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1. Overview

The Faculty has strong and evolving relations with the University of Melbourne. These have been supported by the bilateral funding initiatives established at both University and Faculty level to support research collaboration. Senior leadership on both sides have demonstrated a commitment to the relationship with a series of reciprocal visits including a visit to Melbourne by the President and Vice-Chancellor in September 2017.

2. Institutional Profile

2.1 The University of Melbourne is a large, multi-campus university with around 45,000 students covering undergraduate, postgraduate taught and postgraduate research fields. Melbourne is part of the ‘Group of Eight’ research intensive Australian universities. The University of Melbourne is currently placed at 39 in the ARWU rankings and 41 in the QS rankings.

2.2 Research at the University of Melbourne is configured across [ten faculties](#) and a series of interdisciplinary research institutes:

- [Melbourne Energy Institute](#)
- [Networked Society Institute](#)
- [Melbourne Neuroscience Institute](#)
- [Melbourne Social Equity Institute](#)
- [Melbourne Sustainable Society Institute](#)

There are additional [‘Hallmark Research Initiatives’](#) including the Ageing Research Initiative which has good synergy with the Manchester Institute for Collaborative Research on Ageing.

3. Research Links between the University/Faculty of Humanities and the University of Melbourne

3.1 The Manchester-Melbourne Research Fund is a University level initiative that has supported short term exchange visits since 2015. The most recent call for the fund was in September 2017 with the funded projects detailed below:

UoM	Melbourne	Project title
Dr Patrick Parkinson, Physics and Astronomy	Prof Kenneth Crozier, EEE	Carrier trapping processes in nanostructured optoelectronic devices

Dr Aravind Vijayaraghavan, Materials	Prof Amanda Ellis, Chemical Engineering/MSE	Covalent stitching of graphene sheets for energy and composite applications
Prof Andrew Trafford, Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences, FBMH	Prof Leanne Delbridge, Department of Physiology, Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences, School of Biomedical Sciences	Defining pro-arrhythmic actions of local cardiac sex steroids in aging
Prof Andrew Munro, MIB	Assoc Prof Craig Hutton, School of Chemistry	Identification of the molecular target of mycocyclosin in M. tuberculosis
Dr Sarah Clinch, Computer Science	Dr Jorge Goncalves, School of Computing and Information Systems	Understanding how personal technologies are used to regulate emotion
Dr Jerome de Groot, SALC	Dr Ashley Barnwell, Sociology, Social Policy and Social Theory	Proposed project: International Family History Network

There was also a Faculty of Humanities based project funded in the 2016 call as detailed below:

UoM	Melbourne	Project title
Dr Joe Ravetz, SEED	Prof Ruth Beilin, Landscape and Environmental Sociology	Fire and Flood: Risk and Resilience in the Urban Future

3.2 In addition to the University level Manchester-Melbourne Research Fund, the Faculty of Humanities Strategic Investment Fund is supporting a number of collaborative projects. These are primarily via the SALC specific scheme but there is also a SoSS based project funded through the broader HSIF internationalisation scheme:

School	UoM Lead	Project title
SALC	Ana Carden-Coyne	Art, War and Humanitarian Disaster
SALC	Cordelia Warr	Connecting Collections
SALC	Sasha Handley	Objects and Emotions
SALC	Stephen Parker	Censorship under Communism
SALC	Yaron Matras	Urban Multilingualism
SALC	Eva Schultz Bernt	Information Packaging in copora of lesser studied languages'

SALC	Ewa Ochman	New Memory Actors in Post-Socialist Space before and after Crimea'
SALC	Ina Berg	The Entangle Sea: Mediterranean bronze and iron age
SALC	Sasha Handley	Objects and Emotions: Ritual, Routines, Collections and Communities
SALC	Peter Gatrell	Towards a lexicon of humanitarianism
SoSS	Jackie Carter	Exploring social science work-placed opportunities in Australia: Developing an international network of data science training in social sciences

3.3 There are additional noteworthy links between the Faculty of Humanities and the University of Melbourne including the following:

- **Social Sciences** - The Cathy Marsh Institute for Social Research has links to the University of Melbourne and the Statistical Modelling Group has hosted visits by the Prof Garry Robins (Psychological Sciences) and Prof Murray Aitkin (Mathematics and Statistics). Prof Tarani Chandola has links with the Melbourne School of Population and Global Health <https://mspgh.unimelb.edu.au/> and is going to meet some colleagues there in May. Dr Alex Cernat will be visiting Nicole Watson at the Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research later this year to talk about joint research on survey methods. Prof Dale Southerton has links with the Melbourne Sociology Department, especially Prof Dan Woodman who is Head of Department.
- **GDI/Development Studies** - Prof Uma Kothari of the School of Environment and Development (and former Director of the GDI) is currently based at the School of Geography, University of Melbourne, as a Vice-Chancellors Fellow (2017-2019). Prof Kothari has recently been working with Dr Elise Klein and Dr Monica Minnegal to organise a conference on Global Inequalities and Social Justice. Prof David Hulme has also been based in Melbourne recently as a visiting Professor. Dr Jaco Renken, Dr Kelechi Ekuma and Dr Rory Stanton from the Global Development Institute in Manchester and working with Dr Elise Klein and Dr Violeta Schubert on a proposal for an online MSc in Leadership for Development. Research collaboration on the same topic has been initiated with a joint panel at the upcoming Development Studies Association (DSA) conference and a research workshop on Leadership for Development hosted by GDI in the first week of July.
- Prof Stuart Hyde (AMBS) was an academic visitor at the University of Melbourne in 2009.
- The Centre for Medieval and Early Modern Studies has the [Foreign Bodies](#) research initiative with Art History at the University of Melbourne.