RNCM INNOVATORS FUND

INTRODUCTION

The RNCM Innovators Fund is a new initiative set up to encourage and support the development of Postgraduate student-led creative projects that take place or exist beyond the College site. Such projects will play a role in helping to develop the employability of students during and after their studies. Each year a small number of awards will be made to support innovative and entrepreneurial ideas. Regardless of how much you bid for we encourage you to look foradditional sources of funding or in-kind support. We are looking for projects that will deliver high-quality outcomes and create real impact.

ELIGIBILITY AND CRITERIA

Any student studying on an RNCM Postgraduate course is eligible. This means that if you are already a PG student, or you are currently a 4th year Undergraduate and have accepted a place at the RNCM on a PG course, you are eligible to apply.

The College has chosen not to be prescriptive about the nature of your proposals, but we are interested in receiving ideas for creative projects that involve students from more than one School or entrepreneurial projects from individuals.

Each project proposal will need to identify a lead student contact, and as such, you can only submit one proposal per year in this role. Any RNCM student can be involved in your project, and there is no limit to the number of project proposals with which you may be associated.

Applications will be considered once a year, in the Summer term with successful projects being funded to take place during the following academic year. You can apply for up to a maximum of £3,000, and this must be spent within the designated period.

Projects cannot form part of your scheduled curriculum activity and must not be dependent on the involvement of RNCM staff or use of College facilities to enable them to take place. You will be expected to manage your project independently of and alongside any scheduled curriculum activity and any other College commitments.

All legal and artistic responsibilities, copyright and employment issues rest with the lead student identified with the project. Any sum awarded to a project is in the form of a grant; the College will not act as guarantor for any costs incurred by the project nor will it underwrite, or be responsible for, the cost of any debt or liability arising from the project.

HOW TO APPLY

The application process involves 2 stages that have been kept as simple and clear as possible.

Stage 1

This involves completing and submitting the application form. The deadline for submitting Stage 1 applications is midnight on **Sunday 24 June 2012**.

A Selection Panel will then meet to consider all the submitted applications and a small number of proposals will be selected to go forward to Stage 2.

Stage 2

Those selected for Stage 2 are required to present their proposal in more detail to the Selection Panel and to answer any questions they may ask. Stage 2 interviews will take place before the end of June 2012 and the Principal will announce those projects in receipt of a grant as soon as possible thereafter.

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| Lead contact email: |  | | | | |
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| Project Outline (300 words max) | | | | | |
| * *Main objectives* * *Who will benefit from the project* * *Innovative/entrepreneurial aspects* * *Marketing and promotion* * *Impact and legacy on completion* | | | | | |
| Project Timetable | | | | | |
| * Timeline with dates, from start to finish | | | | | |
| Project Venue & Resources | | | | | |
| * Where will the project take place? * What resources will you need? | | | | | |
| Evaluation of the Project (200 words max) | | | | | |
| * Why do you think we should support your project? * How will you measure the success of the project? | | | | | |
| Funding & Budget | | | | | |
| * What level of funding are you applying for (max £3,000) * Set out your budget to include: production costs, marketing and promotion costs, music hire, performing rights costs etc. | | | | | |
| Income | | | | | |
| * In addition to the amount for which you are applying, indicate any commercial income you might reasonably expect, income from other sources, and any contribution you can/will make yourself. | | | | | |
| Please send this application form as an attachment to an email to the Principal’s Office, principal@rncm.ac.uk to arrive by midnight on Sunday 24 June 2012 | | | | | |