

# SEED Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI)



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## **University context**

- <u>EDI Strategy</u> developed recently outlines the aims for the next 3
  years, focused on inclusive environment and culture, diversity and
  equity across our community, and inclusive practice
- Central EDI team (<u>equalityanddiversity@manchester.ac.uk</u>) and three academic leads
- Silver Athena Swan, Silver Race Equality Charter, Disability Confident Leader Status – all with associated achievement plans pushing for improvement



#### **SEED EDI structure**

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- EDI team:
  - Director for EDI: Laura Winter
  - Gender and sexuality equity lead: Catherine Atkinson
  - Race equity lead: Marc Mbah
  - Disability equity leads: Rachel Challinor and Heather Cockayne
  - Taught students: Laura Goodfellow
  - PGR: TBC



## **Training**

Please do complete the training available

- Unconscious bias and Diversity in the workplace as core trainings
- Disability equity
- Let's Talk About Race (EDI202)
- Understanding Islamophobia (EQDV223)
- Understanding Antisemitism (EQDV224)

We also will advertise periodically when running other training e.g., active bystander and trans inclusion



### **Disability**

- Disability Advisory and Support Service
- A disability is defined as "any condition which has a significant, adverse and long-term effect on a person's ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities."
- DASS can help create a support plan; with applications for Disabled Students' allowance etc.
- DASS FAQs here
- Please talk to your supervisors about your needs and any adjustments which might be helpful (including for viva)
- <u>SafeZone</u> watches to link to campus security and help
- Disabled Staff Network



### **Gender and sexuality**

- Women@manchester group
- Athena Swan work at a school level look out for info
- Looking at developing a men's health group: see <u>here</u>
- Staff are encouraged to share pronouns, please do the same if you feel comfortable. To look up how you can share on Microsoft 365, outlook or zoom/teams see here
- <u>LGBT ALLOUT group</u>
- Can filter and search for gender neutral toilets here: <u>Interactive map</u>
   <u>The University of Manchester</u>
- Students Union have a <u>gender expression fund</u>



#### Parents and carers

PGR parents - School of Environment, Education and Development
 The University of Manchester

Includes guidance on parental leave, links to support and networks and other important information

Parents and carers room in ALB 2<sup>nd</sup> floor



#### Religion

- Multifaith chaplaincy
- Can filter and search for prayer rooms here: <u>Interactive map | The University of Manchester</u>
- If helpful, please speak to your supervisor about religious holidays and festivals and your work



#### Mental health and well-being

- SEED PGR Handbook has lots of resources and information
- Counselling service has individual support and workshops
- Provide specific information for postgraduate researchers <u>here</u>
- If your mental health difficulties meet the legal definition of disability, then see information in relation to DASS
- Speak to supervisor or trusted peer or colleague



### When things go wrong

- Supervisory team and advisor, Department PGR co-ordinator, PGR Director, EDI team
- SEED Responding to discrimination, harassment, bullying, and victimisation (The University of Manchester)
- Report + Support Report + Support University of Manchester