
What are the new PEARL Activity grants?

PEARL is aiming to fund 6 new research activities which offer the public a chance to get involved. Examples of activities include giving an interactive talk or demonstration at your local school; having the public participate in your research (e.g. taking a survey, sports performance analysis with local athletes, community archaeological excavation, children's language studies); hosting an event, focus group or debate – be as creative as you like!

Activity Eligibility & Assessment Criteria

Funding applications of any amount from £100 - £1000 can be submitted.

The public engagement with research activity should;

- focus on a **specific, identified piece/area of research**. This can either be part of an existing research project, or a new research project
- engage **at least 10 members of the public** (however if fewer individuals are involved please justify)
- be a **formally organised activity** (e.g. demonstration, experiment, consultation, lecture, interview, course, visit, exhibition)
- deliver an identified **benefit to society**: e.g. teaching a new skill or knowledge, changing habits, inspiring people etc.
- involve members of the public in **genuine two-way engagement**
- aim to **enhance the quality of the research project** by involving the public: e.g. through attracting new partners, stimulating new ideas etc.
- applicants should be open to feedback/suggestions from the panel on minor changes/improvements to the activity

Please ensure you outline how you will meet the above criteria on the activity guideline form.

Who can apply?

Any member of staff or student from the University of Lincoln.

What can the funding cover?

For example, but not limited to, staff costs, travel expenses, equipment/resources, running costs, one-off events.

What support can we give?

- Advice (where possible) on carrying out the project, for example suggestions of staff or resources that may be able to assist in completing the activity
- Sharing of your event on our social media

PEARL Activity grants - Application Guidelines

Public Engagement for All with Research at Lincoln

What happens if you are successful?

The closing date for applications is **Friday 23rd February 4pm**.

Successful applicants will be asked to give a short introduction to their activity at the new annual University of Lincoln Public Engagement with Research conference on **March 21st 2018** (if applicants are unable to do this, it does not exclude them from applying).

Instructions will be given as to how to receive the funding. Once the project has been completed, successful applicants will be asked to complete a report, and also to give a short presentation at the 2019 University of Lincoln Public Engagement with Research conference.

Questions

If you have any questions regarding the activity funding, completing the application form or PEARL, please don't hesitate to contact the PEARL team on the details below.

You can also follow the website (pearl.blogs.lincoln.ac.uk), Twitter ([@UniLincolnPEARL](https://twitter.com/UniLincolnPEARL)) or Facebook page ([@UniLincolnPublicEngagement](https://www.facebook.com/UniLincolnPublicEngagement)).