

**Manchester Institute for Collaborative Research on Ageing (MICRA)**

**Seedcorn Funding 2014**

**Call for applications – October 2014**

The aim of MICRA seedcorn 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/external partners).

The awarded funds must be spent by the end of July 2015, the end of the financial year. It is not possible for MICRA to arrange an extension of the funds into the 15-16 financial year.

A maximum of £6K can be awarded per application:

- **MICRA/ Age UK:** two projects will be jointly supported by MICRA and Age UK and must fall within the categories of 'healthy cognitive ageing', 'vulnerability, resilience and personal wellbeing' or 'evidence based service development and evaluation'.
- **MICRA/ Manchester City Council award:** two projects will be jointly supported by MICRA and the Age-friendly Manchester team at Manchester City Council and must fall within the categories of 'ageing and ethnicity' or 'ageing populations and city centres'.
- **In addition** to the above joint awards, MICRA will also wholly fund a number of applications (expected to be 2-4).

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 one of the joint awards.
- b. The proposal should clearly demonstrate that the research meets the above essential criteria (items 1 to 4) and include a headline budget showing how the monies will be allocated.
- c. Applications from early career researchers and from members of the Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences will be looked upon favourably.
- d. The deadline for applications is **Monday 8 December 2014**; all submissions should be made via email to [micra@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:micra@manchester.ac.uk)

e. The MICRA commissioning panel will meet in December 2014 to make their decision with financial transfers taking place immediately. The panel consists of:

- MICRA Co-Directors
- MHS Research Deanery Representative
- Representatives of Age UK
- Representative of Manchester City Council's Age-friendly Manchester team
- Institute Manager, MICRA

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**Terms and conditions:**

Publicity related to the research must include reference to MICRA (and, if applicable, the body jointly supporting the award). Successful applicants are required to submit a one page summary of research outcomes to MICRA by the end of December 2015. 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. Seedcorn funds can be used to fund both direct and indirect costs including salaries. MICRA do not require a full costing via a business research manager for seedcorn applications. As soon as they received confirmation of the decision, awardees should contact their finance team to set up a new account for the seedcorn monies; this will be an AA code as the funding is internal. MICRA will transfer the funds to the nominated University of Manchester account code as soon as the details are sent by the awardee. It is the responsibility of the project investigator to manage expenditure by the end of the financial year (31 July 2015). The University does not permit funds in AA accounts to be carried over to the next financial year and MICRA is unable to arrange for any extension of the funds.