

# Early Career Research Fellowships

Tips on Developing your Research Proposal

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1. Make it understandable across disciplines
  - Selection panel made up of academics from across Humanities & Social Sciences
  - Balance detail on your specific question with accessibility for people outside your field
  - Consider the language you use
  
2. Make your proposal individual
  - Following guidelines (like these ones..) and reading successful proposals can be useful
  - Show how your research is original

### 3. Answer the most important questions clearly

- What is the idea?
- Why is it interesting?
- How will you address it?
- Can you explain it to non-experts (e.g. family)?

### 4. Provide specific details

- Clear methodology/ timeline
- Perceived outputs, dissemination and **impact**

## 5. Focus on main idea

- Better to focus on developing one idea in detail rather than spreading yourself across two questions, even if they are related

## 6. Relate it to Fellowship aims

- How does the question relate to the broad aims of the Fellowship?
- E.g. for Hallsworth: how does it relate to Political Economy?

## 7. Why Manchester?

- Good to have made contact before
- Relate it to research in your host department/school
- Say how you will develop networks across Manchester (multi-disciplinary if possible)
- What can you bring to Manchester? E.g. Existing contacts/networks

## 8. Try to show a trajectory

- How does it build on your existing/previous research?
- How will this Fellowship develop you as an academic?

# Finally....

## 9. Make it easy to read

- Clear structure
- Big enough font / margins, space between paragraphs etc.
- Keep the reviewers on-side

Thank you