



ESRC Impact Accelerator Account (IAA) Round 2

Following our success with IAA Round 1, the ESRC has awarded the University of Manchester a further £1M to continue to deliver the IAA until 2023.

IAA2 will be used to fund knowledge exchange activities to accelerate the impact of research in the social sciences from across the University.

The aims of IAA2 are:

- to consolidate existing strengths that emerged from the first phase of ESRC IAA funding and the broader UoM research context;
- to encourage innovative, risk-taking impact and KE activities;
- to continue to enhance the rigour of all KE and impact activities, including doctoral training;
- to continue to cultivate an environment where impact and KE are a core element of HE activities, alongside the traditional pillars of research and teaching;
- to secure the long-term sustainability of impact and KE activities.

Call Dates:

We expect to launch two calls annually over the next four years, depending upon level of demand/availability of funds.

There will be two calls in 2019, please check our website or contact us directly for full details.

The IAA2 Delivery Mechanisms are:

- 1. Relationship building:** alignment of external partners and academics strategically to extend collaboration and shape the research agenda, and influence policy and practice;
- 2. Research into practice:** flexible and innovative opportunities for researchers for activity to translate research evidence for use by users/practitioners;
- 3. Staff exchanges/placements:** flexible support for secondments between the University and user organisations;
- 4. Training/workshops:** to extend the University's culture of engagement into new and innovative areas;
- 5. Breakthrough Stream:** to develop projects which take unusual, speculative routes to KE and impact, fostering a creative approach to tackle real world problems;
- 6. Rapid Response:** this will fund ad hoc activities such as events, visits, website support, or AV pieces developed with a view to fostering user engagement.

Recently funded IAA Round 1 projects from across the University of Manchester:

Developing a strategy for an age-friendly Greater Manchester: a placement with the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA)

Professor Chris Phillipson (School of Social Sciences) received an ESRC IAA Staff Exchange award to work with Greater Manchester Combined Authority to produce a major report setting out key policy recommendations for the development of an age-friendly Greater Manchester and support work on the preparation of a submission to the World Health Organization for Greater Manchester to become an accredited age-friendly region.

Value of award - £13,719

Co-producing research based resources for teachers working in high poverty neighbourhoods

Professor Ruth Lupton (School of Environment, Education and Development) received an ESRC IAA Research into Practice award to work with Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council (SMBC) and three urban secondary schools to co-produce professional development resources for teachers working in low-income neighbourhoods.

Value of award - £20,000

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The Quarry Bank Project

Professor Hannah Barker (School of Arts, Languages and Cultures) received an ESRC IAA Staff Exchange award to work with the National Trust to contribute to an ongoing £9.4 million expansion and (re)interpretation project at Quarry Bank Mill in Cheshire, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and the National Trust.

Value of award - £18,275

Working-Class Youth Voice and Inter-generational Justice in Manchester's Devolution

Dr Sarah Marie Hall and Dr Laura Pottinger (School of Environment, Education and Development) received an ESRC IAA Research into Practice award to work with RECLAIM Project Ltd to evaluate the impacts of RECLAIM's Team Future project and to encourage meaningful and sustained youth engagement in discussions about and transitions toward the Northern Powerhouse and Devo-Manc.

Value of award - £33,559

Administrative Justice: engaging with government to improve administrative decision-making

Professor Robert Thomas, professor of law, used ESRC IAA funding to explore how government bodies supervise their decision-making and seek to make better decisions, to develop a set of agreed principles to inform systems of internal review, and to provide a clearer picture as to how public bodies can promote good initial decisions. A literature review, one day policy seminar and research report were produced, drawing on the input of policy-makers from across government.

Value of award - £5,000

Race at Work: communicating research through storytelling

Professor James Nazroo (School of Social Sciences) was awarded an ESRC IAA Research into Practice Fund with Business in the Community (BiTC) to communicate the qualitative findings of the Race At Work survey research funded by BiTC, through the production of short films and graphic novels, and the dissemination of these materials to the public, employee representative organisations and employers who support the BiTC network.

Value of award - £30,205

Shirley Baker exhibition: creative photo engagement project

Professor Penny Tinkler (School of Social Sciences) was awarded an ESRC IAA Rapid Response Fund with Anna Douglas to develop the potential of an exhibition at Manchester Art Gallery of Shirley Baker's photos to make visible the history of marginalised local communities via pre-exhibition public workshops and interviews to creating new personal and collective histories for inclusion in the exhibition.

Value of award - £2,470

Manchester's Environment Map: Online (MEMO)

Professor Richard Kingston (School of Environment, Education and Development) was awarded an ESRC IAA Research into Practice Fund with Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA), Manchester Climate Change Agency (MCCA) and City of Trees (CoT) to develop an online mapping platform to share information on the location, benefits and public values of Green Infrastructure (GI) projects in Greater Manchester (GM), to facilitate strategic planning.

Value of award - £10,350

Exploring the opportunities for, and likely consequences of, disruptive technologies within the legal sector

Dr Alan Cunningham (School of Law) was awarded an ESRC IAA Relationship Building Fund with Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP to scope the potential of a new and distinctive multidisciplinary research theme that will explore the impact of the current and emerging technological landscape on the provision of legal services.

Value of award - £10,000

Managing spontaneous volunteers in the response and recovery to natural disasters

Professor Duncan Shaw (Alliance Manchester Business School) received a Research into Practice award to help countries to manage Spontaneous Volunteers (SVs) following disasters in Argentina, Chile and Serbia. Plans and policies have been developed for national and local government, and a training package is now available. This work implements his International Standard (ISO22319: Guidelines for planning the involvement of spontaneous volunteers in disasters).

Value of award - £21,750

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