



## Manchester Interdisciplinary Collaboration for Research on Ageing (MICRA)

### Seedcorn Funding 2011

#### Call for applications - October 2011

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

1. The proposed research must be explicitly related to ageing
  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. 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 2012.
- A maximum of £6K can be awarded per application
  - MICRA/ cities award : one project will be jointly funded by MICRA and cities@manchester ([www.cities.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.cities.manchester.ac.uk)) and must fall within the category 'Ageing and Cities'.
  - MICRA/ Wellcome award: one project is eligible for £6,000 matched funding from The Wellcome Trust Clinical Research Facility Manchester (WTCRF) with a further £6,000 of 'like funding' through the use of facilities and services at WTCRF ([www.wtcrf.nhs.uk](http://www.wtcrf.nhs.uk)).

Application process:

1. Applicants are required to submit a written proposal for their research totalling no more than two sides of A4; please state if you wish to be considered for the MICRA/ cities award or MICRA/Wellcome award.
2. The proposal should state how the research meets the above essential criteria (items 1 to 4).
3. The deadline for applications is **31 December 2011**; submissions should be made via email to [micra@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:micra@manchester.ac.uk) (please do not send to cities@manchester or The Wellcome Trust).
4. The MICRA commissioning 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
  - Jo Garsden, MICRA Project Co-ordinator
  - A representative of Age UK
  - Professor Bonnie Sibbald, Director, Institute of Health Sciences, University of Manchester

#### 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. Publicity related to the research must include reference to MICRA (and, if applicable, cities@manchester/ WTCRF). Successful applicants are required to submit a one page summary of research outcomes to MICRA by the end of July 2012. It is not necessary to provide a full costing via a business research manager for this proposal. 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](http://www.methods.manchester.ac.uk)).