**Christabel Pankhurst Institute – Call for seed corn projects 2022/2023**

The Christabel Pankhurst Institute has been awarded a second round of funds to support a number of seed corn projects. The aim of this funding is to support multidisciplinary and collaborative research proposals in health technology research and innovation. Applications should be between £10,000-£25,000 GBP. The total amount of funding available is £75,000 GBP and we aim to support as many projects as we can. The funds need to be spent by 31st July 2024 and there is no flexibility around this.

Eligibility for and terms of the funding are as follows:

* Proposals must have two or three UoM Principal Investigators, with expertise spread across technology research; biology, medicine or health; and humanities/social sciences.
* Proposals must involve collaborators from industry, NHS, social care, and/or public sector, and either create new, or build on existing multidisciplinary and cross-sectoral partnerships.
* Proposals should focus on translational research for health technology (digital health and care, AI, and/or advanced materials).

*Please note: The* [*Translation Manchester A2E scheme*](https://www.translation.manchester.ac.uk/funding/translation-manchester-accelerator-awards/access-to-expertise/) *enables investigators to access necessary technical expertise external to their immediate research group to overcome a bottleneck or hurdle, thereby allowing the research to progress along the translational pathway. In contrast, the Pankhurst Seed Corn Scheme funds translational research carried out by research groups themselves.*

* Priority will be given to proposals that addressone of our cross-cutting themes (Responsible & Inclusive Innovation; Digital Health Inequities; Translation; Multi-Omic Health Technologies) and leverage existing infrastructure ([Greater Manchester Care Record](https://gmwearebettertogether.com/); [Digital Health Software Team](https://sites.manchester.ac.uk/digital-health-software/); [NERC Digital Solutions Programme](https://www.digital-solutions.uk/)).
* Proposals must clearly define plans for future funding, and a completed funding application must be one of the deliverables of the project.
* Funds cannot be transferred to subcontracting organisations, so any **salary costs must be for a named member of UoM** research staff. Salary overheads and capital expenditure (e.g. estates and indirect costs) will not be covered by this funding.
* The call is open to all UoM **s**taff.
* Call opens 9 October 2023.
* Submission deadline is Friday 17 November, 5pm GMT.

If you are looking for collaborators, please email [pankhurst@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:pankhurst@manchester.ac.uk) before 24 October to describe your expertise, research ideas and interests. We will then facilitate collaborations by identifying and introducing groups of researchers with similar interests.

If you have any questions about this call, please contact Pankhurst Themes & Partnerships Manager, Nicola Telfer, nicola.telfer@manchester.ac.uk.

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| **Funding Application Form** | |
| 1. **Investigators** | Please provide the names and affiliations of the two investigators (one in technology research and one in biology, medicine or health research) |
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| 1. **Project team** | Please list all members of the project team, their roles and their affiliations |
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| 1. **Collaboration and Team Research Principles** | Please explain how the proposal will create new interdisciplinary, multidisciplinary and cross-sectoral collaboration and **draw upon Team Research Principles** (max 50 words) |
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| 1. **Patient and public involvement** | Please describe how patients and/or the public will be involved in the project (max 50 words) |
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| 1. **Project title** | Please provide the title of your project |
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| 1. **Technology area (select all that apply)** | Digital Health and Care  Artificial Intelligence  Advanced Materials |
| 1. **Plain English summary** | Please provide a lay summary of the project – this will also be used for publicising the successful proposals (max 150 words) |
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| 1. **Rationale and objectives** | Please clearly state your rationale for this project, the goals and objectives (max 100 words) |
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| 1. **Translational stage** | Please describe where on the [translational research pathway](http://documents.manchester.ac.uk/display.aspx?DocID=41767) your research/project sits (e.g. D1 to D2, or T2 to T3). What is the specific hurdle or bottleneck that you need to overcome to progress along the translational research pathway, secure follow-on funding, and address the unmet clinical need? (max 150 words) |
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| 1. **Research plan** | Please describe the approach and methodology (max 100 words) |
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| 1. **Timelines** | Please provide timelines for key project activities and deliverables (max 50 words) |
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| 1. **Project costs** | Please provide details of costs for the project. This can include staff and non-staff costs. All staff costs must be to pay for an existing member of UoM research staff on a fixed-term or casual contract whose name must be provided in this proposal. Salary overheads (e.g. estates and indirect costs) will not be covered by this funding. Where possible, please obtain full costings form your research support team for this application. |
| *These costings have been checked by the research support team: Yes/No* |
| 1. **Further funding** | Please provide specific details of future funding applications to continue the work described in this proposal (max 50 words) |
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Please submit your completed application to [pankhurst@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:pankhurst@manchester.ac.uk).