

## John Rylands Research Institute Seedcorn Fellowships 2016

Application deadline 28 October 2016

Applications should be e-mailed to: [jrri@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:jrri@manchester.ac.uk)

### Overview

The John Rylands Research Institute is a unique partnership led by the Faculty of Humanities (HUM) and the University of Manchester Library (UML) in which humanities scholars, scientists, curators, conservators and digital imaging specialists are brought together to uncover, explore, unravel and reveal hidden ideas and knowledge contained within the Library's world-leading Special Collections.

### What is Seedcorn Funding?

Seedcorn funding is available to all academic and Library staff at The University of Manchester. The grants are up to a maximum of £5,000. Seedcorn funding is now open and colleagues are invited to follow the application process listed below.

All academic applications are assessed by the Institute Directors in consultation with expert curators and academics.

### Essential Criteria

- **Fundamental to all projects is that the Seedcorn funding leads to a larger project with grant capture. The Institute adopts a '3 step' approach to funding applications (pilot, smaller grant, larger grant), the successful applicant will receive support from the Institute/School Grant Writer to apply for relevant funding at strategically appropriate times**
- The proposed activity must be related to The University of Manchester's Special Collections
- Priority will be given to applications which engage researchers and collaboration across disciplines and Faculties
- The Institute welcomes all types of projects e.g.:
  - Collaborative pilot research – which will lead to publications i.e. books or journal articles
  - Preparatory work for inter-disciplinary funding bid – which will lead to external funding
  - Preparatory work for scholarly partnerships – which will lead to national/international partnerships with external institutions

### Application Process

Application forms are available at: <http://www.jrri.manchester.ac.uk/opportunities/seed-corn/>

The completed application form should include:

- The names and affiliation of the application team with contact details for the lead applicant
- Short summary of the relevant experience of each person involved (approx. 500 words)
- Details of the intended project to include: title, start and end date, objectives, methodology, outputs and project costs
- An outline of the sources to be consulted in line with essential criteria above
- Future plans for your research including grant capture
- An up to date curriculum vitae and list of relevant publications
- Applications and queries should be e-mailed to: [jrri@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:jrri@manchester.ac.uk)

### What will the applicant receive?

- A maximum of £5,000 will be awarded per application
- Support from expert curators, conservators and imaging specialists
- Support from the Institute grant writer

### What will the Institute expect from the applicant?

- All awarded Seedcorn funding **must** be spent before **Friday 30 June 2017**. Processing of expenses or payments related to the award **must be processed within the awardees administrative area**
- All awardees must produce a report at the end of their project
- All awardees must be willing to deliver a presentation as part of the Institutes Research Forums or Seminar Series