Application Form University of Leicester AHRC Doctoral Landscape Awards (Oct 2026 entry)

Please consult the Applicant Guidance for further information about the below questions.
You must submit this application by 20 January 2026 at noon UK time.

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Eligibility Questions

The questions in this section confirm your eligibility to apply for a Doctoral Landscape Award.

1. Your Full Name *

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2. Email Address for Correspondence *

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3. Your Status *

◯ UK applicant with a Master's (or currently studying for a Master's)

◯ International applicant with a Master's (or currently studying for a Master's)

◯ UK applicant without a Master's but with equivalent professional experience

◯ International applicant without a Master's but with equivalent professional experience

4. PhD programme to which you are applying *

○ Archaeology and Ancient History

○ Creative Writing

○ Criminology

○ Education and Applied Linguistics

○ English

○ Film Studies

○ History

○ Human and Social Geography

○ Law

○ Media and Communication

○ Modern Languages

○ Museum Studies

○ Politics and International Relations

○ Sociology

○ Translation Studies

5. Mode of Study *

○ Full-time, campus-based

○ Part-time, campus-based

6. Please confirm that you have submitted an application to the University of Leicester for the above programme: *

○ Yes

7. Please enter your University of Leicester Applicant ID *

This is the application number that will have been generated when you submitted your University of Leicester PhD application.

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8. I confirm that my application does not include the name of institutions where I completed previous undergraduate and postgraduate degrees *

  ◯ Yes

9. Please confirm that you have checked that your research is eligible for AHRC funding. *

Check the Applicant Guidance for further information.

  ◯ Yes

Project

This section asks you to provide information about your proposed PhD project. Please pay close attention to the instructions and to the required word counts.

10. Project Title *

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11. Project Proposal (500 words) *

Please include the final word count in brackets at the end of your response, eg. (500). This does not count towards the final word count.

Please use the Applicant Guidance to support the development of your Project Proposal. It is strongly recommended that you seek feedback from your proposed supervisor before submitting this application. Your Proposal must cover each of the points below and incorporate references (Author, date) to existing literature or practice in relevant fields.

- *The challenge or gap in existing knowledge that your project aims to address*
- *The context for this challenge or gap (with reference to existing literature or practice)*
- *Your primary research question*
- *The aims and objectives that you will meet/address to answer this research question*
- *The methods that you will use to meet/address your aims and objectives*

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12. Project Contribution (300 words) *

Please include the final word count in brackets at the end of your response, eg. (300). This does not count towards the final word count.
Please reflect on and explain how your proposed project may impact knowledge and understanding, whether within your own academic discipline, in relevant arts, humanities, cultural, creative and heritage sectors, or in broader societal or economic ways. You may also wish to reflect on how this might benefit your career.

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13. Reference List (200 words) *

Please include the final word count in brackets at the end of your response, eg. (200). This does not count towards the final word count.

List references for the primary and secondary material cited in your project proposal. You must include enough information for the work cited to be identified by another person. However, you may omit the publisher from the citations of books, and where an essay or article has multiple authors, you may use the lead author and abbreviate the others to 'et al.'

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14. Timeline (200 words) *

Please include the final word count in brackets at the end of your response, eg. (200). This does not count towards the final word count.

Please provide an indicative timeline for your project, including year-by-year objectives and activities over the full duration of the award (to a maximum of 3.5 years for full-time students; 7 years part-time) This allows the feasibility of your proposed project to be understood.

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15. Ethical Considerations (200 words) *

Please include the final word count in brackets at the end of your response, eg. (200). This does not count towards the final word count.

Please review the University of Leicester's research ethics and integrity guidelines, and outline:

- *The specific ethical considerations of your project: these may be material (e.g. copyright and intellectual property, data storage) or methodological (data collection, engagement of research participants/stakeholders)*
- *How you will address ethical concerns you have identified (e.g., informed consent, anonymisation, appropriate training, identification of support services etc.)*

If you have not identified any ethical issues with your project, please write "None" as a response.

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16. Off-site Activity: Practice/Fieldwork/Study Visits (200 words) *

Please include the final word count in brackets at the end of your response, eg. (200). This does not count towards the final word count.
Complete this section if your proposed project will require you to undertake fieldwork, study visits or forms of practice, beyond routine dissemination and engagement events. Include only activities that are essential to the completion of your project. Their significance to the project must be evident to the assessors of your application. Activities not mentioned here but which are later identified as important to your research may not be funded. Please see the Applicant Guidance for further information.

For each activity, please provide indicative details explaining where the activity will take place, how long it will take, why it is essential to your project, and the types of costs that are likely to be incurred. Please also indicate if you have considered contingency plans, and what they would entail.

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Preparedness

In this section, please provide details about your academic qualifications, both your undergraduate degree and, if applicable, your postgraduate degree. The AHRC requires a good undergraduate degree award as a minimum, though we also recognise that professional qualifications and experience may provide the equivalent preparation to a Master's qualification. In order to support our inclusive approach to applications, please DO NOT include details of your degree-awarding institution in your answers.

17. Undergraduate Degree *

List your undergraduate degree here, including the type of degree (eg. BA), course name or subject, grade or class awarded, and the date of the award. **Do not include the name of the awarding institution.**

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18. Postgraduate Degree *

List your postgraduate degree here, including the type of degree (eg. MA or MRes), course name or subject, grade or class awarded, and the date of the award. If your Postgraduate Degree is still in progress, include the end date of the degree and add 'in progress' instead of a mark. See the Applicant Guidance document for further information. **Do not include the name of the awarding institution.**

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19. Professional Experience

List any professional experience equivalent or in addition to a Postgraduate Degree, including the type/role, and brief description (30 words).

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20. Further Professional Experience

List any further related professional experience here (30 words).

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21. Knowledge, Skills & Experience (300 words) *

Please include the final word count in brackets at the end of your list of your response, eg. (300). This does not count towards the final word count.

Please outline how your existing achievements and experience are relevant to the proposed project, and explain how the skills and knowledge you have acquired will support you in successfully completing the proposed project. **Please do not make reference to the names of any institutions where you completed previous degrees.**

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22. Knowledge and Skills Development (300 words) *

Please include the final word count in brackets at the end of your list of your response, eg. (300). This does not count towards the final word count.

Please outline further skills, knowledge and experience you will need in order to complete the proposed project. These may include, for example, proficiency in an additional language; specific research methods; software training or project management skills.

23. Any Other Information (150 words)

Please include the final word count in brackets at the end of your response, eg. (150). This does not count towards the final word count.

Please provide relevant information you would like to bring to the panel's attention. This may for example include periods of illness; forms of leave (such as compassionate, sickness or parental); and chronic health conditions. Please present this information as concisely as possible, with an approximate date where appropriate. Please do not use this field to continue previous responses.

Place

This section asks you to explain why the University of Leicester is the best place for you to do this project.

24. Name and Academic School of Proposed Supervisor 1 *

    eg. Dr First Name Last Name, School of Subject Area

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25. Name of Proposed Supervisor 2 *

    eg. Dr First Name Last Name, School of Subject Area

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26. Institutional Fit (250 words) *

    Please include the final word count in brackets at the end of your response, eg. (250). This does not count towards the final word count.

    Please explain how your proposed project would benefit from both the expertise of the proposed supervisory team and the wider expertise and research community of your chosen School and the University of Leicester. You may also want to consider how your project fits in with the thematic priorities of the College of Social Science, Arts, and Humanities, listed below.

    - *Heritage: Past, present, future*
    - *Culture & Digital Futures: Media, contemporary creativity, & AI*
    - *Healthy Planet, People, and Places: Global mobilities, environmental futures, social wellbeing*
    - *Social Justice and Rights: Hyperdiversity, equity, and inclusion*
    - *Security, Crime & Prevention: Victims, perpetrators, responses to crime*

    Please consult the Applicant Guidance for further information and to ensure that your project fits with the AHRC remit.

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Other Information

27. Have you applied for an AHRC award at any other DTP for a 2026 start?

○ Yes

○ No

28. If Yes, please give details