

Manchester Institute for Collaborative Research on Ageing (MICRA)

Seedcorn Funding Call 2022-23

The aim of MICRA seedcorn funding is to further ageing-related research within the University of Manchester. A maximum of £5K will be awarded per application. Applications must meet the following essential criteria, and will be awarded following a detailed panel review process:

1. The proposed research activity must be explicitly related to ageing
2. The proposed research activity must be interdisciplinary
3. The proposed research activity must lead to at least one specific outcome, such as a research proposal, a new network, an event, a working paper, report or journal article.
4. The award must be held by a University of Manchester member of staff, but can be used to fund collaborations with other institutions and/ or external partners.

A number of general awards will be made by MICRA.

Application process:

- a. Applicants are required to submit a written proposal for their research activity totalling no more than two sides of A4.
- b. The application should clearly demonstrate that the proposed research meets the above essential criteria (items 1 to 4) and should include:
 - Outline of proposed research including research title or research question, methodology and expected outputs of the research
 - Summary budget of project costs
 - Names and affiliations of the research team (institution/school/ faculty/ discipline as applicable)
- c. Applications from early career researchers will be looked upon favourably.
- d. In order for the proposal to be considered interdisciplinary, there should be a minimum of two members per research team.
- e. The deadline for applications is **12:00pm, Thursday 22nd December 2022**; all submissions should be made via email to micra@manchester.ac.uk
- f. Funds must be spent by 31 July 2023. MICRA will seek a short update in April 2023 (one paragraph) and a one page end of project report will be due by 30th September 2023 to MICRA.
- g. The MICRA commissioning panel will meet in January 2023 with input from the MICRA co-Directors and Institute Manager

Terms and conditions

- Seedcorn funds can be used to fund a range of research costs including salaries, travel, events and consumables; it is recommended that you seek input from Research Support Services around costings.
- Please confirm that your Head of School or Division supports your application (a line in your covering email)
- Publicity related to the research must include reference to MICRA
- Successful applicants are required to submit a brief progress report (one paragraph) in April 2023, followed by a one-page summary of research outcomes to MICRA by the end of September 2023.
- Funded projects are expected to contribute to future MICRA seminars/events, and to inform MICRA of any research successes such as subsequent grants, awards and publications.
- As soon as they receive confirmation of the decision, awardees should contact their school finance team to set up a new account for the seedcorn monies; this will be an AA code for the University of Manchester as the funding is internal. MICRA will transfer the funds to the nominated University of Manchester account code as soon as the details are sent by the awardee.
- Successful applicants will be notified in January 2023.
- The awarded funds must be spent by the financial year end of 31 July 2023. 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 MICRA is unable to arrange for any extension of the funds into the 23-24 financial year.

If you have any queries, please contact micra@manchester.ac.uk