

Manchester Interdisciplinary Collaboration for Research on Ageing (MICRA)

Seedcorn Funding

October 2010 - call for applications

The aim of MICRA seedcorn funding is to further ageing related research within the University of Manchester. Applications should meet the following criteria:

1. The proposed research must be related to ageing. Applications are particularly encouraged around the current MICRA themes:
 - Health inequalities
 - Frailty
 - Genetics of ageing
 - Musculoskeletal/pain
 - Mental health and wellbeing
 - Work and retirement
2. The proposed research must be interdisciplinary (for example, crossing the funding domains of two or more research councils)
3. The proposed research must lead to at least one specific outcome, such as a research proposal for a research council or a working paper.
4. A maximum of £6K can be awarded per application; awarded funds must be spent by the end of July 2011.
5. The award must be held by a University of Manchester member of staff, but can be used to fund collaborations with other institutions.
6. Publicity related to the research must include reference to MICRA
7. Successful applicants are required to submit a one page summary of research outcomes to MICRA by the end of July 2011.

Application process:

1. Applicants are required to submit a written proposal for their research totalling no more than two sides of A4.
2. The proposal should state how the research meets the above criteria (items 1 to 5).
3. The deadline for applications is Friday 17 December 2010; submissions should be made via email to micra@manchester.ac.uk. Methods@Manchester is running a similar competition around social science methodology; it is possible for a proposal to receive funding from both MICRA and Methods@Manchester (www.methods.manchester.ac.uk).
4. The MICRA funding panel will meet in January 2011 to make their decision; the panel consists of:
 - Professor James Nazroo, MICRA Co-Director
 - Dr Neil Pendleton, MICRA Co-Director
 - Professor Kieran Walshe, Director, Institute of Health Sciences
 - Representative of the Valuing Older People team, Manchester City Council/ NHS Manchester
 - Jo Garsden, MICRA Project Co-ordinator