

School of Social Sciences Staff Bulletin

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Data Protection Course

Please be aware that **if the data protection course is not completed by the 25 May you will not be able to access emails after this date.** So it is imperative that you complete this as soon as possible.

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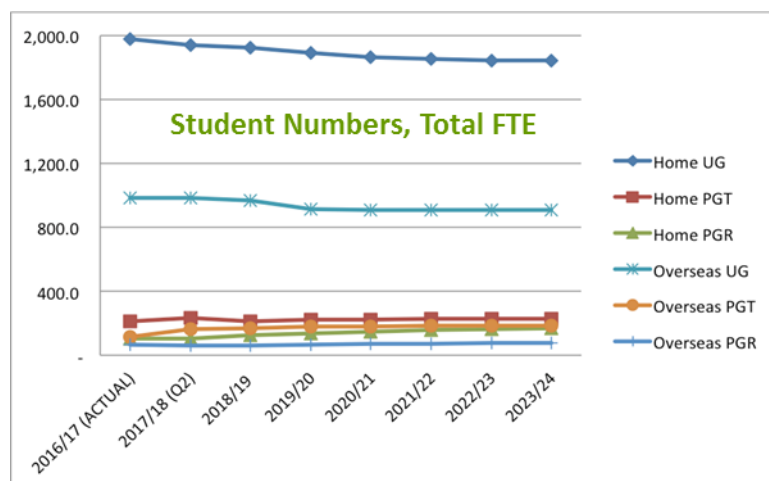
This Year's Planning and Budget Meetings

In last month's Bulletin, I reported that the School's planning documents and budget were submitted on 16th February, and these were interrogated by the Faculty Leadership Team at a meeting, with the School's Leadership Team, on 8th March 2018. It was a challenging 3, or so, hours but ultimately our plans and budget to support them were endorsed with the Dean noting (in his own inimitable fashion) that the School "*is very well run and high performing but there are a few areas where it can be incrementally better*". Our plans and budget then feed into the Faculty's plans and budget for interrogation by the University, the outcome of which sometimes requires a revisit to the School budget. The University level meeting happened a couple of weeks ago and I am delighted to have received the news that there will be no change to our submitted plans and budget. Having gone through this process I can now summarise for you the main features.

At the Planning meeting in March I was able report on some notable successes in securing research funding (including CoDE and UKDS (ESRC) and SCI (Tesco), and some recent individual large grant awards), improvement in "league tables", and notable publications (monograph awards, "world leading" journal article, etc.) In addition, the School is looking to develop and build on our international links with Copenhagen, Colombia, Renmin, and also via the introduction of the year abroad programmes. Research impact has been notable, including MICRA's award, The ESRC Festival of Social Sciences, numerous ESRC Impact Accelerator Awards and four nominations at this year's Making a Difference Awards.

As ever, the School remains strong in UG recruitment, and increasingly confident in PGT recruitment. The planned withdrawal of the BAEcon Business Studies pathway (from 19/20) is underway, which is built on shedding posts in Economics (as signalled in last year's plan) and re-profiling UG and PGT numbers.

To this end, we will be reducing Home UG recruitment over the plan from 665 to 640, whilst steadily (but to a lesser extent) increasing PGT recruitment (especially International). This leads to a drop of 5% in UGT (approximately 140 FTE), a rise of 8% in PGT (approximately 30 FTE) and overall fall of 3% in UG & PGT over the 5 year plan. This summarise in the following graph of total student FTE (UG, PGT and PGR) over the planning period:



Individual staff continue to receive recognition and esteem (for example, Diane Coyle in the New Year's Honours, recent FaCSS awarded to Jane Green, Dale Southerton and Angie Wilson; and Rachel Griffith, President-Elect of the Royal Economic Society and appointed member of the ESRC Council). The School has also been able to retain and promote key staff whilst also making some excellent appointments during the last 12 months (at both the "junior" and "senior" levels); and I was particularly gratified with the School's Athena Swan Bronze Award.

The School's "Student Experience" shows improvement (even in parts of NSS), also in employability degree attainment and through the growing reputation of Q-Step. We hope that the restructure of management and curriculum and cultural aspects of BAEcon will improve this further – on which I shall report in the next Bulletin.

Finally, but no less importantly, I again emphasised two key undergirding strengths of the School: we are, generally speaking, an extremely collegial School, which is financially well-managed.

However, the School does need to address the following areas:

- The quality of our research is not uniformly above a minimum expectation and, in particular, externally won grant income continues to be (relatively) weak.
- Although improvements have been realised league tables it would be good if this could be accelerated.
- PGR recruitment continues to be elusive (the School is still targeting a 3:2 PGR:Staff ratio), and we still get frustrated by completion rates in some areas
- Student experience (NSS/TEF) remains an issue for us; especially assessment & feedback, Academic Advising and differential degree attainment
- The School is currently under-resourced in PSS (in absolute terms and relative to other Schools in the Faculty)
- The School can be appear too risk averse (across many activities), because of the strength of student recruitment in traditional subjects.

Turning now to the School's Budget and forward looking Financial Plan:

The plan describes a re-profiling of students but not a significant change in scale. In terms of our tuition fee income structure, this entails a move from 46% to 41% of HOME fee (as a percentage of total tuition fee income), and a rise from 12% to 15% of PGT fee income as a percentage of total tuition fee income.

This, re-profiling of students, and the BULGE in (requested) UG over-recruitment in 16/17, gives the School a £700k premium on our contribution target for 18/19. We meet our contribution targets in very year thereafter (following agreement to increase contribution by £200k per year), but with our contribution rate falling from the forecast 50% in 17/18 to 46% over the 5 Year Plan. The plan also provides the opportunity to invest within the School (the student experience, research/REF support, impact, PSS support, basic estate refurbishments, and a little more on PGR studentships).

Specifically, the extra School investment includes:

- £51k each year for, inter alia, employability, general T&L, staff recruitment, and £7.5K in each of the next two years for a pilot BAEcon pre-session course
- Q-step internships: £80k pa from 19/20
- One more PGR 4 year studentship from next year and additional support for discounting fees
- Increase PGR RTSG to £1000 from 18/19
- Extra PSS and Teaching posts: 6 PSS posts approved, additional TA posts (Economics and Politics), and also a 'SoSS Data Science Research & Development Manager' (CMI initiative) for 18/19 & 19/20.
- Refurbishment: £50k in 18/19, £30k in 20/21 (some extra money in 17/18 budget can help to bring this forward)
- Internationalisation budget (to include HSIF support) increased from £20k to £40k pa, and the introduction of School International Visitors Programme
- Targeted REF support is still in place for 18/19, with an additional £20k pa over 5 year plan for impact support
- RSA for FTC Researchers will be introduced: £50k pa budget for up to a yearly £1000 allowance from 18/19
- Annual Department budgets increased from £650 per FTE to £800 per FTE from 18/19
- RSA for staff is planned to increase to £2250 in 20/21 and £3000 in 21/20.

Industrial Action and Assessment

While the industrial action has been suspended, students are still understandably anxious about the impact on their assessment, progression and degree outcomes. If teaching colleagues are asked about this by students the following information may be useful. Each department in the School has been collating information on the impact across all course units that it teaches; a process that will help us to ensure that all students are not disadvantaged in terms of their progression or degree classification and are treated as fairly and consistently as possible. It is necessary to do this at the course unit level (rather than School or programme level) due to the sheer breadth and range of our teaching delivery, and assessment, as well as the differential impact and disruption that the strike action will have caused. All course unit convenors will now have communicated with students enrolled on their courses to inform them of any changes in assessment and/or deadlines because of the strike action. Mitigation will be applied, where appropriate, at the marking, moderation and exam board stage so students may not “see” the outcome of this process at the initial marking stage. Meetings have been taking place between colleagues and student reps and students may be encouraged to log any individual concerns they have with their reps or (by email) their Programme Director. It remains the School’s intention that no student’s outcome in terms of progression or award should be adversely affected by the industrial action and all colleagues are working towards this goal. Mitigation for the industrial action is a separate process to the usual mitigating circumstances procedure and there is no need for students to complete mit circs forms. The only exception to this is where underlying conditions, e.g. anxiety, have been exacerbated by the industrial action.



Revised Academic Advising Toolkit

This month sees the launch of a revised Academic Advising Toolkit on the TLSO website:

<http://www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/tlso/toolkits/academicadvising/>

The site has been refreshed so that it can:

- Provide a one stop shop which is structured to help you find the content you need easily. There is an A to Z topics page for all links but there are also Academic, Well-being and Employability pages too.
- Benefits all advisors – be it new to the role or senior advisors with refreshed advising model page, self-help videos and a new staff learning and development page which links to new training being delivered.

- Bring together a suite of short snappy videos to help bring the advising role to life.
- Supports the student experience by providing videos of students so you can hear their perspective of the advising relationship

Differential Attainment

You may have noticed some articles around student attainment prompted by the HEFCE report [Differences in student outcomes: The effect of student characteristics](#) This was [covered in WonkHE](#) which also featured an article on [minority applicants to HE](#). The School is actively engaged in trying to understand the sources of differential treatment of certain groups and has a Differential Attainment Working Group led by Helen Beebee. We're also partnered with the University on two projects, one developing an "Induction Booster" project to improve the skills of international students before they start in the School and another (with CoDE) examining patterns of academic appeals to see what they tell us about differential attainment. We will keep colleagues updated with developments on this front.



Blackboard Upgrades and Maintenance

There are short periods when Blackboard is unavailable to allow for essential maintenance. These are usually confined to Sundays between 2am and 5am. There is also a longer period of downtime over one weekend of the year.

The dates for 2017/18 have now been confirmed. Blackboard (and therefore Turnitin) will be unavailable from **8pm (BST) on Thursday 19 July until 9am (BST) on Sunday 22 July 2018**. Please consider these dates when timetabling submission dates or key course activities.

RESEARCH NEWS

School Director, Claire Alexander

Sub-Panel Members

The first round of sub-panel members for REF2021 have now been announced: congratulations to Helen Beebee and Penny Harvey who have been appointed to the Philosophy and Anthropology panels.

REF Eligibility and Open Access Requirements

There is still ongoing confusion in some quarters about OA requirements – please keep in mind these 3 things:

- (i) **All peer reviewed journal articles/conference papers since 1st April 2016 should be made open access**, whether or not they are intended for REF. This means depositing in a UoM repository.
- (ii) **All outputs intended for REF MUST be deposited in a UoM repository within 3 months of acceptance.** This means from the date of acceptance from a journal editor, not date of publication.
- (iii) **All outputs should be deposited through the UoM library gateway (<http://www.manchester.ac.uk/openaccess/gateway>), as well as in PURE.** Depositing in PURE alone does not mean this will be picked up by the library team. In cases where you can't meet the requirements of the policy, authors should still send the Author Accepted Manuscript (AAM) to the Library via email, with a request for an exception to be recorded against the output, rather than using the Library deposit form.

Email: uml.scholarlycommunication@manchester.ac.uk

Institutional Funding for Gold Open Access

The School still has institutional funds available to pay for Gold Open Access for 4* journal articles for this academic year. The deadline for this funding to be spent is end of June 2018. Please contact the Library if you have a high quality forthcoming journal article and would like to apply for support to make this Gold Open Access.

Changes to Gold Access in 2018-19:

The way the University allocates the RCUK Open Access block grant is changing for the 2018-19 grant year. It will no longer operate a 'first come, first served' model. An alternative model, prioritising Pure Gold Open Access journals and a selection of other journal publishers has been agreed. This model will apply to papers accepted for publication after 1st April 2018 or funding requests received after this date. For more details see the Library Open Access Funding webpage – www.manchester.ac.uk/openaccess

How do I request Open Access funding from the RCUK block grant?

The process for requesting Open Access funding has not changed but authors should not assume that all funding requests will be approved.

1. To request funding from the block grant please continue to submit the Author Accepted Manuscript (AAM) via the Open Access Gateway on acceptance.

www.manchester.ac.uk/openaccess/gateway

2. After submitting the AAM please do not complete publisher forms requesting Gold Open Access until you have received an acceptance email from the Library. NB It is not possible to accept all requests for Open Access funding and Schools will be liable for any costs not approved by the Library.

The Library aims to respond to all requests within 48 hours.

New Data Management Planning Tool

The Library has initiated changes to how you create Data Management Plans (DMPs). DMPs are required for every new [research project](#) at The University of Manchester and by most research funders. DMPs help you plan what data or supporting information you will collect, how you will handle it, whether you can share your data publicly and ultimately save you time. They can also help you meet any data protection obligations. To make the process easier the library are moving to a new institutional data management planning tool, [DMPonline](#). It has a more intuitive interface than the existing tool, up to date advice and you can create plans with external collaborators.

The new DMP form is slightly longer than the previous form but will be used by the Ethics Review system, assist with data protection requirements and allow IT to plan how much storage will be required. You can [find the DMP number](#) for inclusion in the research approval form at the end of the URL of your plan in DMPonline.

Many researchers have DMPs for their current research projects on the University's DMP tool, so the existing tool will be maintained for at least the next year. You will be able to edit your existing plans but you will not be able to generate new plans after 17th April 2018.

You can find out more about data management planning via www.manchester.ac.uk/researchdata, follow [@UoMRDMSERVICE](#) or contact the Research Data Management team with any questions at researchdata@manchester.ac.uk.

ESRC Grant Assessment Panel opportunities

The ESRC is inviting applications for members of Grant Assessment Panels (GAPs). The School strongly encourages suitably qualified colleagues to apply for these positions, and the potential insights the reviewers receive can help to inform our own peer review processes and help the reviewers with their own future applications.

Sociology (Panel B) – (2 positions available)

- Essential: Should have broad Sociological expertise

Economics (Panel C)

- Essential: Should have expertise across the area of macroeconomics

- Desirable: Specific expertise in macroeconomic theory, fiscal or monetary policy is desirable.

Economic & Social History (Panel C)

- Essential: Should have a broad expertise across the remit of economic and social history

Social Policy (Panel C)

- Essential: Should have expertise across the social policy discipline
- Desirable: Specific expertise in qualitative methods is desirable

Politics & International Relations (Panel C) – Post 1

- Essential: Should have a broad expertise across the political science discipline
- Desirable: Specific expertise in public administration or comparative politics is desirable.

Politics & International Relations (Panel C) – Post 2

- Essential: Should have expertise across the breadth of international studies
- Desirable: Specific expertise in conflict studies, security studies, international relations or foreign policy would be desirable

Health (Panel D)

- Essential: Expertise on the intersection between health and social sciences with a focus on health factors and social outcomes and vice versa. Also a good understanding of longitudinal studies and (re)use of other secondary data for research in social sciences

Social Policy (Panel D)

- Essential: Ability to focus on socio economic inequalities. Also a good understanding of longitudinal studies and (re)use of other secondary data for research in social sciences

Applications should be submitted online no later than 17:00 on 11 May 2018.



The University is a partner on a £5 million 'ASPECT' initiative funded by Research England

The funding will support 'ASPECT' (a social sciences platform for entrepreneurship, commercialisation and transformation), a pioneering collaboration to develop the commercial potential of social sciences. Led by the London School of Economics and Political Science, ASPECT is a partnership which also includes The University of Manchester and the University of Sussex, alongside secondary partners the Universities of Oxford and Sheffield and business investors. While the commercialisation pipeline for science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) research is well established, research within the social sciences is commonly applied to policy makers, rather than the private sector. ASPECT seeks to redress this balance and will bring together the best social

science ideas with top entrepreneurs to create new products and businesses which will both solve pressing social challenges and improve productivity.

ASPECT's work will include an innovative approach piloted by [Zinc](#), a new 'company builder' fund which plans to tackle big social issues, while at the same time creating investable businesses.

Dr Andrew James, Associate Dean Business Engagement and External Relations for Humanities, said: "ASPECT provides an exciting opportunity for leading Universities to share best practice in the diffusion and commercialisation of knowledge from the social sciences. An understanding of social and behavioural issues is critical to addressing the grand challenges that we face as a society."

Deputy President and Deputy Vice-Chancellor of The University of Manchester, [Professor Luke Georghiou](#), commented: "Solutions to any of the most important grand challenges facing our society, such as energy, the environment and urban living, depend upon understanding and influencing human behaviour. Not surprisingly they are also a rich source of business opportunities for the social sciences. ASPECT is a win-win which will enable us to put solutions onto a sustainable business basis, while addressing these fundamental issues."

The funding, which will last for three years, forms part of an allocation of £20 million to recipients of the Research England Connecting Capability Fund competition and forms part of the Government's Industrial Strategy green paper. It supports universities in working together and with external partners to commercialise research, help deliver the strategy and share good practice and capacity.

Funding Opportunity for Research and Networking Activities Related to China

Applications are invited for **Research, Impact & Collaboration Enrichment (RICE)** contributions of up to £2,000 for research projects with focus on China.



The Confucius Institute expects to contribute to the costs of research, networking and knowledge exchange events led by academic members of staff across all faculties at The University of Manchester.

Supported projects will be of international and interdisciplinary nature and be of interest to academic and non-academic audiences alike. Although this is an open call, we expect projects to demonstrate engagement and clear links with the [Manchester2020 Strategic Plan](#) and the Chinese Government's *Belt and Road Initiative* (BRI) [1].

To apply please [download](#) the CI RICE application form!

If you wish to discuss your project informally, please contact the Director of the Confucius Institute, Dr Deljana Iossifova (deljana.iossifova@manchester.ac.uk), in the first instance.

Applications close 15 May!

POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH

School Director, Stuart Shields



Two Winners of the 2017 Lewis Social Responsibility PhD Prize

We're delighted to announce that we had not one, but two winners of the inaugural Lewis Social Responsibility PhD Prize.

In a strong field the panel of judges couldn't separate two nominations and decided to award the prize of £500 to both Gwyneth Lonergan and Jenna Murray de Lopez.

Gwyneth's PhD, 'The impact of local geographies on migrant women's activism: a comparative study of Manchester and Sheffield', was supervised by Bridget Byrne and Jonathon Darling. It explored the experiences of migrant women (largely asylum seekers) in Manchester and Sheffield, and considered how local and national policies impacted on their access to rights and wider activism. Parts of the thesis have since been published in peer-reviewed articles in *Citizenship Studies*, *Feminist Review* and *Women: A Cultural Review*. Gwyneth is now a research associate in the Department of Sociological Studies at Sheffield.

Jenna's PhD, 'Becoming (M)other: Political economy and maternal transition in urban Chiapas', was supervised by Jeanette Edwards and Tony Simpson. It is an ethnography of the transition to motherhood in a low-income neighbourhood in South East Mexico. The thesis linked themes of community, relationships and gendered personhood to broader discourses of global maternal health, political economy and modernity. Among the numerous outputs from the thesis, Jenna has presented details of her research to audiences as wide-ranging as the European Society for Health and Medical Sociology, UCL's Latin American Studies Institute and the Mexican thinktank Centre for Studies in Human Rights. She is now Lecturer in Humanitarian Studies at Manchester's own HCRI.

Congratulations to them both and their supervisory teams!

Social Anthropology Student awarded three 'Best Graduate Paper' Prizes

Juan Manuel del Nido, who also won last year's University Award for the Best Teaching Assistant, has recently been awarded three 'best graduate paper' prizes, from the following journals:

- The Maurice Hocart Prize (Best Graduate Student Essay) by the Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute (UK)
- The Elsie Clews Parsons Prize (Best Graduate Student Essay) by the American Ethnologist (US)
- The Harold Blakemore Prize (Best Graduate Student Essay) by the Society for Latin American Studies (UK)

Congratulations Juan!

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Helen Beebee



ESRC Festival of Social Sciences

This year's ESRC Festival will take place between 3 and 10 November. We will shortly be launching our call for applications for events, with funding of up to £1000 per event available; please look out for the email. The application form and guidance will appear on the School's Staffnet site at:

<http://www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/social-sciences/research/esrc-festival/>

University opens its doors for annual Community Festival



The University of Manchester is set to throw open its doors to the people of Manchester for its annual Community Festival on Saturday 16 June.

Whether you are a budding scientist, a history buff or just want to enjoy an entertaining day out with the family, there are loads of fun activities for you to get involved in at our annual Community Festival.

We will be welcoming our local friends and neighbours to discover the variety of things we do here at the University of Manchester. Visitors will be able to go behind the scenes at the University to find out all about our work and get involved with a variety of exciting activities.

The day will be filled with fascinating activities and visitors can get hands-on with some of our research. They'll be the opportunity take part in live experiments, interactive demonstrations, musical and dramatic performances and the opportunity to go on a historical campus tour as well as the chance to meet our staff and scientists....and much, much more!

For more information about the Festival please go to the [Community Festival webpages](#) and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to see updates as new activities are added to the programme.

NEWS FROM OUR INSTITUTES

CMI – Rachel Gibson

Advances in Data Science Conference

This year, CMI will be co-organising and co-sponsoring the annual *Advances in Data Science Conference*, with the Data Science Institute, in May. Further details can be found at <http://www.ds-advances.org>

HOUSEKEEPING

Head of School Administration, Alison Wilson



GDPR: Getting ready

You will have heard of the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which comes into force on 25 May, 2018. The new law is all about [Person Identifying Information](#) (PII) and the way that this is collected, stored and used by organisations, including us.

We have been preparing for this for some time and have been working with various parts of the University to ensure we are compliant.

In addition to these specific areas of work, every member of staff has a personal responsibility to ensure that they are compliant with the new legislation.

What do you need to do?

1. Data Protection training

Every member of staff is required to complete the [Data Protection training course](#) every two years. This is **MANDATORY**.

2. Check and delete or shred the files and documents containing PII that are held beyond the stated retention period.

Every member of staff must [check what files or documents](#) (containing [PII](#)) they store on their computer or anywhere else, including email, or as a physical paper copy, and only keep it according to the [Records Retention Schedule](#) – the retention period varies for each type of PII.

3. Report data protection incidents immediately

Every member of staff must familiarise themselves with the [reporting procedure](#) for data breaches and report any breach as soon as it is discovered.

4. Complete the PII Survey (For Academic staff only)

Academic staff will shortly be sent a brief survey to complete focusing on the types of PII they hold and where this is held. This is because under GDPR we are required to maintain records of all the PII we hold. If you have collected PII as part of research that is already recorded in data management plans and the ethics application process, then you do not need to refer to this information in this survey. If you work in the Professional Support Services this work has already been completed.

You will soon be asked to confirm that you are aware of your responsibilities.

For further guidance, read our handy [five minute guide](#) or visit the [GDPR pages on StaffNet](#).

IN OTHER NEWS ...



Professor Rachel Griffith appointed as President Elect of The Royal Economic Society

One of the world's oldest learned societies devoted to economics has chosen its new President and President-elect to lead it for the next year.

The former Chief Economist of the World Bank and former President of the British Academy, Lord Nicholas Stern has been named as President of the Royal Economic Society for 2018/19.

The Society also appointed Professor Rachel Griffith as its President-elect who will become President in 2019/2020.

They will join the ranks of other prestigious economists who have led the Society in its 128-year history. Past Presidents have included John Maynard Keynes and William Beveridge.

Professor Rachel Griffith said:

"I am excited about taking on this historic role and becoming President of the Royal Economic Society next year.

"I look forward to working towards achieving greater diversity in the economics profession and to promoting more meaningful engagement with the public to create a better understanding of the economics of the world we live in."

The Royal Economic Society elects their Presidents at its Annual General Meeting held during its Annual Conference. This year the Conference was held at the University of Sussex in Brighton (26-28 April 2018) bringing together more than 700 economists to discuss and present around 500 academic papers. Keynote speakers included Dave Donaldson (MIT), Botond Koszegi (Central European University) and Maristella Botticini (Bocconi).

The Royal Economic Society was founded in 1890 and received its Royal Charter in 1902. It is a learned society formed to promote the study of economic science. It has around 3500 members and publishes The Economic Journal and the Econometrics Journal.

New film project to help deaf children in South Africa

Over the next 18 months, the University's Social Research with Deaf People group and the School of Social Sciences' (SoSS) Granada Centre for Visual Anthropology - in partnership with the Centre for Deaf Studies at the University of the Witwatersrand - will explore how to research and represent the lives of deaf children in South Africa through documentary film.



The project hopes to raise awareness of the vulnerability of deaf children in the country, as well as altering society's attitudes towards them.

Professor Andrew Irving, Director of the Granada Centre for Visual Anthropology, and Professor Alys Young, Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health, said: "Deaf young people face very particular challenges in achieving their potential and becoming full citizens. As visual people, they also have unique resources on which to draw. Through the pioneering use of community-based film methods, this project tunes in to their latent strengths as visual learners with the capacity to develop new resiliencies given the right opportunities."

You can read the full story on the [University website](#)



Former SoSS student appointed as High Commissioner

NneNne Iwuji-Eme, who graduated from The University of Manchester with a BA (Hons) Economics in 1994, will take up the post of high commissioner to Mozambique in July.

She said: "I hope my appointment as the first British black female career diplomat to this position will inspire young talent, regardless of race or background, to pursue their ambitions in the Foreign Office.

"I look forward to forging even stronger connections between Britain and Mozambique – two close members of the Commonwealth family."

Iwuji-Eme previously worked as an economist in the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and for Royal Dutch Shell.

Since joining the Foreign Office she has held a range of positions from economic adviser for Africa to chief press officer to the Africa minister. Her most recent posting was to Brazil as first secretary prosperity and acting prosperity consul.

Recent SoSS graduate makes it through to final round of Venture Further competition

Damian Kysely, who graduated from SoSS in 2016 with a BA in Economic and Social Studies, has made it through to the final round of this year's Venture Further competition.



Venture Further is the UK's top University-led enterprise competition, which encourages students and recent alumni from across the University of Manchester to develop a business idea and make it a reality. The four finalists in each category;

Business, Digital, Social and **Research**; are selected on the basis of the business proposal judged to have the most chance of success and the winner in each category will receive a £10,000 prize.

Damian's team, Skyscape, entered under the 'Digital' category.

The final award will be presented to the winner at a special awards dinner on 3rd May 2018.

RESEARCH FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Country	Funding body	Title	Summary	link	duration months max.	max. budget	Internal deadline	Deadline
UK - ODA countries	(ODA) GCRF British Academy	Sustainable Development Programme	Funding excellent, policy-oriented UK research, aimed at addressing the UN@s 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and advancing the UK's Aid Strategy. Research in the humanities and social sciences. Encouraged the humanities in round 2018. Research themes: Heritage Dignity Violence. Up to £300k and 16 months duration. Submissions are expected yearly in summer.	link	27	£300k		30/05/2018
UK	(ODA) Government UK - Department for International Development (DFID)	Aid Match funding	Confirmed a £20m round including oceans and plastics as one of the priorities.	link				tbc
UK	(ODA) Newton British Council	Research Links Workshop Grants (UK and Russia)	Discipline/multidisciplinary proposals including the social sciences, arts and humanities. Priorities: Economic development and social welfare	link	*	£51,940		08/06/2018
UK	(ODA) Newton British Council	Research Links Workshop Grants (UK, Brazil, China, India, Jordan, Peru)	Discipline/multidisciplinary proposals including the social sciences, arts and humanities. Priorities: Economic development and social welfare. Each country will establish their priorities (education, inclusive economic growth, food and nutrition, humanitarian disasters, governance, society and conflict, energy, urbanisation, etc.)	link	*	£50k		08/06/2018
UK	AHRC - Arts & Humanities RC OWRI - Open World Research Initiative	Languages Memory - Small Grants Scheme	The Language Acts and Worldmaking project funded by AHRC Open World Research Initiative calls for small projects on the Languages Memory theme conference in London 13-14 June 2018 aiming to raise awareness of the ways in which languages are experienced, practised, taught and researched. List of possible themes is available in the call guidance.	link	*	*		27/05/2018
UK	British Academy Jisc	Digital Research in the Humanities	New! To extend support for researchers engaging with Digital Research in the Humanities to carry out novel research through the application of new methods and tools to existing digital resources such as digital collections and datasets. Areas: History, including History of Science and Medicine; History of Art and Cultural History; Philology and Linguistics; Film, dance or music studies; Literary texts and/or documents in any Humanities subject area.	link	*	£10k		13/06/2018
UK	British Council	Institutional links Grants (UK-Gulf)	Small-scale seed funding from the UK Government for collaborations between the UK and the Gulf to initiate new research and innovation collaboration, develop existing collaborations, encourage collaborations to work with non-academic organisations, establish local hubs.	link	24	£125k		28/06/2018
EU	EC European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)	Study to review the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action in the EU. EIGE/2018/OPER/04. 150082	to overview the developments of gender equality institutional mechanisms and gender mainstreaming at EU level; based on existing Beijing indicators and EU wide data and information, assess progress in gender equality across the EU since 2013 in 12 critical areas of concern of the BPfA; identify key challenges that remain in each area; provide good examples of national and policy measures to promote gender equality; and propose recommendations for further actions to promote gender equality.	link	12	€370k		28/05/2018

EU	EC Interreg (Cohesion Fund - European Territorial Cooperation ETC)	Interreg Atlantic Area (ERDF)	Participants: France, Ireland, Portugal, Spain, and the UK (including Great Manchester). Local Governments teaming with private and public organisations and institutions. The Atlantic Area is home to almost 58.96 million inhabitants in 2012 (28.7 million male and 30.2 million female) and generates a total GDP of 1.486.301 million Euros (2011). The Atlantic Area comprises a number of metropolitan areas (such as Belfast, Dublin, Glasgow, Liverpool, Manchester, Nantes, Bordeaux, Bilbao, Porto or Lisbon) and smaller growth poles. Nevertheless, urban zones are a minor part of the Atlantic Area, which is, in a European perspective, rather dominated by intermediate and rural areas and areas in close proximity to cities. North-South gap + Ireland.	link	*	*		01/06/2018
UK	ESRC - Economic and Social Research Council	Large Grants competition	Ambitious research. Standard research projects, large-scale surveys, infrastructure projects and methodological developments in any area of the social sciences. Interdisciplinary both within and beyond the social sciences. Two-stages submission. The first stage deadline 14 June 2018, second stage November 2018. Only 3 proposals will be submitted from the UoM. University's internal review will be provided in due course.	link	60	£2.5m	27/04/2018	14/05/2018
UK	Government UK - Home Office	Qualitative research project: child sexual exploitation perpetrators in organised networks. 73110000	The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse is seeking to appoint a supplier to conduct qualitative research as part of a research project to better understand perpetrators of child abuse exploitation who operate in organised networks. Role: ethical approval, expert group to deliver the project, recruitment of perpetrators, in-depth interviews with perpetrators. Further info by emailing to the contact provided.	link	14	£90k		11/05/2018
Japan	Konosuke Matsushita Memorial Foundation	Research Grant	To assist original and challenging international research which meets social as well as academic demands in the fields of humanities and social sciences: by promoting international understanding and/or environment. Up to Yen500k. One year award from 01/10/2017.	link	12	¥500k		10/05/2018
UK	UKRI - UK Research Innovation	UKRI Future Leaders Fellowships (FLF) scheme	The scheme aims to develop, retain, attract and sustain research and innovation talent in the UK and will last in principle for 7 years with a review in year 4. Two calls per year awarding 100 fellowships per call (initial round 50 awards). A cross-UK Research and Innovation scheme, the fellowship can be held at any UK-based organisation current registered as eligible to apply to the research councils or Innovate UK (companies or other private owned research organisations). Budgets of 4+3 duration with a max. of up to £1.2m for years 1-4. Two stages application: EoI by 7 June 2018, full applications by 3 July 2018.	link	48+	£1.2m+	14/05/2018	07/06/2018
UK	UKRI - UK Research Innovation	ICURe	£8m expansion of the Innovation to Commercialisation of University Research (ICURe) pilot programme. Additional 48 research teams to be supported	link	*	£35k		tbc

If you are interested in any funding opportunities please contact your Research Support Officer at least two weeks before the deadline date. A short guide setting out the information that they will need in order to support your application is attached.

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