

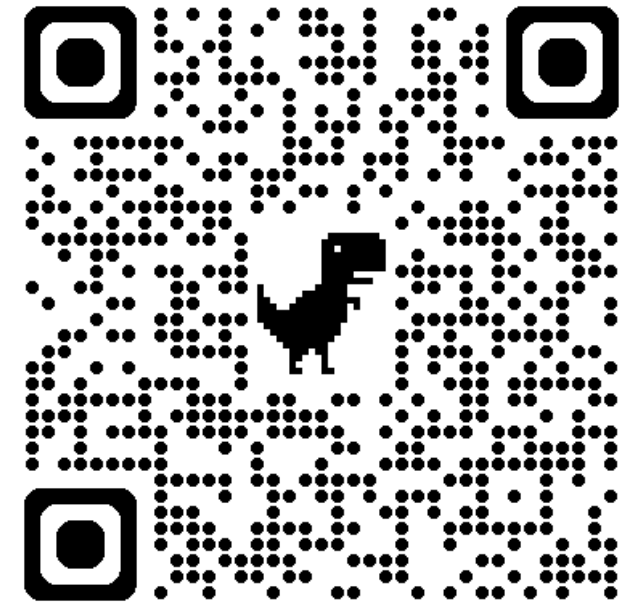


## Interdisciplinary Research Pump Prime Call Launch

**14 January 2025, 2.30-4 PM**

Nancy Rothwell Blended Th1 (GA.056)

Booth St E, Manchester M13



# UMRI Pump Priming Research Funding



Image: Submitted for PGR Image Competition  
Facing Stroke-blues Together! by Shahd Benafif

- Since 2013 annual internal research funding opportunity for interdisciplinary research projects.
- Encourages collaboration and provides support for projects that aim to secure external research funding.
- Since 2013 UMRI has allocated £2.5m to 99 projects.
- Projects funded between 2019 and 2022 generated external research funding of £13.7m.

# UMRI Pump Priming 2025 Call Details



## Creative Manchester

Creativity, Health and Wellbeing; Creative Industries and Innovation; Createch; Civic and Creative Places



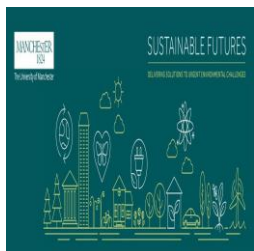
## Digital Futures

Cities and Environment; Citizens and Democracy; Createch; Employment and Productivity; Industry 5.0 and all platform challenges



## Healthier Futures

Health inequalities; determinants that empower or inhibit healthier lives in healthier places, and engagement with health and care services and systems



## Sustainable Futures

Water, energy transitions, climate justice, biodiversity and circular economy and all six platform challenges

Interdisciplinary research is understood to achieve outcomes (including new approaches) that could not be achieved within the framework of a single discipline. Interdisciplinary research features significant interaction between two or more disciplines and / or moves beyond established disciplinary foundations in applying or integrating research approaches from other disciplines.

# Eligibility Requirements and Costs



## Research Team

- Led by applicant who is eligible to apply for external research funding.
- Encouraged to include early career researchers.
- Preference to applications led by non-professorial staff or staff recently appointed or promoted to professor (last two to three years).



## Research Project

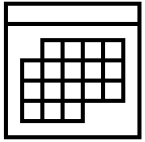
- Aligns to one of the four themes.
- Interdisciplinary in nature.
- Potential to lead to external research funding



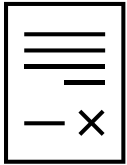
## Research Costs (must be costed by Research Services)

- Funding of £50,000 for 12 month projects starting 1 August 2025.
- **Eligible:** Directly incurred staff time, travel, subsistence, networking, consumables.
- **Ineligible:** Teaching buy-out, directly allocated staff, fEC, overheads, equipment.

# Application, Approval and Assessment



Download, complete and submit application form to [rst@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:rst@manchester.ac.uk) by 4pm on Monday 28 February 2025.



Include approval of Head of School of lead applicant – email or signature or via costing tool.



Rationale,  
clarity and  
feasibility

Excellence of  
research and  
methodology

Alignment  
with theme  
priorities

External  
funding  
potential

Interdisciplinary  
nature of the  
proposal

Strength and  
coherence of the  
research team

Inclusion of  
ECRs

Clear and  
realistic  
costings

# Key Considerations



- Alignment to theme: Contact the Platform.
- Interdisciplinarity: Demonstrate interaction between disciplines.
- Research team: Outline roles of the team and how they work together.
- Potential for funding: Be specific.
- Costings: Inform research services now.

**Access the Call**



Any Questions to  
[rst@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:rst@manchester.ac.uk)



# Panel

## Chair



**John  
McAuliffe**

Professor of  
Poetry  
&  
Director  
of  
Creative  
Manchester



**Claire  
Faichnie**

Research  
Strategy  
Projects  
Manager  
  
Research  
Strategy and  
Support



**Eliana  
Vasquez  
Osorio**

Senior Research  
Fellow  
  
Division of Cancer  
Sciences



**Catherine  
Atkinson  
Ross**

Senior Lecturer  
in Education  
  
Manchester  
Institute of  
Education,  
SEED

**Tee  
McCaldin**

Senior Lecturer  
in Education  
  
Manchester  
Institute of  
Education,  
SEED



**Katharine  
Coyte**

Research  
Fellow  
  
Division of  
Evolution,  
Infection and  
Genomics



**Stephen  
Hicks**

Senior  
Lecturer in  
Social Work  
  
Division of  
Nursing,  
Midwifery &  
Social Work

# John McAuliffe, Chair



## **Professor of Poetry Director of Creative Manchester**

**John McAuliffe is a professor of poetry and director of the Creative Manchester research platform, which develops and co-ordinates interdisciplinary research focused on creative industries; creativity, health and wellbeing; and creative and civic futures. At the University of Manchester, he previously co-founded and directed the Centre for New Writing (2007-2021), and he remains co-director. He has published six books with The Gallery Press, including Selected Poems (2021), named an Observer book of the year. He served on the Irish Arts Council from 2013-2018 as deputy director and chair of council strategy. He is associate publisher at the independent poetry press Carcanet, and a trustee of Manchester's UNESCO City of Literature.**



# Claire Faichnie



## **Research Strategy Projects Manager, Research Strategy and Support**

**Claire Faichnie is a Research Strategy Projects Manager at The University of Manchester. With over 20 years of experience in higher education, she has held roles in research support, project management and researcher development. Claire currently manages strategic internal research funding opportunities including the annual UMRI interdisciplinary research funding call.**

# Stephen Hicks



**Air Space: Creating a  
Community-Integrated Network  
of Interdisciplinary Research on  
Socio-Atmospherics**

Creative Manchester Theme  
2023

## Senior Lecturer in Social Work

**Stephen Hicks is a Senior Lecturer in Social Work at The University of Manchester. He is the Research Lead on ‘Creativity, Health and Wellbeing’ for Creative Manchester and is a member of the Morgan Centre for Research into Everyday Lives. Hicks teaches MA Social Work courses, including ‘Foundations of Research’ and also supervises research students. His extensive practice background includes community mental health services, child protection, and HIV services. Dr. Hicks’ research interests focus on LGBTQ+ social care, particularly the assessment of older LGBTQ+ individuals, as well as issues to do with community development, housing and environmental concerns.**

# Eliana Vasquez Osorio



**LINKER: longitudinal  
imaging linking outcomes  
and interventions**

Digital Futures Theme

2023

## Senior Research Fellow Division of Cancer Sciences

**Eliana Vasquez Osorio is a Senior Research Fellow at The University of Manchester. She studied computer sciences at the Universidad EAFIT, Medellin Colombia. She then went on to do her PhD project at Erasmus University in Rotterdam, The Netherlands. Her areas of expertise include image processing, non-rigid image registration, computational geometry, deformation modelling and treatment outcome modelling. She also works with artificial intelligence techniques to solve radiotherapy problems.**

# Tee McCaldin

## Senior Lecturer in Education, Manchester Institute of Education, SEED

**Proud to #BeeWell:  
Understanding and supporting  
LGBTQIA+ young people's  
wellbeing**

Health Inequalities Theme  
2022

**Dr. Tee McCaldin is a Senior Lecturer in Education at the University of Manchester, specifically within the School of Environment, Education and Development. Their research interests include exam experiences, student voice, and supporting students with exams. Dr. McCaldin has contributed to various studies on high-stakes assessments, exam stress, and educational psychology.**

# Katharine Coyte



**Manchester Microbiome:  
Establishing UoM as an  
international centre for  
microbiome research**

Sustainable Futures Theme

2022

## Research Fellow, Division of Evolution, Infection and Genomics

**Dr Kat Coyte is a Presidential Research Fellow at the University of Manchester. Kat received her PhD in microbial ecology and evolution from the University of Oxford, then spent a year in New York studying how microbial communities shape cancer treatment outcomes. In 2017 she moved to Harvard Medical School where she worked with clinicians to investigate how microbial communities help or harm preterm babies, and in 2019 she moved to Manchester, where she's been using interdisciplinary approaches to study all sorts of host-associated microbiomes.**



# UMRI PP Call 2025

## Timeline





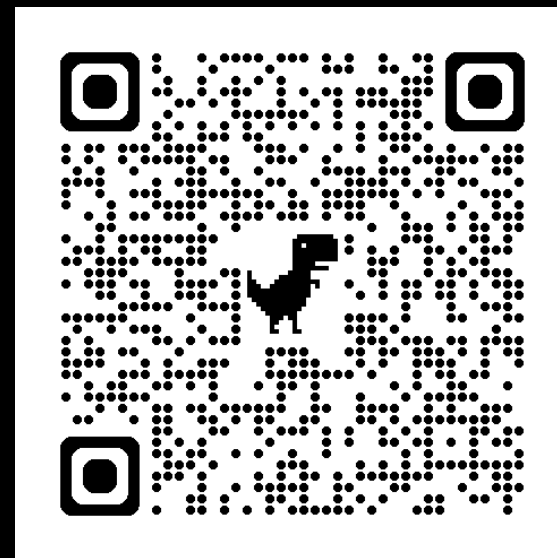
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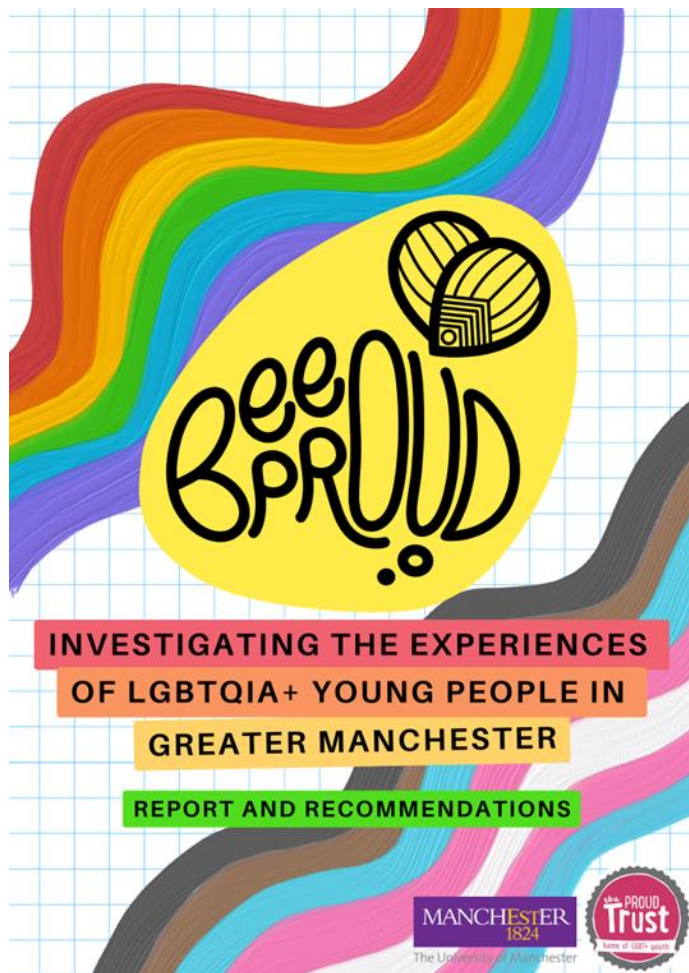
**Stephen Hicks**





# Proud to #BeeWell: Understanding and supporting LGBTQIA+ young people's wellbeing, Health Inequalities Theme, 2022

Ola Demkowicz, Catherine Atkinson Ross and Tee McCaldin



 **#BEEPROUD:**  
**EXPLORING SOCIAL SCIENCE, IDENTITY, AND WELLBEING THROUGH ZINES**

**SATURDAY 11TH  
NOVEMBER 2023**

  
**12-2PM  
AND  
3-5PM**

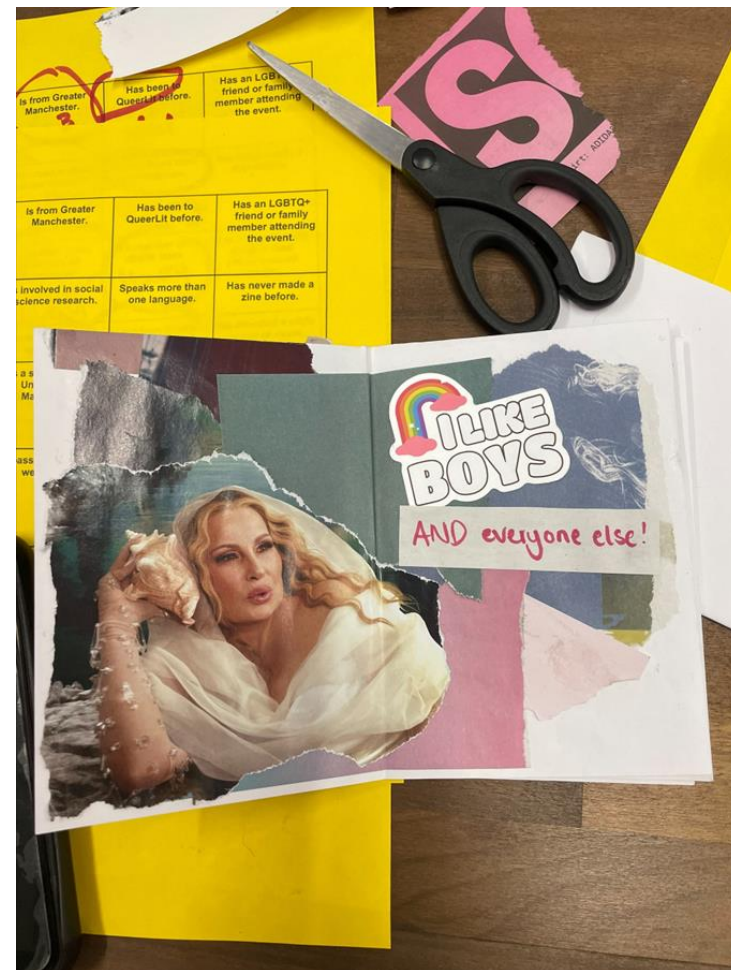
  
**MAKE ZINES WITH US!**   
This event will begin with a short talk about #BeeProud: an LGBTQ+ wellbeing project run by researchers at the University of Manchester and The Proud Trust.  
After this, we will learn together how to make zines (handmade magazines) and have a go at making a zine that expresses an aspect of our own identity.  
All materials will be provided, but feel free to bring along any pictures, stickers, etc. of your own!

**WHO IS IT FOR?**  
Anyone!   
But especially **young people**, their parents/carers/friends, and anyone interested in LGBTQ+ identities and research.

**SOCIAL REFUGE  
(QUEER LIT)  
27 GREAT ANCOATS  
STREET  
MANCHESTER  
M4 5JA** 

**INCLUDES QUIZ AND PRIZES!**

 Economic and Social Research Council   









# The British Academy Lecture Series: Peter Sellars - How to End a War



 The British Academy

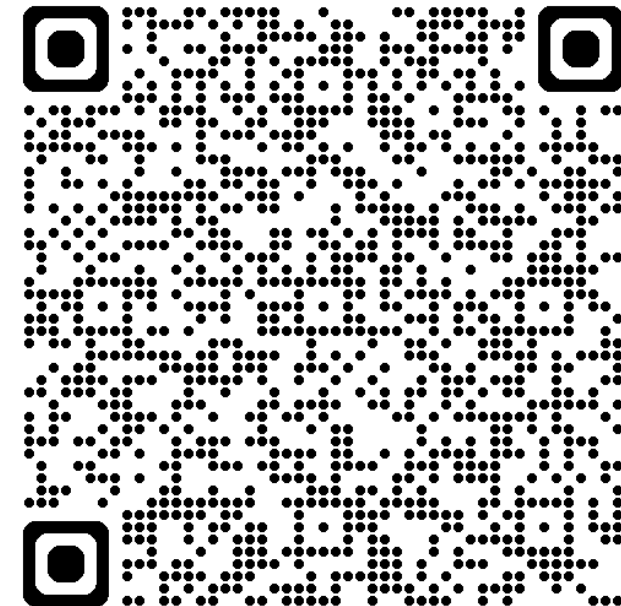
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The University of Manchester

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**18:00 - 19:30 GMT Tuesday 4 Feb 2025**

**The Cosmo Rodewald Concert Hall**

The Martin Harris Centre Bridgeford Street, off  
Oxford Road Manchester M13 9PL





# Albatross lecture

## SUSTAINABLE FUTURES

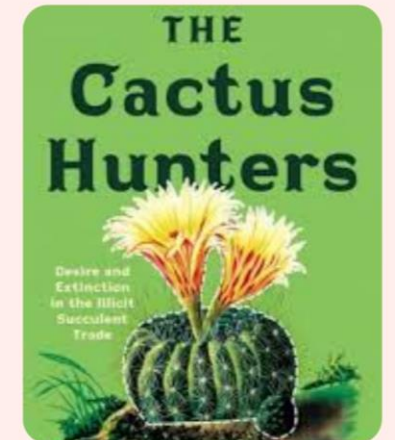
DELIVERING SOLUTIONS TO URGENT ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES

23/01/2025, 11am-2pm

### Keynote speaker: Dr Jared Margulies

Assistant Professor at The University of Alabama

Author of **The Cactus Hunters: Desire and Extinction in the Illicit Succulent Trade**



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**2-4PM**  
10.04.25

# **DIGITAL TRUST AND SECURITY SEMINAR SERIES: PROF JAKOB DEMANT**

THE UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN



**Location: The University  
of Manchester**

Register to explore the new opportunities for hidden behaviours and criminal activities as people, particularly young individuals, increasingly use different online platforms to separate and hide certain activities, even in public spaces.



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