

### **Simon and Hallsworth Showcase Q&A, 15 November 2017**

- Q Do I need to identify a mentor in the school when applying?  
A It is not necessary to identify a mentor in your application, but if you wish to do so that's fine
- Q Do I need to design a project within budget?  
A Yes – you can apply for additional funds, but you would be expected to deliver your main project within budget (£1k research expenses per annum for Simon; £3k research expenses per annum for Hallsworth)
- Q Can I apply for both fellowships?  
A Yes, but you must tailor your research proposal for each fellowship accordingly
- Q Do I need to cover research interests of school and research institute in my application?  
A Concentrate on the fit of your research within the school
- Q Is the October start date fixed?  
A October starts are preferred. There is room for flexibility up to 1<sup>st</sup> January following only
- Q Should I concentrate on the contribution of my research to scholarship or on its real world impact?  
A It is up to you to decide how to present your research
- Q Who should I first contact within the school?  
A The School Research Director and those academics whose research fits with your own
- Q How much research should I put into my research proposal?  
A Illustrate the wider context, academic context and knowledge of where your research fits at the University of Manchester
- Q Is it preferred to publish with Manchester University Press?  
A Go for the publisher that is most suitable for your work
- Q Will the outputs of research be submitted to REF during the fellowship?  
A Your research outputs could be submitted, subject to clarification of rules for the next REF
- Q Do successful candidates tend to be earlier or later in the four year period after finishing their PhD?  
A It is relatively rare for candidates who have just finished their PhD to be appointed, but it does happen. Generally candidates with one or more years' experience after their PhD are more likely to be successful.