**UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) cross research council responsive mode (CRCRM) pilot Round 2 Call for Expressions of Interest (EOIs)**

The University of Manchester is now inviting internal Expressions of Interest for round 2 of the UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) cross research council responsive mode (CRCRM) pilot.

The funding (up to £1.2 million per project) supports breakthrough or disruptive interdisciplinary ideas that transcend, combine or significantly span disciplines that are not routinely funded through existing UKRI responsive mode schemes. Full call details are available on [the UKRI website,](https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/ukri-cross-research-council-responsive-mode-pilot-scheme-round-2/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) with webinars scheduled for 5 Sept 2024 and 11 Sept 2024.

**Criteria**

All research teams led by UoM researchers must submit an internal EoI. We also encourage bids with UoM co-leads to submit an EoI although they will not count towards the institutional cap. To do so, please complete the attached form, which asks for brief details of the project team and an overview of the project (2 pages maximum). Please make sure you demonstrate how the project will meet the UKRI assessment criteria below.

Advancement

* Application shows a high potential for delivering ground-breaking and transformative outcomes that could only be achieved through interdisciplinary research.

Novelty and timeliness

* The proposed work has the potential to advance current understanding and generate new knowledge, thinking, concepts, techniques, methods or technologies or discoveries through interdisciplinary collaborations and disruptive ideas.
* The proposed work if timely given current trends, contexts and needs.

Interdisciplinarity

* Application clearly demonstrates that the research involves disciplines from more than one research council [checked by UKRI] and explores new types of, and approaches to, interdisciplinary research not routinely funded through existing UKRI responsive mode schemes.
* Application includes a project team with the expertise in the disciplines required for the delivery of the project.
* Application demonstrates the potential for reciprocal research benefits through the integration of distinct disciplinary perspectives and spheres of knowledge.
* Application demonstrates how potential challenges will be addressed in conducting interdisciplinary research and outlines how these will be overcome.
* Application shows co-creation and design involving all disciplines required for successful delivery of the project.

Capability of the team to deliver

* The team’s relevant experience and expertise, as well as the institutional environment in which the research will take place, demonstrates their ability to successfully deliver the proposal.

**Additional guidance**

UKRI have published [generalised feedback on round 1.](https://www.ukri.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/UKRI-090424-CrossResearchCouncilResponsiveModePilotSchemeGeneralisedFeedbackOutlineStageApplicationsRound1.pdf) We have also collated [learning about what makes a good application](https://livemanchesterac.sharepoint.com/:w:/s/UOM-RBE-Research-Development/EeMWSr9iRNZOmZOIMAF4uR4BsW-CqoRbWuAodHdHYWS1TA?e=vDvjxk) and top tips from UKRI interdisciplinary panel members at UoM. You may find these documents useful when drafting your EOI.

If you require any further support with your application, please contact your research support team. The lead for each faculty is listed below.

**Application process**

Please send all completed EOI forms to the Research Strategy Team inbox by **4pm on Monday 16 September 2024:** [rst@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:rst@manchester.ac.uk) and copy in your faculty lead for this call:

* Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health: Lauren Templeman: [lauren.tempelman@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:lauren.tempelman@manchester.ac.uk)
* Faculty of Humanities: Chloe Jeffries: [chloe.jeffries@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:chloe.jeffries@manchester.ac.uk)
* Faculty of Science and Engineering: Daniel Twiddy [daniel.twiddy@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:daniel.twiddy@manchester.ac.uk)

**Shortlisting**

In keeping with the funder’s approach to review, EOIs will be reviewed by a panel comprising academics and professional services colleagues from a range of disciplines with experience of interdisciplinary research. This will ensure proposals meet the call criteria and allow us to identify opportunities to join up projects where relevant. UKRI has placed a cap on the number of applications each institution can lead. If we receive more than 20 eligible applications with UoM leads (the UoM quota), the panel will score each EOI against the UKRI call criteria and take the highest ranking forward for submission. Applicants led by other institutions with UoM co-lead are encouraged to submit an EoI but will not be scored by the panel.

We will contact all applicants to let them know if they have been selected to proceed by 30 September 2024 at the latest, ahead of the UKRI deadline of 19 November 2024.