

**RESEARCH NEWSLETTER
SEMESTER 1, 2012-13**

Reminders and Notifications of forthcoming deadlines for Research Funding

External Deadline	Funder Details	Further Information
10/10/2012 – for outlines (Internal deadline – 04/10/2012)	The British Academy FEC salary and expenses 36 months	Postdoctoral Fellowship – Outline The scheme is designed to enable outstanding early career researchers to strengthen their experience or research and teaching in a university environment which will develop their curriculum vitae and improve their prospects of obtaining permanent lecturing posts by the end of the fellowship. http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/pdfells.cfm
11/10/2012	The Leverhulme Trust Maintenance grant and travel costs 3-10 months	Visiting Professorships These awards enable distinguished academics based overseas to spend between three and ten months at a UK university in order to enhance the skills of academic staff or the student body within the host institution. http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/funding/VP/VP.cfm
25/10/2012	AHRC Up to £30,000 Up to 9 months	AHRC Theme –small Care for the Future grants Applications are invited for small exploratory grants under the Care for the Future Theme. This call is focused around a number of cross-cutting areas which have emerged from recent consultation activities, town meetings and workshops and through discussion with the Theme Advisory Group. Awards will support research at an earlier stage of development than is usually the case under other AHRC schemes. http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/Funding-Opportunities/Pages/Care-for-the-Future-Exploratory-Awards.aspx
07/11/2012	The British Academy Up to £10,000 Up to 24 months	BA/Leverhulme Small Research Grants Grants are available to support primary research in the humanities and social sciences. The first recourse for funding should be to your own institution (where applicable). Applications will not be considered for less than £500. The maximum grant is £10,000 over two years. Applications for collaborative or individual projects are equally welcome under this scheme. http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/srg.cfm
08/11/2012	The Leverhulme Trust Up to £45,000 3-24 months	Research Fellowships Research Fellowships are open to experienced researchers, particularly those who are or have been prevented by routine duties from completing a programme of original research. There are no restrictions on academic discipline, and awards are not limited to those holding appointments in higher education. http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/funding/RF/RF.cfm

Other Funding (with upcoming deadlines)

External Deadline	Funder Details	Further Information
22/11/2012 Faculty internal deadline for "Expression of Interest" to bid – 08/10/12	ERC - European Research Council Up to EUR 2.5 million Up to 60 months	ERC Advanced Grants ERC Advanced Grants are intended to support the very best research to be conducted in EU Member States and Associated Countries. Being highly competitive and awarded on the sole criterion of excellence, without restriction to particular areas of research, the grants are intended to promote substantial advances in the frontiers of knowledge, and to encourage new productive lines of enquiry and new methods and techniques, including unconventional approaches and investigations at the interface between established disciplines. http://erc.europa.eu/funding-and-grants/apply-funding/call-proposals
Call to be published 10/10/2012 deadline 10/01/2013	ERC - European Research Council Up to EUR 15 million Up to 72 months	ERC Synergy Grant ERC Synergy Grants are intended to enable a small group of Principal Investigators and their teams to bring together complementary skills, knowledge, and resources in new ways, in order to jointly address research problems. http://www.euresearch.ch/index.php?id=544&L=2#c16920
January 2013	AHRC £1m-£2m Up to 60 months	AHRC Theme Large Grants Successful proposals under the Large Grants call are expected to support research activities of a scale and ambition beyond that normally required for a standard AHRC grant. They should display significant transformative potential within the relevant theme area. http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/Funding-Opportunities/Research-funding/Themes/Pages/Theme-Large-Grants.aspx

A full list of deadlines and opportunities with open calls will be circulated soon.

Please contact Karen Murphy in the Research Office if you intend to apply to any of the schemes listed. Karen.murphy@manchester.ac.uk, 0161 275 8317

Most schemes will have an internal deadline of at least 2 weeks before the external deadline. Large grants will need longer (minimum of 4 weeks) to ensure they are peer reviewed and checked before submission. In some cases even longer lead times might be required. Therefore it is important that all colleagues contact the Research Office at the earliest opportunity if they are planning to submit an application – applications that are prepared well in advance of a deadline are usually the most likely to succeed, because all the details can be thoroughly checked and there is ample opportunity for Peer Review and revision.

Also, please note that the British Academy and Leverhulme Trust usually request that online applications are submitted 5 days prior to the deadlines to enable applications to be checked and authorised by the institution.

It is essential that all applications have the approval of an appropriate Head of Division, and this must be approved in advance of submission.

SALC Research Support Fund

The School established a Research Support Fund (worth £30,000) and a Research Network Fund (worth £20,000) for 2012-2013. In total over 20 applications were received for the two funds. All the applications have been reviewed and applicants will be contacted shortly with news about their applications. Full details about awards and outcomes from the projects will be announced via the School website.

SALC Institutional Research Leave

Karen Murphy will soon be sending emails to individuals the Research Office believes are due Institutional Research Leave in 2013/2014. If you do not receive an email by the end of Oct 2012 but believe you are due leave, please contact Karen.murphy@manchester.ac.uk

New SALC Funds Amounts/Details

In 2012/13 the SALC Personal Research Allowance will be £600 for all eligible staff. This can be spent on a broad remit of activities, travel, conferences, workshops etc. However it cannot be used to buy books or subscriptions. If you are unsure if you are eligible or concerned an expense or activity might not be covered by the School please contact the Research Office for clarification before personally incurring any costs.

Purchases/Orders/Fees/Expense Claims

Please contact your research support representative in the SALC Research Office (A21) for purchases, purchase orders, and fees/expense claims relating to either your Personal Research Allowance or to externally funded research grants (contact details are below). Wherever possible items should be purchased/arranged through the Research Office, this is particularly important if you are considering engaging the services of an external person or organisation.

All staff expense claims must be logged online using the staff portal (expenses are listed under My Services);

<https://my.manchester.ac.uk/uPortal/f/u201s14/normal/render.uP>

You will need the code you are claiming from in order to log your expenses. Once you have entered all of your claim details you will need to click on 'complete and print'. Once you have printed the form please bring it to the Research Office (A21) along with all of your original tickets/receipts etc. Staff claims using the old paper forms are returned to us by Finance without payment. Non-staff expense forms are handled as before. The Payroll Office aims to ensure that all claims are processed within a timeframe of around two weeks from their receipt of the paperwork (providing that claims are completed correctly).

Research Seminars

If you would like the details of any upcoming research seminars or events to be added to the weekly events listing or the website please email all of the relevant information to your research support representative.

Inter-Library Loan Vouchers

Each member of staff has an allowance of 10 interlibrary loan vouchers per year, which are issued from the Research Office to staff only. Allocations will be marked off against names when they are collected.

Books for the Cabinet

If you have recently had work published, we would be more than happy to display it in the glass cabinet in the Samuel Alexander foyer. Please bring your contributions to the Research Office and we will put them in the cabinet. We can include any monographs, translations or edited volumes published over the past year. From time to time we will be replacing the books, in which case any books taken out of the display can be returned to you via your pigeon hole.

SIRF Doctoral Support Fund for match funding leverage

- At this stage, it is anticipated that there will be a budget equal to 8 home FTE studentships (£18K per annum = £142K per annum) for this scheme;
- Only research bids for more than £700k and involving a team of academics will be eligible, with up to two studentships per grant;

- Applications can be made at any time, must be submitted to nichola.ellis@manchester.ac.uk and will be considered by a (virtual) committee that will be set up from within PGRC;
- Applicants must submit a case as to how the PhD studentships would be integrated and contribute to the research of the bid;
- The Committee considering bids will be particularly keen to support bids that are demonstrably interdisciplinary and ideally involve more than one school;
- Matched support on the studentship(s) from the school(s) involved will be looked on favourably when assessing applications.

New Research Office Staff

Olesya Shipova <mailto:olesya.shipova@manchester.ac.uk> has recently joined the Research Office as REF Support Officer. Olesya will primarily be supporting UoA Coordinators in the preparation of Impact Case Studies required for REF2014.

Contact Information

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Linzi Stirrup administers funds relating to Research Grants, Personal Research Allowances and Seminar Funds for colleagues in the following Divisions:

**Art History, Drama and Music
Archaeology, Religions and Theology, Classics & Ancient History
English, American Studies & the Centre for New Writing
History**

Research Support Officer,	Fiona Daniel	Email: Fiona.Daniel@manchester.ac.uk	Tel: 0161 275 8084
Research Administrator,	Ruselle Meade	Email: ruselle.meade@manchester.ac.uk	Tel: 0161 275 8084

For colleagues in the following Divisions Fiona Daniel will administer funds relating to Research Grants and Personal Research Allowances and Ruselle Meade will administer Seminar Funds:

**Language-Based Area Studies
Languages and Intercultural Studies
Linguistics & English Language**

Research Co-ordinators & Head of Division for the 2012-2013 session

	Research Co-ordinator	Head of Division
Director of Research – Professor Steve Hutchings	n/a	n/a
Archaeology, R&T and CIAH	Prof Roy Gibson	Prof Alison Sharrock
Art History, Drama and Music	Dr David Berezan	Prof Phil Grange
English, American Studies & the Centre for New Writing	Dr Daniela Caselli	Dr Hal Gladfelder (semester 1 only)
History	Prof Penny Summerfield	Prof Hannah Barker
Language-based Area Studies (EAS, MES, REES, SPLAS)	Prof Dagmar Schaefer	Dr Karl Posso
Languages and Intercultural Studies (French, German, Italian, CTIS)	Dr Ursula Tidd	Dr Matthew Philpotts
Linguistics & English Language	Dr Ricardo-Bermudez-Ortero	Dr Delia Bentley

The Research Committee will next meet on Wednesday 14th November 2012 at 2.00pm.