Confucius Institute at The University of Manchester

# Research, Impact & Collaboration Enrichment (RICE)

Application Form

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| Lead Applicant Name |  |
| Email |  |
| Division, School, Faculty |  |
| Project Title |  |
| 1. **Project Overview**   *Please provide a brief overview of your proposed project, including aims, objectives, methods (if applicable) and timeline. (max. 500 words)* | |
| 1. **Project Investigators & Partners**   *Please provide a short overview of all primary research partners or invited speakers (at the University of Manchester and elsewhere) and their expertise in the proposed area of activity. (max. 150 words per person/partner)* | |
| 1. **Links with Priority Areas**   *Please briefly outline how the project links to the priority areas set out in the scheme guidelines at the end of this form. (max. 300 words)* | |
| 1. **Dissemination, Outputs and Impact**   *How are you going to promote your project or event? What outputs do you anticipate from the project and how are these to be delivered? How are you going to achieve maximum impact? Please consider short-term impact and longer-term sustainability. (max. 500 words)* | |
| 1. **Confucius Institute Support**   *How can the Confucius Institute support your proposed project or event? Will you require our help in finding potential partners, promoting the project or disseminating findings? (max. 500 words)* | |
| 1. **Total Budget Requested** |  |
| 1. **Budget Justification**   *Please provide a full breakdown and justification of costs. Please also indicate details of external or additional funding, if applicable.* | |

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Guidance Notes

Applications are invited for **Research, Impact & Collaboration Enrichment (RICE)** contributions of up to £2,000 for projects with focus on China.

We expect to contribute to the costs of networking and knowledge exchange events led by academic members of staff across all faculties at The University of Manchester. Please note that we cannot contribute towards the costs of research and research support or assistance.

Supported projects will be of international and interdisciplinary nature and be of interest to academic and non-academic audiences alike. Although this is an open call, we expect projects to demonstrate engagement and clear links with the [*Manchester2020 Strategic Plan*](http://documents.manchester.ac.uk/display.aspx?DocID=25548), the Chinese Government’s *Belt and Road Initiative* (BRI)[[1]](#footnote-1) and the *UN Sustainable Development Agenda* and its Goals (SDGs).

We operate two **application rounds** per year with the following deadlines:

* 15 January (for activities taking place before 31 July)
* 15 July (for activities taking place after 1 August)

To apply, please complete the application form and email this to [**confucius@manchester.ac.uk**](https://outlook.manchester.ac.uk/owa/redir.aspx?C=8RNyJ5d5XhKTIzbxfBoPSVpJ4kZolbkj3ZQJcWnN3nhHHtI3k3TVCA..&URL=mailto%3aconfucius%40manchester.ac.uk)with **“Research, Impact & Collaboration Enrichment (RICE) Application”** as the subject before 5pm on the day of the deadline.

Please note:

* Supported activities should be based in Manchester and all marketing and publicity material must **acknowledge the contribution provided by the Confucius Institute**.
* Successful applicants will deliver a **project report** one month after the project end date and further agree to deliver a public talk about their research as part of the **Confucius Institute public talk series**.

If you wish to **discuss your project informally**, please contact the Director of the Confucius Institute, Dr Deljana Iossifova ([deljana.iossifova@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:deljana.iossifova@manchester.ac.uk)), in the first instance.

1. The BRI aims to promote diversified, independent, balanced and sustainable development in Belt and Road countries. Joint activities around culture, healthcare, science and technology, poverty reduction, biodiversity and environmental protection, governance and international relations are instrumental to the aims of the Initiative. It encourages, in particular, the establishment of cooperation among cities, people-to-people exchanges and joint research and knowledge exchange activities between BRI countries. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)