**John Rylands Research Institute and Library Collaboration Grants**

There are two deadlines for applications:

* **5pm, 20 September 2021**
* **5pm, 26 November 2021**

**Applications should be e-mailed to: research.jrril@manchester.ac.uk**

Collaboration grants are available to academic staff at The University of Manchester who wish to gain insights from other researchers, specialists, disciplines, institutions or sectors to directly benefit academic research linked to the Special Collections of The University of Manchester Library.

Grants of up to £3,000 are available to support creative and innovative activities with individuals and organisations from outside The University of Manchester that will lead to new collaborations or the sharing of expertise, as a step towards a larger, externally funded grant bid that will benefit The University of Manchester. Applications for Collaboration grants can be made by individuals or groups.

**Possible uses of collaboration grants include:**

* Visits from academics from other universities to work collaboratively with University of Manchester researchers
* Visits from specialists or experts in a particular method, approach or technique to share their knowledge
* Attendance by University of Manchester researchers at networking or training events
* Placements or ‘discipline hopping’ secondments by UoM researchers at other institutions and organisations
* The organisation of sandpit or workshop events
* Good practice exchanges

**Collaboration grants will not support:**

* Visiting researchers who wish to carry out individual projects
* Visitors who wish to give a traditional seminar paper at Manchester based on their own research
* Travel to regular conferences or annual meetings
* Organisation of large or recurring conferences

When collaboration grants are used to invite distinguished scholars or experts for periods of a week or more, it is expected that they undertake some activities open to the wider academic and/or student communities at the University or to the public. Proposed activities must be listed in the application form under the project details and might include one or more of the following: presenting their research at an academic event (e.g. a high-profile lecture, seminar or workshop to coincide with their visit); a masterclass or workshop for graduate students; being available for meetings with doctoral students; a contribution to undergraduate teaching; a public engagement event.

If you are unsure about any other form of expense, please contact [research.jrril@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:research.jrril@manchester.ac.uk)

**Application Process**

The completed application form should include:

* The names and affiliation of the application team with contact details for the lead applicant.
* A short summary of the relevant experience of each person involved (approx. 500 words).
* Details of the intended project to include: title, start and end dates, objectives, methodology, outputs and project costs.
* A description of the project’s link to UML Special Collections: either to specific collections or to broader associated research areas.
* Future plans for the research project which must include grant capture.
* Brief up to date curriculum vitae and list of relevant publications (max. 2 pages each).
* Applications and queries should be e-mailed to: [research.jrril@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:research.jrril@manchester.ac.uk)

**Successful applicants will receive:**

* A maximum of £3,000 will be awarded per application.
* Support from expert curators, conservators and imaging specialists.
* Support from the Institute grant writer.

**What will the Institute expect from the applicant?**

* A short blog post at the end of the project
* Contribution to a work in progress seminar series (dates tbc)
* All awarded Collaboration Grant funding must be spent before 31 July 2022and claim forms must also be submitted to [research.jrril@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:research.jrril@manchester.ac.uk) by this date.
* All grant holders must submit an application for follow-on funding based on the research supported by the Collaboration Grant to an external grant awarding body by an agreed date.

Pre-application advice is available from:

* The Manager of the JRRI, Kat Lowe: [katherine.lowe@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:katherine.lowe@manchester.ac.uk)
* The Director of the JRRI, Hannah Barker: [hannah.barker@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:hannah.barker@manchester.ac.uk)

The significance and scope of The University of Manchester Special Collections is extensive. We advise applicants to consult the [Guide to Special Collections](https://www.library.manchester.ac.uk/search-resources/special-collections/guide-to-special-collections/) and the searchable [A-Z](https://www.library.manchester.ac.uk/search-resources/special-collections/guide-to-special-collections/a-to-z/) on The University of Manchester Library website for more information on our holdings.

We strongly recommend that applicants get in touch with relevant curators early on in the application planning process. Information about curators and their subject specialisms can be found on the [John Rylands Research Institute and Library website](https://www.library.manchester.ac.uk/rylands/), and Institute staff are also happy to be approached for advice.

Please note that whilst the Library is doing all it can to facilitate access to the building and to the Special Collections during the pandemic, some restrictions may apply and things may change according to local restrictions. It is worth talking to either Institute staff or specific collection curators, in advance of applying, to discuss any potential issues.