MAPS EDI Funding Call: Take bold action for inclusion 2023-2024

The <u>MAPS EDI Strategy 2022-2027</u> aims to improve our study, research, teaching, and overall work environments, such that every student and staff member in the faculty can develop a sense of belonging and feel encouraged and supported to develop their full potential.

In alignment with our MAPS EDI Strategic plan, we are opening the this year's MAPS EDI Funding Call "Take bold action for inclusion." The aim is to provide support to EDI initiatives that focus on developing or strengthening <u>inclusive environments</u> for staff or students in the Faculty. For 2024, we are planning to fund an appropriate number projects for up to a maximum of £3,000 each.

The projects should address inclusivity regarding, but not limited to, disability, the LGBTQ+ community, gender, race and ethnicity, religion or belief, or socio-economic background.

Who can apply?

The lead applicant must be member of staff or PhD student, but the project may be done in collaboration with undergraduate, postgraduate taught and/or research graduate students.

We would like to encourage applications from departmental EDI-related networks, departmental EDI committees, and any individual member of staff passionate about taking bold action for inclusion.

Assessment

A Faculty panel will assess the proposals. All applications should clearly show that the proposed project:

- is relevant to MAPS EDI Strategy 2022-2027,
- will be completed within the funding period (29 January 2024 to 31 July 2024),
- has a clearly defined target audience, and
- has a clearly defined, and assessable, intended impact.

We also welcome projects that foster collaboration between departments or institutes in the Faculty.

Successful applicants will need to provide a narrative project report and a financial report of expenditure against budget by 31 July 2024.

Application deadlines

Application deadline: Friday 19 January 2024 at 5pm. Funding period: 29 January 2024 to 31 July 2024.

Funding decision will be communicated around 26 January 2024.

Application form

To apply please fill the online application form which can be found <u>here</u>. To help you prepare your application, we are also providing, for drafting purposes, a PDF file with the questions asked in the online form.

If you have any questions about this funding call, please contact us at maps.edi@ucl.ac.uk