



Manchester Interdisciplinary Collaboration for Research on Ageing (MICRA)

Seedcorn Funding 2012

Call for applications - October 2012

The aim of MICRA seed-corn funding is to further ageing related research within the University of Manchester. Applications must meet the following essential criteria:

1. The proposed research activity must be explicitly related to ageing
 2. The proposed research activity must be interdisciplinary (for example, crossing the funding domains of two or more research councils)
 3. The proposed research activity must lead to at least one specific outcome, such as a research proposal for a research council or a working paper.
 4. The award must be held by a University of Manchester member of staff (but can be used to fund collaborations with other institutions); awarded funds must be spent by the end of July 2013:
- A maximum of £6K can be awarded per application, with an additional £3K available from Manchester City Council for the joint MICRA/ Manchester City Council award (£9K total)
 - MICRA/ cities award: one project will be jointly funded by MICRA and cities@manchester (www.cities.manchester.ac.uk) and must fall within the category 'Ageing and Cities'
 - MICRA/ Manchester City Council award: one project will be jointly funded by MICRA and the Valuing Older People group of Manchester City Council with a focus on Digital Technology, Smart Cities and Social Inclusion. Proposals are invited that address one or more of the following themes:
 - Older people's access to and use of digital technology;
 - Meeting the training and support needs of the older user of digital technology;
 - The use of digital technology to enhance opportunities for older people's social, civic and cultural participation;
 - Comparative cross-city review of best practice in relation to digital technology and older people and opportunities for developing smart cities in relation to older people (the focus would be on the shadow UK network of age-friendly cities).

Application process:

- a. Applicants are required to submit a written proposal for their research activity totalling no more than two sides of A4; please state if you wish to be considered for the MICRA/ cities award or the MICRA/ Manchester City Council award.
- b. The proposal should state how the research meets the above essential criteria (items 1 to 4).
- c. Applications from early career researchers will be looked upon favourably.

- d. The deadline for applications is Monday 14 January 2013; submissions should be made via email to micra@manchester.ac.uk (please do not send applications to cities@manchester).
- e. The MICRA commissioning panel will meet in January 2013 to make their decision; the panel consists of:
- MICRA Directors
 - MICRA Project Co-ordinator
 - MHS Research Deanery Representative
 - A representative of Manchester City Council's Valuing Older People team
 - A representative of Age UK
 - Director cities@manchester

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Terms and conditions:

Seedcorn funds can be used to fund both direct and indirect costs; monies will be transferred to a nominated University of Manchester account code, and it is the responsibility of the research team to manage expenditure. It is not necessary to provide a full costing via a business research manager for this proposal. Publicity related to the research must include reference to MICRA (and, if applicable, cities@manchester/ Manchester City Council). Successful applicants are required to submit a one page summary of research outcomes to MICRA by the end of December 2013. Funded projects are expected to contribute to future MICRA seminars/ events, and to inform MICRA of any research successes such as subsequent awards and publications.