

Funding for Support for Research Events, 2024-2025

Application deadline: 5pm, Friday 5th July 2024

Applications to: research.jrril@manchester.ac.uk

Grants are available for to support academic or public-focused research events, led by researchers who are based at the University of Manchester and which are linked to the rich Special Collections of the University of Manchester Library, which includes the collections of the Ahmed Iqbal Ullah RACE (Race Archives and Community Engagement) Centre, or to allied academic fields. These grants can be used to support either individual events, or a series of linked events to take place during the 2024/25 academic year. Please note all activities and spending must be completed before 31 July 2025.

Funding can be used to support travel and accommodation for external speakers and participants, subsistence for participants, and fees for freelance partners involved in the event. Priority will be given to events that can show a clear link to the Special Collections of the University of Manchester Library or to allied academic fields; that facilitate the exchange of ideas and the formulation of new and exciting academic research; that encourage interdisciplinary research; and/or that are linked to plans for external grant capture.

For single events (such as seminars and workshops), funding would not normally exceed £600, although larger bids may be considered for more ambitious activities. We would be happy to consider applications as well for a Rylands summer conference in 2025 in this round of the competition, though please note that all funded activities must be complete before 31 July 2025.

Please note that there is currently a programme of estate works in the John Rylands Library, which is envisaged to continue until Spring 2025. We will endeavour to host events in the building where possible, but applicants should be prepared for the possibility that this may not be possible, and/or that we may have to move events at short notice to other venues across UoM.

The current building works within the John Rylands Library mean that any catered events in the building (including teas/coffees and lunches) are currently limited to a maximum of 50-60 participants.

The grant will not cover:

- Attendance at events and conferences outside the University of Manchester.
- Events whose primary focus is teaching and learning.

Eligibility:

All staff at the University are eligible to apply, including those on research and academic-related contracts, teaching and scholarship contracts, and those working in library and professional roles, as long as their proposed event meets the criteria of the call. Applicants on fixed-term contracts must be employed by the University while undertaking the event, and should supply the end date of their contract. Postgraduate research students enrolled for the 2024-25 year are also eligible to apply, and should likewise state their expected date of PhD submission.

Please ask the JRRIL office if you are unsure about the eligibility of other forms of expense.

The John Rylands Research Institute and Library

Assessment Criteria:

All applications are assessed by the Institute Directors in consultation with curators and academics. Applications will be ranked on merit against criteria outlined above.

Application Process:

Application forms are available at <http://www.jrri.manchester.ac.uk/research/funding/>

The completed application form should include:

- The names and affiliation of the application team with contact details for the lead applicant.
- Details of the intended event to include: title, date(s), and description of the event(s). This should include a brief description of the research content, specific details on the type of event(s), the estimated number of participants, and type of audience.
- A brief outline of the collections from the UML Special Collections which are related to the event(s) or to the allied fields related to the event.
- Financial estimates of costs should be included, but will be subject to review and possible modification by the assessment panel. Please also include other sources of financial support (both awarded and applied for).

Pre-application advice (including queries relating to costings) is available from:

- the JRRI office (research.jrri@manchester.ac.uk);
- the Exhibitions and Public Engagement with Research Team at the Rylands (jrl.events@manchester.ac.uk);
- the Director of the JRRI, Guyda Armstrong (guyda.armstrong@manchester.ac.uk), and the Deputy Director and Digital and Scientific Lead, Stefan Hanß (stefan.hanss@manchester.ac.uk).