

Background

The Centre for Joined Up Sustainability Transformations ([JUST Centre](#)) commissioning fund will support projects which are in line with the mission of the JUST Centre. The JUST Centre is focused on the pursuit of sustainability transformations that are people-centred, joined-up and socially just. Our research seeks to investigate:

- **What works, when, where and for whom** - and what could work - to facilitate the development and implementation of joined-up interventions for a just transition to low-carbon living?
- **How, where and with whose participation** can sustainability transformations be accelerated – in ways that combine sustainability with justice – for citizens in places that benefit least from dominant economic and political systems?
- **What lessons** for just sustainability transformations can governments, businesses, and communities learn from place-based, co-produced action research?

In line with these overall goals, the objective of the JUST Centre commissioning fund is to fund projects that are designed to produce new knowledge regarding how the joining up of climate action with the pursuit of social justice enables the acceleration of sustainability transformations in the UK.

Funded projects will carry out research in the UK that is focused on initiatives that seek to support low-carbon living, and which generates novel insights about 'what works, or might work, where, when and for whom' in those initiatives.

Funding

Project teams can apply for a minimum of £25,000 and maximum of £62,500.

Projects will be funded at 80% FEC for UK research organisation costs (with the UK Research Organisations involved in projects contributing 20% FEC). The maximum amount JUST will fund is 80% FEC of the maximum budget advertised for each specific call. In this case, if the maximum budget permitted is £62,500, JUST will fund up to 80% FEC of £62,500 (which is £50,000). The remaining 20%, in this case £12,500, will need to be provided by the research organisation(s) involved in the project.

Project teams can also include in-kind support from companies/charities/research groups etc.

Note: Inflation is not included in the costing model.



Scheme Guidance (Accessible on Every Section of the Application Form)

Instructions

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The application will consist of the following questions. Further information about the application process can be found [here](#).

Please note that as part of your application, you will be prompted to complete an EDI form which aims to collect information for analytics. This is optional.

In case of any questions or issues, please contact us at just-fund@manchester.ac.uk.

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The University of Manchester

Section 2 - Terms and Conditions Disclaimer

Terms and Conditions Acknowledgement

Please tick the box below to confirm you have read and understand the JUST Award Terms and Condition (see below) and wish to continue with the application.

Terms and Conditions on the [Insert link for Award Letter or Collaboration Agreement]. You can access the full call document by heading to this link and scrolling to the bottom.

We strongly recommend that you read the **Terms and Conditions** (found on the award letter sample) with your organisation's legal team prior to completing the application. These terms are non-negotiable. If your application is successful, any proceeding award letter will need to be officially signed within a limited time frame by your authorised signatory.

Any questions, please contact us on just-fund@manchester.ac.uk.

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Section 3 - Applicant and Team Details

Full Name

Please enter your name in full below:

No Response

Pronouns

Please enter your pronouns below (e.g, She/Her, He/Him, They/Them, etc.)

No Response

Job Title

Please enter your full job title below.

No Response

Organisation

Please enter your organisation name in full without using acronyms, e.g., The University of Manchester instead of UoM.

No Response

Email Address

Please enter your email associated with your organisation or institution.

No Response

Are you an Early Career Researcher?

These are the requirements for being an ECR:

- Graduated from your PhD within the past 7 years
- Career breaks (non-academic work, parental leave, etc.) are not included in the 7 years
- You are currently a researcher in your research field

Yes

No

Application Roles Information

Applicant: refers to yourself and the lead of this project.

Collaborator 1 (Optional): This is your co-lead

Collaborators 2 and 3 (Optional): These are additional co-leads

Project Partner: These are unfunded partners or any organisations / charities who are going to work with you on your project.

Collaborators

Are collaborators involved in your project? Please note, these are collaborators who would be funded.

If the project has a co-lead, please put them down as the first collaborator.

Yes

No

Will you be adding another collaborator?

Unchecked

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Unchecked

Project Partners

Are you planning on having any unfunded project partners or funded organisations / charities?

Please note that if you are planning on having funded organisations / charities, your home institution will be responsible for the dissemination of funds after the project has been completed.

Yes

No

Letters of Support

Do you wish to add any letters of support from your Collaborators or Partners?

Please note that letters of support do not need to be provided with the application but may be requested as a condition of the grant if an award is made.

- Yes
 No

Section 4 - Project Summary

Project Title

Provide the full title of your proposed project.

No Response

Project Relevance

Tell us about how your project is related to the JUST research agenda (75 words).

No Response

Relation to JUST Themes

Which theme in the call does your proposal address and please say briefly how your project will further knowledge and understanding on the theme? (250 words)

- Rural economies
- Biodiversity and nature
- Jobs and skills
- Race, ethnicity and justice
- Storytelling and journalism
- Other (please specify)

No Response

Geographic Location of the Project

Please describe the geographical location of the proposed research (25 words).

No Response

JUST Themes and Working Groups Relevance

Which of the JUST Centre's Thematic Working and Innovation Group(s) do you envisage principally working with?

- Policy, Governance, and Change
 Social and Built Infrastructures
 Principles of Justice
 Social and Solidarity Economies
 Democratic Innovations
 Methodological Innovation

Anticipated Project Start Date

Please select your anticipated project start date below.

No Response

Anticipated Project End Date

Please select your anticipated project end date below.

No Response

Section 5 - Project Description

Project Description

Please describe your project, including its goals, methods, expected research outcomes, measures to evaluate success, project management, and data management/availability.

Please make clear how your project will build on and extend existing literature and key debates, and how it articulates with the goals of the JUST Centre.

(1000 Words)

No Response

Project Summary - Plain English

Provide a plain English summary of the project you propose to carry out in a language that could be publicised to a general, non-academic audience.

(200 words)

No Response

Project Impact

Please describe the types of impact your proposed research is expected to achieve and how you intend to realise them.

This could include contributions to policy, practice, or citizen engagement.

Outline key mechanisms, partnerships, or engagement strategies you will use to maximise the impact.

(300 words)

No Response

Project Uniqueness and Innovation

Please outline what you will bring to JUST's research community if your project is approved, including which Thematic Working and Innovation Group(s) and/or Place team(s) you would envisage working with.

(300 words)

No Response

Project Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI)

Please outline how you have employed principles of equality, diversity, inclusion and intersectionality in the proposed research/team setup and any specific objectives planned with respect to EDI. (300 words)

No Response

Project Timeline

Please provide a timeline of the proposed project, and include considerations of time needed for ethics and any contracts.

(300 words max)

No Response

Section 6 - Applicant and Team Capability to Deliver

Project Team Experience

Please summarise the experience of your team in past research on justice in sustainability transformations, as well as how the project will build capacity both of team members and beyond the team.

(500 words)

No Response

Collaborators

Please describe how the proposal has been co-developed with your partner organisation(s).

(100 words)

No Response

Section 7 - Ethics and Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI)

What are the ethical or RRI implications and issues relating to the proposed work?

If you do not think that the proposed work raises any ethical or RRI issues, explain why.

What the assessors are looking for in your response.

Demonstrate that you have identified and evaluated:

- *The relevant ethical or responsible research and innovation considerations*
- *How you will manage these considerations*

As a guide, this section should be around 300 words.

No Response

Section 8 - Resources and Cost

Budgeting

Please **download** the following spreadsheet and update it with your proposed budget. Once you are done, please **re-upload** the file below. Please note that the accepted file types are .csv, .xls, and .xlsx.

JUST_Budget_table.xlsx

This will include salary costs for Project Leads, Co-Leads, and research assistants/associates as appropriate to deliver the proposed activities. Additionally, please note any policies for payments to research participants and community partners in the funding call document.

No Response

Given your budget, what is the total grant value sought?

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No Response

In-Kind Contributions

Are there any in kind contributions?

- Yes
- No

Justification of Resources

For each of the previously stated budget items, please provide brief justifications.

No Response

ECR Question Form Logic

Are you an Early Career Researcher?

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- Graduated from your PhD within the past 7 years
- Career breaks (non-academic work, parental leave, etc.) are not included in the 7 years
- You are currently a researcher in your research field

Yes

No

ECR Form

If you are an ECR, please answer the additional questions below.

ECR Justification

Please explain how you meet the conditions for being treated as an Early Career Researcher, if relevant.

(100 words)

You have entered 0 words (100 words max)

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PhD Completion

How many years has it been since you completed your PhD?

Please enter the **number** of years only.

Collaborator Question Form Logic

Collaborators

Are collaborators involved in your project? Please note, these are collaborators who would be funded.

If the project has a co-lead, please put them down as the first collaborator.

- Yes
 No

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Collaborator 1 Details

Provide the details of your collaborator. To add an additional collaborator, select the checkbox.

Collaborator 1 Full Name

Collab1_Full_Name

Collaborator 1 Job Title

Collab1_Title

Collaborator 1 Organisation

Please enter the organisation name in full without using acronyms.

Collab1_Org_new

Collaborator 1 Email Address

Please enter the email associated with their organisation or institution.

Type of Organisation

Select the type of organisation for Collaborator 1.

- Higher Educational Institutes and Universities
 Research and Technology Organisations
 Small Sized Enterprise
 Medium Enterprise
 Large Enterprise
 Charity or not-for-profit

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Collab1_Organisation_Type

Conflict of Interest Disclosure

All applicants are required to disclose any professional roles, appointments, or vested interests they hold with their industrial collaborator. This includes, but is not limited to, exec or non-exec directorships, advisory positions, consultancy arrangements, or financial interests that may reasonably be perceived to influence the conduct or outcomes of the project. Please click below to indicate if you have any such conflict of interest.

- Yes
 No

<p>Please elaborate on your role or interest with the collaborator.</p> <p>JUST reserves the right to review and assess these disclosures to ensure transparency, integrity, and compliance with funder requirements. Here, please elaborate on the funding nature of collaborator 1 as well as how much their costs will be.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid gray; height: 150px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>You have entered 0 words (200 words max)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Edit Delete</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Role_W_Collab1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Edit Insert Before Insert After Copy Delete</p>	* ⚙️
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If the applicant checks the boxes under ‘Will you be adding another collaborator?’, then this will open the same form as the first collaborator.

Project Partner Question Form Logic

Project Partners

Are you planning on having any unfunded project partners or funded organisations / charities?

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Yes

No

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Project Partners' Addition

Project Partners' Full Names

Please type in all Project Partners' full names below.

Project_Partner_Full_Name (2)

Project Partners' Emails

Please type in all Project Partners' emails.

Project Partners' Organisations

Please type in all Project Partners' organisations without the use of acronyms and in full.



Project_Partner_Organisations

Project Partners' Justification

Please provide a brief justification for the addition / collaboration with your project partner(s).

(200 words)


Letters of Support Form Logic

Letters of Support  

Do you wish to add any letters of support from your Collaborators or Partners?

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Yes
 No



Upload Letters of Support 

Please upload any letters of support form your project collaborators or partners below. Accepted file types are .doc, .docx, or .pdf.

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In-Kind Contributions Form Logic

In-Kind Contributions  

Are there any in kind contributions?



Yes
 No

In-Kind Contributions 

In-Kind Contributions Estimate  

Please provide a total estimate of in-kind contributions associated with your project.

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Upload In-Kind Contributions  

Please outline any in-kind contributions and estimate their value.
Please download the following spreadsheet and update it with your proposed budget.
[JUST_In-Kind.xlsx](#)

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