for a funding period of one year.**

Each institution will pay funds directly to its researchers. Approval of expenditure will be governed by each university for the portion of funding provided.

How to Apply

This is a joint call and one joint application per project should be submitted online using [SmartSurvey](#) (applicants can preview the form before completing it).

UniMelb collaborators will need to complete a Themis Grants Submission for Head of Department approval and email the Themis Submission number to ric-internalgrants@unimelb.edu.au

Timeline

The deadline for applications is 12:00pm AEST Monday 29 June 2020. Applicants will be notified of the results by mid-August.

Call opens	18 May 2020
Deadline for submission of proposal	29 June 2020
Communication of results to applicants	mid-August 2020
Start date of Awards	October 2020

Evaluation Criteria

A joint review committee will assess each proposal according to the academic merit and the following criteria (with equal weighting):

- **Project design and rationale:** how clearly presented and justified is the design and basis for the collaboration
- **Project impact:** how clearly linked are the academic gains to the planned activities and performance indicators.
- **Impact of Collaboration:** How strong is the link between the proposed collaboration and the research project (in other words - would it be possible to complete the project and achieve the results without this partnership?).
- **Graduate Researcher Involvement:** are opportunities provided for PhD researchers to engage in the collaboration? What are the anticipated benefits of PhD researchers involvement in the project and for the individuals themselves?
- **Capacity for future collaboration/funding:** What is the extent to which future collaborations are possible as a result of the proposed exchange activities? What is the ability of the proposal to leverage future external funding?

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

Adherence to respective equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) policies are an important feature of this program to ensure that all participants can do their best work, thrive and succeed. Applicant teams should consider how they can take meaningful steps in their future collaborations to foster an

environment that values, supports and respects a diverse range of views, knowledge and experiences. Applicants should consider EDI as it applies to gender, indigenous peoples, disabilities, career stages and sectors.

Reporting

Successful applicants will be required to submit a report outlining the activities undertaken and the actions to be taken forward within one month of completion of the project.

Other Information

UoM: There is no requirement to produce a fEC costing or Research Approval form.

You should choose the most economic and direct route for travel. As a guide for Manchester staff, the costs of hotels in Melbourne should be in the region of GBP128 per night. All flights and hotels should be booked through the University's approved supplier [Key Travel](#).

UniMelb: All applicants are required to enter the application into the Themis Submissions Workbench and have approved by their Head of Department by the deadline.

Information about this call

Any queries about this joint call should be directed to:

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