

Festival Application of Interest



In 2024 The University of Manchester marks its 200th year and to celebrate we will be hosting a special programme of activity, including our flagship event: our bicentenary festival.

Running from Thursday, 6 to Sunday, 9 June 2024, Universally Manchester Festival offers a unique opportunity to celebrate two centuries of our University, showcasing the talent of our people, the impact of our research and our sense of community through the festival's theme of creating a greener, fairer and healthier world.

We're looking to curate an exciting festival programme covering the arts, sciences and everything in between – showing what we're made of at Manchester. We'll be focusing on family-friendly fun and our local community with the inclusion of our ever-popular Community Festival on Saturday, 8 June, and turning our attention to the past on Sunday, 9 June as Manchester Histories Festival brings its Celebration Day to campus.

We are now seeking creative, innovative and engaging ideas for performances, hands-on activities, workshops and more! If you'd like to take part in this special festival, we want to hear from you.

To register your interest in taking part, please fill out this form. Please note you can save the form and return to complete it later if needed.

Expressions of interest close on Friday, 22 March 2024. You can expect to hear from us no later than Friday, 5 April 2024.

Please note, although we will do our best to accommodate as many applications as possible, we may close the applications early if there are a large number of submissions. Therefore, please ensure you fill out this application as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Tell us about you:

Q.1 Your preferred name:

Q.2 Your contact email address:

Q.3 Your association with the University:

- Member of staff
 - Student
 - Alumni
 - Community partner
 - Group or society (eg student society)
 - Other (please provide details)
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Q.4 Your affiliation to the University
for example Department/Institute/Organisation/Division

Q.5 Please tell us the type of activity you'd like to bring to the festival

- Hands on stand (table top activity) - Saturday, 8 June only
 - Other interactive activity (large scale - eg community engagement bus)
 - Information/awareness-raising stand
 - Performance (eg music, drama, spoken word, dance)
 - Talk/panel discussion for a general audience (eg in conversation/TED X style presentations)
 - Demonstration (eg Chemistry Flash Bang Show)
 - Wellbeing or fitness activity
 - Behind the scenes (eg open lab, guided tour)
 - Workshop (eg crafting)
 - Other (please specify) _____
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Q.6 Please confirm which of the following themes applies to your activity

(tick as many as apply)

- Greener (eg tackling climate change, ecology, river pollution)
 - Fairer (eg addressing inequalities, challenging legacies)
 - Healthier (eg mental health, wellbeing)
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Q.7 What audience is your activity aimed at?

- University staff
 - Students
 - Alumni
 - General public
 - Other (please specify)
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Q.8 Please select which groups from the general public your activity is aimed at:

- Adults
 - Families
 - Under 5's
 - Young people aged 5-11
 - Young people aged 11-16
 - Young people aged 16-18
 - Other (please specify)
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Q.9 What day(s) would you like your activity to take place?

You may select more than one date. Please note if your activity is a hands on stand (table top activity) you can only select Saturday, 8 June.

- Thursday, 6 June
 - Friday, 7 June
 - Saturday, 8 June (Community Festival)
 - Sunday, 9 June (Manchester Histories Festival)
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Q.10 What format is your activity?

- In person
 - Online (eg virtual tour of an antarctic research station)
 - Hybrid (eg in person event with a live stream or, other online interaction)
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Q.11 Please provide a short description of your activity

(In no more than 250 words)

Support and requirements

Q.12 Does your activity require funding?

In some cases it may be possible to provide a small amount of funding in support of delivering activities (eg provision of materials, modest travel/subsistence costs for participants)

Yes (please provide an outline of the details and costs)

No

Q.13 Would you like some support in the development of your activity?

If you're unsure on how to make your idea a reality or would like to discuss the format or style it takes, there is support available through our public engagement and social responsibility experts.

Yes I would be interested in discussing my activity idea with a public engagement professional

I'm not interested

Q.14 Do you have any specialist requirements that you want to tell us about at this stage?

Closer to the festival dates, we will be asking all activity leaders to provide detailed requirements for their activity. But at this stage, if there's any specialist requirements you would like to make us aware of (eg the activity must take place outdoors, a large surface area will be required) then please do so.

(Max. 250 words)

Q.15 We'd love to share what you're doing with the world, so please let us know if you have any social media profiles we can promote/follow.

Please select as many as apply, and type your handle/URL into the text box.

Website: _____

Instagram: _____

X/Twitter: _____

Facebook: _____

Other: _____

Thank you for completing this form. You can expect to hear from us no later than Friday, 5 April.

If you have any questions about this expression of interest or the application process more generally please email bicentenary@manchester.ac.uk