

## Social Responsibility Funding Call 2023-24

The FBMH Vice Dean for Social Responsibility and EDI, Prof. Mahesh Nirmalan invites FBMH staff and PGT and PGR students and partners to apply for the Social Responsibility funding call 2023/24. We are seeking to support excellent projects and initiatives that align with our five key Social Responsibility (SR) and Civic Engagement priorities:

- Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI)
- Community and Civic Engagement - Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement (PPIE)
- Global health challenges (GH)
- Service Learning (SL)
- Environmental Sustainability (ES)

Please refer to the [SR plan](#) for further information regarding our aims, ambition and measures of success. Between £500 and £2000 can be applied for. We encourage potential applicants to approach their School SR Director for smaller amounts. Collaborations with other Faculties and external partners are encouraged, with FBMH staff/student as the lead applicant.

### **Aim:**

To enhance our Social Responsibility and Civic Engagement, by embedding SR in teaching, research and public engagement. This can be done, for example, by enhancing the student experience through service learning; devising green initiatives; involving communities and our heritage in our research and teaching; supporting global health partners projects and supporting a fairer, more inclusive environment for all.

**Previously, this funding contributed towards 56 projects over four years.**

### **Projects included:**

- African Caribbean Society BAME mental health week
- Co-creating digital resources about cognitive movement strategies for older people in dance classes.
- What do words mean to you? Lay language in healthcare education
- Sustainability in undergraduate lab practicals
- How do I say who I am? Creative arts sessions for stroke survivors and Speech and Language Therapy (SLT) students
- Widening access to medicine - conference for 6<sup>th</sup> formers run by Manchester Outreach Medics

### **Criteria upon which applications will be assessed include:**

1. Does it align with the [SR plan](#)?
2. How will the success/impact of the project be measured, including the **strength** of the **expected benefits** as well as the **reach**.
3. Is there a **sustainability plan** beyond the lifetime of the funding?

Costs can include: travel, visitor/speaker/volunteer expenses, course materials, collaborator fees, etc.

**Please note that all funds need to be spent by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024.**

**How to apply:**

Please complete this form: <https://bit.ly/SRfundingcall>

Applications will be considered by FBMH SRSMT on a rolling basis. Applicants will be informed of the outcome within two working weeks of receipt of a valid application.

**SRSMT members:**

Prof. Mahesh Nirmalan, Vice Dean for Social Responsibility and EDI

Prof. Raj Ariyaratnam, Co-Academic Lead, Service Learning

Dr. Rachel Lindley, Co-Academic Lead, Service Learning

Dr. Maggy Fostier, Associate Dean (AD) for Environmental Sustainability

Dr. Natalie Gardiner, AD for Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Natalie Liddle,

Dr. Jo Pennock, Social Responsibility Director, SBS (School of Biological Sciences)

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