

USF Seminar Series 2025 AI4UG AI for Urban Governance

Application process for ECR Financial Support

The seminar series includes a two-day seminar [Sx] and a full day research training [Tx] on the concepts of AI for urban governance.

On each [Sx]+[Tx] we will provide a small financial support to 10 participants who qualify as either PhD students and/or Early Career Researchers (ECR).

This support will be an up to GBP120 reimbursement (indicative values on 30 September 2025: up to USD162 and up to BRL860) to support travelling and or accommodation costs for the ECR in their participation in our events.

Eligibility

- Be a PhD student or an ECR as defined by UKRI ([definition here](#))
- Be affiliated with a higher education institution or research institution from the country where the [Sx]+[Tx] takes place:
 - [S1]+[T1] at Suffolk University, Boston, MA: eligible country USA;
 - [S2]+[T1] at University of Brasilia, DF: eligible country Brazil;
 - [S3]+[T3] at University of Manchester, Manchester: eligible country UK.

Application Process

- Write a 200 words statement indicating:
 - Your research interest in the topics of the SS25.AI4UG;
 - Your current research that focus on the development of AI tools;
- A one A4 page short CV;
- Submit the application using the form at WEB by:
 - [S1]+[T1] 03/11/2025, decision communicated via email on 10/11/2025;
 - [S2]+[T1] 16/02/2026, decision communicated via email on 02/03/2026;
 - [S3]+[T3] 08/06/2026, decision communicated via email on 22/06/2026;
- Applications will be reviewed by the SS leads with the following criteria:
 - Relevance of the applicant's research to the SS25.AI4UG research topics;
 - Capacity of the applicant to contribute to the dissemination of the results of the SS25.AI4UG;
 - There is no possibility of appealing the decision of the selection committee;

Terms of award

- The selection committee will select the ECRs for each of the three events following the criteria above;
- The selected candidates will receive a one-off reimbursement of eligible expenses of up to GBP120 (indicative values on 30 September 2025: up to USD162 and up to BRL860)
- Eligible expenses:

- Transport expenses (any transport mode);
 - Accommodation expenses;
- The payment will be made by the University of Manchester following its rules to process and pay support funds for travel and accommodation;
- Expenses will be reimbursed only when their receipts are presented;
- No bank transfer fees or other financial processing costs are eligible or will be supported;
- ECRs selected will be informed of how the reimbursement of this support fund will be made.