John Rylands Research Institute Seedcorn Fellowships 2015

Application deadline 27 November 2015

Applications should be e-mailed to: 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 within the John Rylands Research Institute is available to all academic and Library staff at The University of Manchester. The grant awarded by the Institute amounts 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's leadership team, in consultation with expert curators and academics.

Essential Criteria
- The proposed activity must be related to one of the collection priorities detailed on the Institute's website at : http://www.jrri.manchester.ac.uk/research/collection-priorities/
- 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
- **Fundamental to all projects is that the Seedcorn funding leads to a larger project with grant capture**

Application Process
Applicants are required to complete and submit the application form available on the Institute website: 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, vision, methodology, outputs and project costs
- An outline of the sources to be consulted in line with essential criteria above
- A summary on the sustainability of your project
- Proposed plans for grant capture during your project
- An up to date curriculum vitae and list of relevant publications
- Applications and queries should be e-mailed to: 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 July 31 2016
- 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