

Engaging our Communities support fund 2019/20

Apply for up to £2000 to support Faculty community engagement initiatives, creating new partnerships or enhancing existing ones.

Application deadline: Friday 8th November 2019 at 17:00

The FBMH Social Responsibility Team invites applications for funding of up to **£2000** to support activities relating to our institutional^{1,2} and faculty³ key priority of engaging our communities. **We particularly welcome projects exploring ways to engage with local deprived, hard to reach and/or unheard communities.**

Please note that all funds will need to be spent in the current University financial year and so we are unable to fund activities that will not be completed by 31st July 2020 (although funded activities may be part of an ongoing project).

This funding aims to support public engagement activities, enabling staff and postgraduate research students to build capacity within the Faculty, encouraging staff and students at all levels to be involved. We intend that the funding will create and enhance networks between the Faculty and practitioners, government bodies, non-government organisations and community groups. This will support the Faculty's priority to embed community engagement as a normal, valued activity for FBMH staff and postgraduate research students. We encourage match funding for the Wellcome ISSF Scheme 2:

<https://www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/bmh/research/funding-and-applications/funding-opportunities/wellcome-trust/public-engagement/>

Activities can include, but are not limited to:

- Community Exhibitions and festivals
- Art/science collaborations

All areas of activity will be considered but those relating to the following areas are particularly encouraged:

- **Exploring ways to engage with local deprived, hard to reach and/or unheard communities**
- Activities sharing the findings of research projects with our local neighbours in inventive, practical and interactive ways
- Activities to enhance Patient and Public Involvement in research
- Activities supporting increasing social mobility in young people
- Activities relating to the FBMH-led Cancer research beacon

Criteria

Funding of up to £2000 can be applied for but colleagues are **encouraged to request only what is required** and have sought matched funding from other sources, e.g. School funds or external partners.

¹ Inspiring Communities: Local community social engagement plan 2016-2019
<http://documents.manchester.ac.uk/display.aspx?DocID=30998>

² Share, Inspire, Involve: Public Engagement strategy 2017-2020
<http://www.engagement.manchester.ac.uk/about/Public%20Engagement%20Strategy%20FINAL.pdf>

³ FBMH Social Responsibility Strategy, 2017-2022
<http://documents.manchester.ac.uk/display.aspx?DocID=33781>

Costs can include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Visitor / speaker/artist fees and expenses (including Public Contributors)
- Venue, room, equipment hire
- Refreshment costs
- Filming and editing costs, photography (using University approved suppliers)

All funding is for activities taking place during 2018/19 and all costs must be paid by 31 July 2020.

General enquiries can be directed to Hawys Williams, Social Responsibility and Public Engagement Manager.

Application process:

To apply please submit a **two page summary** (two sides of A4 in 11pt calibri font) and email to srbmh@manchester.ac.uk. The application form must not exceed two pages in total and requests information on the following:

- Project title
- Project summary (in lay language)
- Aims
- Community of interest or audience
- Timelines
- Amount requested including breakdown of costs
- Evaluation, dissemination and sustainability plan

All applications need to be approved by your School Director of Social Responsibility prior to submission. This can be done by confirmation email.

Application deadline	Decision provided by:
Friday 8 th November 2019	3 rd December 2019

Criteria against which applications will be reviewed:

- Does the project fit with the aims of the fund?
- Can it be realistically delivered within cost and time constraints?
- What is the impact on the public, staff and students?
- Is the project sustainable (i.e. will it lead to a larger project with potential to attract grant funding?)

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