

Encouraging Collaboration BRC Public Engagement Fund

The Manchester Biomedical Research Centre (BRC) is offering funding for BRC researchers, staff and students to develop and deliver projects and activities that engage the public in BRC research in line with the [Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement strategy](#).

This fund aims to:

- Encourage collaborative working between BRC themes and provide support for the BRC cross-cutting themes;
- Support imaginative approaches to engaging diverse audiences;
- Increase awareness amongst people and patients about opportunities to participate in BRC research (especially in groups/ geographies with currently low participation rates).

Awards

We expect applications in the region of £1,000 – £3,000 per project.

Preparing an application

Potential applicants must discuss their idea with their PPIE Theme Lead and/or the Public Programmes PPIE Project Manager before submission. If the proposed projects or activities do not fit the funding criteria, applicants may be signposted to more appropriate funding opportunities.

Timescale and process

Date	Activity	Who
27 th July 2018	Funding scheme launched and promoted throughout theme	PPIE Project Manager, PPIE Theme Lead, BRC Project Managers
Late July- early Sept	Ideas discussed with PPIE Project Manager/ Public Programmes Team and/or PPIE Theme Lead	Applicants, PPIE Theme Lead and/or PPIE Project Manager
Mon 10 th Sept 2018	Closing date for applications	Applicants
Tues 11 th Sept 2018	Applications collated and sent to relevant PPIE Working Group members with scoring sheet	Public Programmes Team
12 th – 18 th Sept 2018	PPIE Working Group members independently review and score applications	PPIE Theme Leads and PPIE Project Managers
Tues 18 th Sept 2018	Completed scores returned to Public Programmes Team	PPIE Theme Leads and PPIE Project Managers
Thurs 20 th Sept 2018	PPIE Working Group meeting to decide on allocation of funding	Relevant Working Group members
Fri 28 th Sept 2018	All applicants informed about results	Public Programmes Team
Ongoing	Applicants receive advice/ guidance as appropriate	PPIE Project Managers
mid-March 2019	Activities to be delivered and budget spent	Awardee

Judging Criteria

Applications will be assessed on the following criteria:

1. The research project must be part of a BRC priority research area.
2. The activity engages the public with BRC research in line with our [BRC and CRF Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement strategy](#).

3. The proposal involves collaborative working across the themes within the BRC or focuses on one of the three BRC cross-cutting themes (i.e. Biomarker Platforms, Informatics and Data Sciences, Rapid Translational Incubator).
4. A defined target audience, for example, under-represented / under-served groups, community groups, patients, carers, young adults, on-line communities, parents, children, etc.
5. Evidence of an imaginative approach to engage the target audience, raise broader public awareness and stimulate dialogue.
6. A realistic plan to achieve stated aims and evaluate impact.
7. A budget for the total cost of delivering the activity, demonstrating value for money.
8. A stated legacy from the funding.

Assessment procedure

Applications will be assessed by the members of the BRC and CRF PPIE Working Group. A scoring system will aid the judging process and funding allocations will be decided at the PPIE Working Group meeting on Thursday 20th September 2018.

Submitting an application

Applications must be sent to publicprogrammes@mft.nhs.uk by Monday 10th September 2018 (23:59).

Application format

Applicants should complete the application form observing the stated word limits and not exceeding two pages in total; using font Ariel 10 pt. Applications should be submitted as a Word document.

Please note: applications that exceed the stated word limits and/or two sides of A4 will not be reviewed.

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