

Small Research Grants Call for Proposals

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, postgraduate students and post-doctoral fellows are encouraged to apply. 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 have the potential to bridge the gaps between disciplines on the topic of materials and making. Priority will be given to new projects that would not be able to attract funding from elsewhere, or projects that are initiating a new collaboration. Projects that contribute to collaborative working across UCL in the longer term will be given preference.

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 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 buying existing tools, equipment or other kit for your department or for personal making projects. The Institute of Making does, however, provide [Materials Bursaries](#) 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.

Applicants should complete the application form and send it back to Sarah Wilkes at the Institute of Making: research@instituteofmaking.org.uk.

Please include the following in your application:

- A summary of the rationale behind your project and the reasons why an interdisciplinary approach is appropriate.
- Letters of support showing evidence of commitment to the project from members of staff in at least two UCL departments.
- A detailed breakdown of the costs involved in your proposed project.
- A description of the proposed duration and timeline of your project.

Deadline.

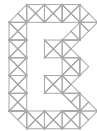
The deadline for applications is 15th November 2013. Decisions will be made shortly after the deadline. The project needs to commence, and its allocated funds be spent, before 31st August 2014.

Who will make decisions?

A 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 provide a few images and a one-page 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>.



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Application Form

Please complete and email back to research@instituteofmaking.org.uk by the 15th November.

1st Investigator

Name:

UCL department

2nd Investigator

Name:

UCL department

Other investigators (optional)

Affiliation (optional)

Please state the affiliation of other investigators if applicable.

Project description

Please give a description of 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.