**The University of Manchester Team Research Programme**

**Micro-Catalyst funding call 2024/25 Guidance**

The University of Manchester Team Research Programme (TeamsBuildDreams) invites applications to the micro-catalyst call 2024/25, following on from the successful call 2023/24.

The aim of this call is to helpstaff **planning future funding applications**, and/or **partnerships** with external stakeholders (policymakers, community groups, charities, businesses) to **build connections / networks** across disciplines, faculties and boundariesand **develop the skills** needed to effectively work within interdisciplinary teams**.**

We are offering funds to support training and skill development; events; purchase of resources; or other innovative ideas to enable collaboration and interdisciplinary working. These could include (but are not limited to): training courses; networking or community building events e.g. ([huddles](https://twitter.com/UoMPankhurst/status/1678382058593296384), [“pizza and people”](https://www.crassh.cam.ac.uk/events/25653/)); lunch and learns; speed dating; or purchasing resources or tools for collaboration e.g. [Ketso](https://ketso.com/) etc.

For this round we are delighted to partner with the [**Healthier Futures Research Platform**](https://www.healthierfutures.manchester.ac.uk/), who are able to fund a number of projects which relate specifically to research and partnerships that focus on **health inequalities.**

We expect to fund around 20 projects in total: around 8 projects with a general focus (£6k total pot) and around 12 with a health inequalities focus (£10k total pot). The total funding pot available is £16k and each award will be for a maximum of £975.00.

Eligible costs include: travel and consumables, external training services; catering; room hire; printing and materials; resources, public contributor payments; and more: **innovative ideas are welcome.** Costs may **not** include **external subcontracting** (payments for goods or service only). Typically costs related to **staff time** would **not** be eligible.

The funds **must** be spent and **all project activities** completed by 18th July 2025 and there is no flexibility on this.

Please note that all projects should be informed by team research principles. We define Team research as:

“*a* ***collaborative*** *effort to address a* ***common goal*** *using the strengths and expertise of* ***a diverse team*** *where* ***contributions of all team members are encouraged, acknowledged, recognised and valued****.”*

More info & animation:<https://www.pankhurst.manchester.ac.uk/research/team-research/>

**Assessment criteria:**

* How the proposal will create, enable or support interdisciplinary collaboration **with reference to team research principles.**
* How the proposal demonstrates that it will enable a wider purpose or future aim
* Project rationale, clarity of presentation and justification of the activity
* Strength and coherence of the proposed team; and application of team research principles in the project approach i.e. the way project/team demonstrates ‘living’ these values. Including, demonstration of equality, diversity and inclusion in team composition and approach, including for early career researchers, PS staff, and technical roles.

**Eligibility criteria:**

* Reflecting the inclusivity of a team research model, we accept submissions from **ALL University of Manchester** staff: academic, researcher, PS, technical etc.
* Call is open only to University of Manchester employees: honorary contract holders may be included as team members.
* Due to the short length of the funding, eligible costs include: **non staff costs only:** travel and consumables, etc. Costs may **not** include **external subcontracting** (payments for goods or service only). Typically costs related to **staff time** would **not** be eligible.

**All applications received by the call deadline will be:**

* Checked for eligibility by the Team Research team.
* Triage reviewed against criteria by one appointed panel member.
* Reviewed and assessed collectively by a panel to collate a final ranking.

**Successful applicants will be required to:**

* Work with the Teams Build Dreams team to embed awareness raising of the Team Research Programme and its principles in their project.
* Submit a written report within 3 months of the award end. This may be used as a case study for the programme and shared publicly.
* You may also be invited to present at a programme showcase or similar event.
* Report on follow-on activities and expected outcomes up to 3 years after project end.

**To Submit:**

Please complete your application via this link: <https://forms.gle/hYHk1mZeGnEdbZkt9>

**Key Dates:**

* Call opens 22nd October 2024
* Application submission deadline: Friday 15th November 5pm
* Applicants notified of decision: Monday 16th December
* Deadline for all project spend: Friday 18th July 2025

See the [TeamsBuildDreams website](https://www.pankhurst.manchester.ac.uk/research/team-research/) and animated video for more information on the principles and scope of team research and collaborative research.

If you have any questions about this call, please contact [TeamResearch@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:TROT@manchester.ac.uk)