

"Graphene/Advanced Materials Proof-of-Principle Call"

A Call for Proposals is open for novel proof-of-principle (PoP) projects which have a graphene (or other advanced material) aspect and which could likely lead to applications, new materials or new processes which will have practical industrial (or consumer) use or inform such developments.

The call is therefore aimed towards all of the University's researchers or project teams who are interested in the production and applications of graphene, as well as other innovative materials, which might ultimately result in economic benefits and have reached the IP development stage, and who are enthusiastic about the technology transfer process.

Projects should be 6 -12 months in duration and be between £25,000 - £100,000 in funding request (excluding overheads). PoP projects generally follow a period of grant funded research.

Project proposals can range, for example, from scale-up and exemplification of findings in bio-applications, to engineered composite designs and processing of all types for end use, and including energy generation and storage, all electronics applications and industrial processes.

Interdisciplinary proposals will be particularly welcome (including, where existing relationships exist, any collaborations with your colleagues at other universities).

A total of £1M is available to fund the most highly rated proposals.

The closing date for applications is Friday 14th September 2012.

Successful applicants will be notified by mid-November and are encouraged to commence projects as soon as possible thereafter.

To apply, please complete the application form which you can find at www.umip.com/gradmatpop and email it to: gradmat@umip.com

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If you have an idea for a biomedical/life science research project that is too early for PoP then please contact Dr Kay Hodgson (FMHS Research Deanery) who will be happy to discuss further: kay.hodgson@manchester.ac.uk
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