



School of Social Sciences Research

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SoSS Research

- REF2021: Top ten nationally by GPA (grade point average) in Sociology (3rd); Philosophy (7th); Social Anthropology (8th); Politics (8th)
- SoSS is 37th in the world (THE ranking of World Universities 2025)
- Core contributor to UoM's 2nd in the World for societal and environmental impact (THE University Impact rankings 2025)
- Hosts key Faculty Institutes including: Sustainable Consumption Institute, Cathie Marsh Institute for SR
- SoSS centres include: Morgan Centre for Research into Everyday Lives, Mitchell Centre for Social Network Analysis, Political Economy Centre, ManReg (Manchester Centre for Regulation, Governance and Public Law), Centre on the Dynamics of Ethnicity (CoDE).

Core research themes

- Global challenges
- Inequalities, Justice and Representation
- Innovative Methods

Faculty research priorities

- Global inequalities
- Sustainable futures
- Digital futures
- Creative Manchester
- Post-Covid Society
- Health Inequalities

Strategic priorities

- To raise the quality of our research outputs (90% at 3*/4* in REF2021)
- To develop the social, economic and cultural impact of our research
- To increase, diversify and expand research income
- To improve the academic standing of our research (including through citations)
- To develop the leadership potential of early and mid-career researchers
- To support PGR researchers as future leaders and in their PhD completion

Individual Research Performance

Each department will provide guidance that encompasses the expected:

- quality and volume of outputs
- outputs reviewed in RRE (Research Review Exercise)
- research funding applications (information circulated by RO)
- doctoral supervision
- knowledge exchange and impact activities
- collegial contribution to the research community

Supports (academic and research career advice)

- Mentor
 - Department Director of Research
 - Centre/Institute/Project Directors
 - Head of Department
 - School Director of Research
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- Research Leave (1 after 6 semesters, by application)

Professional Support Services

- **Research Support Office:** Grant applications; regulations and costings
- **Research Support Manager:** Paula.Dalzell@manchester.ac.uk
- **Research Support Officers:**
 - Yvonne.Rossi@manchester.ac.uk (Criminology and Economics)
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Strategic funding support, including grant preparation (Tshego Seabi),
Impact Facilitator (Carly Fletcher), **Post-award team** (Pip Walker),
Research Funding Bulletin (Marta Fole)

Internal funding

- Research support allowance (£2k)
- Department research support funds
- School small grants competition (up to 2k, to support grant applications, networking, internationalisation, social responsibility, business engagement activities)
- Humanities Strategic Research Investment Funding (HSIF)
- University of Manchester Research Institute (UMRI) – Pump Priming and Discipline Hopping funds
- Faculty internationalisation funds – strategic partnerships include Toronto, Melbourne, Indiana, Stockholm
- Combined UKRI IAA (UK Research and Innovation Impact Acceleration Accounts) scheme (up to £30k for impact/KE activities 2023-2028)
- Ad hoc schemes

Training and development

- Department events
- School events
- Faculty events
- Mentor
- PDR & PREP
- Policy@manchester
- Mandatory: ethics and GDPR training; unconscious bias training
- Staff Training and Development

<https://www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/staff-learning-and-development/>

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