

Small Research Grants

Guidelines and Application Form

The Institute of Making are offering **up to** **£5000** to interdisciplinary research teams around UCL for small collaborative research projects on the topic of materials and making.

**Who can apply?**

All UCL staff and postgraduate students. The project must involve at least two researchers from different UCL departments. It can involve outside parties *in addition to* the two UCL departments, but not instead of.

**What is supported?**

Projects must involve research on the topic of materials and making and should bridge the gaps between disciplines. Projects that contribute to collaborative working across UCL in the longer term will be given preference. Priority will also be given to new collaborations and projects that would not be able to attract funding elsewhere.

Some examples of activities that are eligible for funding include:

* Running an interdisciplinary series of symposia or research workshops on the topic of materials or making.
* Developing a pilot study for an interdisciplinary research project that involves two departments at UCL.
* Writing a grant proposal for research on materials or making that involves two different departments at UCL.

**What is not supported?**

This funding is specifically for innovative research projects, not for entrepreneurial endeavours, buying existing tools, equipment or other kit for your department, or for personal making projects. The Institute of Making does, however, provide [Materials Bursaries](http://www.instituteofmaking.org.uk/blog/2013/09/materials-bursary) for that type of endeavour.

This funding is designed to encourage new collaborations and should not be used to supplement a project that is already underway.

This funding should not be used for purposes other than those stipulated in the proposal.

**How to apply**

Please return the following to research@instituteofmaking.org.uk by the **7th Feb 2014**:

- The completed application form (below).

- Letters of commitment (if you are UCL staff) or letters of support from supervisors (if you are UCL postgraduate students) from representatives of at least 2 UCL departments.

If you have any questions regarding eligibility or your application, please feel free to contact the Institute of Making team.

**Deadlines**

The deadline for applications is **7th Feb 2014**. Decisions will be made shortly after the deadline. The project needs to commence, and its allocated funds be spent, by **31st August 2014**.

**Who will make decisions?**

The Research Grants Committee ranks the applications. Projects with the highest ranking will be supported, subject to the availability of funds. Applicants will be notified shortly after the application deadline.

**After the award**

Successful teams are expected to document their work, providing images (or video) and a summary of the outcomes and impact of the project for our documentation and for the Institute of Making website: <http://www.instituteofmaking.org.uk/research>.

 



Application Form

Please complete and return to research@instituteofmaking.org.uk by the **7th Feb 2014**, along with 2 letters of commitment to, or support for, the project from UCL staff.

**Name of 1st Investigator**

**UCL department**

**Name of 2nd Investigator**

**UCL department**

**Other investigators (optional)**

**Affiliation (optional)**

*Please state the affiliation of other investigators if applicable.*

**Project description**

*Please give a description of the proposed project or activity.*

**Reasons for applying**

*Please state why this ‘Bridging the Gaps’ funding is appropriate for your particular project.*

**Budget**

*Please state the amount of funding requested (up to £5000) and give a* ***detailed*** *estimated breakdown of costs.*

**Plan**

*Please give an idea of the proposed duration, timeline and potential outcomes of your project.*

**Declarations:**

**☐ I understand that if awarded a Small Research Grant, I am required to document what and report back to the Institute of Making.**

**☐ I agree that funding awarded to me will only be spent on the project I have outlined above.**