Humanities Strategic Investment Fund (HSIF): Internationalisation

The Faculty of Humanities welcomes funding applications to support research, teaching and related activities that support the internationalisation agenda. Applications should further the Faculty’s goal of working with the best universities worldwide, whether global or national leaders in their fields, producing high quality publications and leading to future grant applications or teaching partnerships. They may also enable be aimed at building relationships with leading global institutions, governmental or non-governmental. We welcome applications based on the following activities:

* **Category One**: building international networks
* **Category Two:** academic mobility grants
* **Category Three:** PGR mobility grants (see separate call)

Details on the focus and conditions of the award can be seen below. The review of applications will be led by the Associate Dean for Internationalisation, Professor Oliver Richmond, in consultation with the Dean of Humanities.

It is the expectation that applications to this fund will be foster high level collaboration, particularly for joint-submissions to larger international research funding sources (eg Newton, H2020, GCRF, FIC), the production of world-class research outputs, and other partnerships that may contribute to the University’s strategic goal of increasing its standing as a World-leading institution.

All applications may support the strategic development of links with one of the identified strategic partners below. We will consider projects with partners who are not identified as part of this list, providing they are deemed high-ranking and of strategic priority for the School/research institute/function area.

**Discussion on the scope and remit of applications is welcomed, and can be discussed directly with** **Oliver.Richmond@manchester.ac.uk**

**For any queries, please email** **rosie.haynes@manchester.ac.uk**

**Application forms can be seen in the appendix**

Category one: international networks

**For financial year 2019-20 only: Deadline 1st July 2019**

**Focus of the award:**

To support our internationalisation strategy the Faculty of Humanities has allocated a dedicated budget within HSIF to provide match-funding for Schools to foster specific strategic international research, teaching & learning and PGR partnerships. Applications should demonstrate the strategic importance of this partnership and clearly demonstrate expected outcomes as a result of the funding.

This fund is not designed to support attendance to conferences.

**Conditions of award**

* The application must have endorsement from the Head of School (or nominated lead for this fund)
* The application is made on the basis of match-funding from the School budget or match funding from the partner institution (but not funding in kind)
* The strategic partnership is with one of the universities that have been identified by the Faculty as a priority for building strategic partnerships in line with the objectives of the Faculty Internationalisation Strategy (see below), or with a leading global or national institution of organisation.
* As with other HSIF awards, cross-School collaboration is encouraged.

**Application process:**The lead researcher, working with the School lead for Internationalisation, will submit the following:

* a brief explanation (**maximum two page**) of how the proposed partnership aligns with, and will support, the delivery of the School’s strategic plan, and will help establish various forms of cooperation and partnership (research, co-publication, further grant applications, teaching programmes) with the specified partners below, or possibly with other major institutions. Please see application form at the end of this document.
* a proposal which presents the context, project aims and objectives, budget request (up to a maximum of £7,500 per annum faculty funding request, with an equivalent level of funding committed by the School, nominated partner institution, or external funding source).
* A clear outline of what the expected outcomes for the project to be included as part of the application.
* Following Head of School sign-off, applications should be sent to rosie.haynes@manchester.ac.uk

**Governance process**

* There will be periodic deadlines throughout the year. **Please speak to your School internationalisation lead regarding deadlines for internal school match funding as necessary.**
* The Associate Dean for Internationalisation, will then reach a decision with the Vice-President and Dean of Humanities, and other nominated members of the Faculty Leadership team
* Outcomes will be notified by International Project Officer

Category Two: Academic Mobility Grants

**For financial year 2019-20 only: Deadline 1st July 2019**

**Focus of the awards:**

These are smaller scale awards designed to help individual academics to explore and solidify their international relationships with leading institutions or organisations in preparation for greater collaboration.

Example of activity this fund might support may include visits in preparation for visiting scholar/distinguished chair applications, exploratory visits and similar opportunities.

This fund is not intended to support conference attendance.

**Conditions of award:**

* Applications **do not** need school match funding
* Awards are limited to a maximum of £2,500 for a one-off project/visit for the UoM based researcher.
* The strategic partnership is with one of the universities that have been identified by the Faculty as a priority for building strategic partnerships in line with the objectives of the Faculty Internationalisation Strategy, OR is of strategic priority to the school/institute.
* Application must have sign-off from the School Research Director (or nominated school lead)

**Application process:**

* a brief explanation (maximum one page – see application form below) of how the proposed partnership aligns with, and will support, the delivery of the School’s strategic plan, and will help establish various forms of cooperation and partnership (research, co-publication, further grant applications, teaching programmes) with the specified partners below, or possibly with other major institutions;
* Applications to be sent to rosie.haynes@manchester.ac.uk

**Governance process**

**•** There may be periodic deadlines for this fund throughout the year. Please speak to your School Internationalisation lead for the most recent information on this.

* The AD for Internationalisation, will then reach a decision with the Dean of Humanities, and other nominated members of the Faculty Leadership team
* Outcomes will be notified by International Project Officer.

Strategic partners

The purpose of this fund is to support collaboration with high ranking strategic partners across the globe. Below is listed a number of institutions that the Faculty is particularly interested in supporting activity with. However, other Universities and organisations (for example, global governance institutions such as the United Nations) will be considered as part of this fund, providing they are of prestigious standing (Top Global QS ranking or national leaders etc) and strategic benefits from the partnership can be seen. Please email Oliver.Richmond@manchester.ac.uk to discuss this further.

**Identified strategic partners include:**

* Indiana University, USA
* University of Melbourne, Australia
* University of Toronto, Canada
* National University of Singapore, Singapore
* University of Copenhagen, Denmark
* Renmin University of China, China
* Beijing Normal University, China
* FGV, Brazil

In addition to the above institutions, we are keen to support engagement with globally and nationally leading institutions in the following regions:

* North America
* China
* Europe
* Applications to support engagement with countries/regions in anticipation of applying to significant external funding partners (such as: [Newton Fund](http://www.newtonfund.ac.uk/); Fund for International Collaboration; [Global –Challenges Research Fund](https://www.ukri.org/research/global-challenges-research-fund/); etc) will also be considered.

**Appendix 1: Application form for Category one & two.**

**Humanities Strategic Investment Fund: Internationalisation**

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| **Proposal Details** Proposal Title: |

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| **Lead Academic Details**Title and full name:School:Division:**Details of collaborative institutions:**Title and full name:Institution:School/Division: |

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| **Proposal outline****Project summary*** Project aims and objectives
* Outline the context and impetus for the initiative
* Does the project engage with community, governmental, or non-academic partners? Where relevant, the project might briefly indicate any impact plans.
* Have you sought the advice of the Divisional Research Director, Head of Division, and/or Director of External Relations? (as necessary)

**Core team** * List the team responsible for delivering the project

**Strategic relevance*** State how the initiative relates to the core Research and/or internationalisation goals of the School(s) involved, and how this will feed into the overarching Faculty/University strategic plan for collaboration with strategic partners.

**Purpose of investment*** In what way will this Fund develop, expand or enhance the work of the project and the collaboration therein?
* What are the particularly innovative features of this proposal?

**Work programme and outputs*** Project start date and duration. Please also justify whether funding extend beyond the financial year 2019-20.
* In a summary table present the planned work programme: itemise the tasks/activities and outputs (interim and final) against a delivery timeline including anticipated results (i.e. large grant application, special journal issue, new teaching programme, etc) beyond the end of the project’s funding.
* Outline specific information regarding further funding opportunities this project will lead to (eg, Joint applications to international research networks; 4\* publication output; teaching revenue streams; etc)
* Academic staff costs will not be funded
* If research focused, please include details of potential Research Grant applications - Research Council/Sponsor, funding stream, indicative value of grant being submitted and submission deadline.
* For knowledge exchange and impact projects – what are the expected outputs and impacts from the project?
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| **Proposal Finance** * **Where relevant, approval by the Head of School to match-fund this proposal must be sort before the application can be submitted to the Associate Dean for internationalisation.**
* **Costs and funding request should be for the funding year 1st August 2019 – 31st July 2020\***
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| **Total project costs:** |  |

\*Please note: funding requests outside of the financial years listed above will not be guaranteed.

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| **Head of School Declaration:**I have reviewed the proposal information supplied and authorise the submission of this proposal for review by the relevant Associate Dean and/or Deans Advisory Group |
| Head of School (1) name, signature and date |

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| **Financial Declaration:**I have reviewed the financial content of this proposal and I confirm all financial information included is accurate and has been checked, ready for review by the relevant Associate Dean and the Deans Advisory Group. |
| Head of School Finance name, signature and date |