**Advanced Materials in Medicine at Manchester (AMM)**

Early Career Researcher Funding Scheme

The aim of the AMM Early Career Researcher Funding Scheme is to fund projects which will support and strengthen a fellowship application. 4 - 5 awards of up to £5,000 will be awarded. The awards will be available in December 2020 and must be spent before 31st July 2021.

Applications must meet the following essential criteria:

1. The funding must be used for a project explicitly related to advanced materials in medicine.
2. The funding must be used for an interdisciplinary project within AMM remit.
3. The funding must be used for a project which will lead to a cross-faculty fellowship application within AMM remit.
4. The full budget must be paid for before 31st July 2021.

**Thematic Priorities:**

Applications submitted to the call must address one or more of AMM’s key themes

• biomaterials

• nanomedicine

• bioelectronics

• tissue engineering

**Application process:**

Call for applications opens: Monday, 12th October 2020.

**Application deadline: 5pm 20th November**

**Applicants will be notified of the outcome w/c 30th November.**

**Once awarded, the funds must be spent before 31st July 2021.**

1. Before applying, please contact amm@manchester.ac.uk informing them of your intent to apply.
2. Notify your Research Support Manager/Officer of your intention to submit an application at the earliest opportunity. **Submit application form for costing to RSM/RSO by: 5pm 23rd October**
3. Complete the budget table in the template below, outlining your proposed expenditures. This part must be signed by the PI, Research Support Manager/Officer and Head of School/Division/Department.
4. Complete the application form in the template provided in Verdana point 10. The application form should not exceed 3 pages.
5. Prepare a 2 page CV, ensuring it includes planned PhD submission date, or date of award of PhD. It should also highlight any publications, successful funding, awards and other important activities e.g. conference presentations, etc.
6. Submit your signed application form and CV to amm@manchester.ac.uk.

**Terms and Conditions:**

* Successful applicants are required to submit a one page summary of research outcomes to AMM by the end of July 2021.
* Funded projects are expected to inform AMM any research successes such as subsequent awards, publications or fellowships.
* As soon as you receive confirmation of the award, awardees should contact their school finance team to set up a new account for the money. This will be an AA code as the funding is internal. AMM will transfer the funds to the nominated University of Manchester account code as soon as the details are sent by the awardee.
* The awarded funds must be spent and purchased items receipted by the financial year, 31st July 2021. It is the responsibility of the project investigator to manage expenditure and arrange for any unspent funds to be returned. The University does not permit funds in AA accounts to be carried over to the next financial year and AMM is unable to arrange for any extension of the funds into the 21-22 financial year.

**Eligibility Criteria:**

* Applicants can be PhD students due to submit by 30th September 2021 or post-doctoral researchers who must have obtained their PhD within the last 6 years (prior to this application closing date).
* Applicants must not have a tenured post.
* Potential applicants should email amm@manchester.ac.uk to discuss eligibility if they have concerns or special circumstances, e.g. career break, maternity leave, etc.

| Project Name:Applicant Name:Department/Division:Role:Date of PhD:PI name:  |
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| Background: |
| *Please describe the project background and current status of the research.*  |
| Experimental Plan and Milestones (including timelines): |
| *Provide an outline on how the funds will be used, clearly delineating milestones and endpoints (including how you will demonstrate they have been met), as well as a timeline for spend.* |
| Key challenges (spend, space or access issues) and feasibility of the approach, given that the grant needs to be spent by July 2021: |
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| How the proposed project aligns with thematic priorities of the call: |
| *Please explain which of AMM’s themes the project aligns with and why.* |
| Fellowship details: |
| *Name of fellowship to be applied to, funding body, and application deadline.* |
| Alignment of the Fellowship to AMM remit: |
| *Please provide a statement as to how this project aligns with the cross-faculty Advanced Materials in Medicine community.* |
| Impact: |
| *Please provide details of the short-term, medium-term and long-term impact of the research.* |
| Sum Requested and Cost Breakdown: |
| *Please describe the directly incurred costs that will be addressed by this award and produce an itemized listing, using the table below (add rows are required).*

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**I confirm that this has the approval of the School/Institute:**

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| This proposal is submitted by Principal Investigator: |
| (Date) | (Print name) | (Sign here) |
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| Costs authorised by Principal Investigator’s Research Support Manager: |
| (Date) | (Print name) | (Sign here) |
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| Costs authorised by Principal Investigator’s Head of Department: |
| (Date) | (Print name) | (Sign here) |
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