University of Manchester-University of Toronto: 2021 Call for Joint Research Proposals

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The University of Manchester (UoM) and the University of Toronto (U of T) are contributing matching funds to support collaborative research initiatives through a joint call for proposals. The aim of the fund is to provide initial support for the development of research links and catalyze further collaboration. In the longer term, the goal is to build international teams who are well positioned to apply for external funding to develop their partnerships.

This is the third round of funding. A list of the projects supported in previous rounds is on the Manchester-Toronto Research Fund page.

Proposals will be assessed and recommended for selection by a committee composed of members of both institutions.

1. **Projects**
   i. To be eligible, a proposal must include a PI from UoM and U of T, and at least one other researcher on each team. We encourage early career researchers to apply.
   ii. The funding envelope comprises £50,000 from UoM and CAD$85,000 from U of T. Up to ten (10) joint projects will be selected.
   iii. The fund is open for proposals across all research areas.
   iv. Projects will be funded for a period of 12 months and should aim to start by June 2021 at the latest. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic some flexibility around start and end dates will be allowed (subject to approval from both UoM and U of T).
   v. Proposals with the potential for sustainability beyond the initial funding period are encouraged.

2. **Costs and proposal**
   i. Proposals may include workshops (face-to-face and virtual), symposia, staff exchanges, research seminars/presentations and formation or development of
a collaborative network. Proposals with the potential for launching an international doctoral cluster (IDC) or developing a collaborative digital teaching model between the two universities are particularly encouraged.

ii. Eligible costs include travel and subsistence, consumables and the cost of research assistants e.g. PhD students, research associates and technicians which are directly related to the project. Existing staff time including the Co-PIs time cannot be costed to the project. The fund does not support equipment, scholarships, conference attendance or tuition fees.

iii. UoM only – A fEC costing is not required. Please note that only directly incurred costs are allowed and not directly allocated.

3. **Eligibility**

   i. **Eligibility for UoM participants within the scope of this call:** Academic staff members from all disciplines and at all levels are welcome to apply. The lead applicant must be a permanent member of staff. We encourage early career researchers to apply. Post-doctoral staff are eligible to apply on the condition that the end of their post-doctoral contract is after the end of the proposed project.

   ii. **Eligibility for U of T participants within the scope of this call:** Faculty members in continuing U of T appointments are eligible to submit proposals. Faculty members in continuing U of T appointments, and students and fellows under their supervision at U of T, are eligible to participate in exchange activities.

   iii. **Exclusions:** Co-PIs who have previously been awarded a project from this seed fund are not eligible to apply as a Co-PI again, but can be a member of a project team. Similarly, emeritus and honorary staff are not eligible to apply as Co-PIs, but may be members of the project team.

4. **Value and Duration**

Up to 10 successful proposals will receive up to the following funding:

- 1. UoM will provide each approved project up to GBP5,000 per year to support their researchers.
- 2. U of T will provide each approved project up to CAD$8,500 per year to support U of T applicants.

5. **Timeline**
Call for proposals opens       Tuesday 8 December 2020 (noon Toronto time)
Deadline for submission       Monday 18 January 2021 (noon Toronto time)
Communication of results to applicants       Late February 2021
Project start date      From early March 2021

6. Information about this Call

For more information please see the full call for proposals or contact the appropriate staff member below:

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