

Creative Manchester Research Leads: Role Profile 2025

[Creative Manchester](#) has an exciting opportunity for three academic theme leads to join Director, Professor John McAuliffe to further develop and help coordinate activity across three core research themes.

Creative Manchester is one of the University of Manchester's four interdisciplinary platforms and facilitates research connecting creativity and creative practice. You will help the Platform to convene and grow interdisciplinary research communities and work, with both University and external partners, to explore new research areas and address strategic opportunities.

As research theme lead, you will develop and contribute to the coordination of theme communities across UoM's existing research activities. You will be part of a team which will mobilise relevant researchers from different disciplines, and all career stages, across the University to come together to form a strong multidisciplinary community around our key themes, and to inform our related business engagement and teaching agendas.

As Creative Manchester theme lead, you will work closely with the Director and Management Board to engage with relevant colleagues across the University and to shape new platform initiatives.

Creative Manchester's research themes are:

- [Creative Industries and Innovation/CreaTech](#)
- [Creative and Civic Futures](#)
- [Creativity, Health and Wellbeing](#)

Each theme lead's role is to:

- Maintain an overview of the community's activities in their theme and provide strategic direction to the area
- Lead a working group which will plan future activity to organise periodic meetings, workshops and events with the internal academic community
- Identify opportunities to support and fund collaboration
- Build community (raising the external profile of their area, building on collaborations with the city-region and engaging with national and international initiatives)
- Build capacity (fostering multidisciplinary funding bids and engaging with industry and the public sector to develop partnerships and attract external funding)
- Coordinate production of a short annual report on the community's activity in each theme.

The Creative Manchester team will support the theme lead in:

- Maintaining an overview:
 - Mapping the territory and identifying people relevant to the theme and identifying synergies/links/overlaps with other themes
- Community Building:
 - Developing mailing list for each theme for communications
 - Using Creative Manchester website to circulate opportunities and calls
 - Organising events (subject to availability of effort within the team)
- Capacity building:
 - We can help identify sources of research funding & travel grants and, subject to availability, contribute to putting together project bids for teams aligned to the theme

Time Allocation

The workload allocation for this leadership position is set at 0.2 FTE. Candidates are expected to discuss their application with their Departmental or Divisional Head, who should provide a simple statement of support via email, confirming their awareness of the job description and support for the application and associated time commitment.

More information

To discuss the role further, please contact:

- creative@manchester.ac.uk

To apply, please complete the expression of interest form by **noon on Friday 23 May 2025**:

- [Creative Manchester Theme Lead Roles: Expression of interest](#)