

AHRC/BBC Radio 3 New Generation Thinkers

Frequently Asked Questions

Do you want to tell the world about your work? Then this BBC Radio 3 and the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) initiative to find the next generation of public intellectuals working in the arts and humanities is for you.

Together we are looking for emerging academics from the arts and humanities who are currently in UK universities and who have a passion for communicating the excitement of modern scholarship to a wider audience.

1.) Am I eligible to apply?

a) What is the definition of early career?

Early career researchers in this case are defined as being a UK resident over 18 currently undertaking a postgraduate or postdoctoral award or working as a postgraduate or postdoctoral member of a research project within one or more of the AHRC disciplinary domains. Link

<http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/FundingOpportunities/Documents/AHRC%20subject%20domain.pdf>

OR

within eight years of the award of your PhD on an arts or humanities discipline and currently working in arts and humanities academic research at a UK university

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within six years of your first academic appointment in the arts or humanities and currently working in academia at a UK university.

b) Can I apply if I applied last year?

Yes we welcome applications from all those eligible, including those who applied last year, even if you reached the finals.

c) Is there an age limit?

No, there is no upper age limit but again you need to be over 18 and either within eight years of the award of your PhD or within six years of your first academic appointment in the arts or humanities.

d.) Do I need to be AHRC funded?

Not at all. We welcome applications from postgraduate or postdoctoral researchers who are currently active in arts and humanities research in UK academia and meet the eligibility criteria. We also welcome applications from any researcher in the arts and humanities who has been funded by the AHRB/AHRC in the past or who is currently funded by the AHRC, either directly through a research award or indirectly through being a member of an AHRC funded research team.

2.) Where can I find the application form?

The online application form is accessible from the AHRC website.

If you have any problems accessing the online application form please contact the NGT team via ngt@ahrc.ac.uk

3.) Can I apply by post?

No. All applications must be completed online

4.) If I'm successful, where and when will the 'developing programme idea workshops' take place?

Those chosen from the initial applications will be invited to attend a workshop in March 2012 at one of three locations: London, Glasgow and Manchester.

5.) Can I include a preferred date / location for the workshops

If invited to attend the workshops you will be offered a date at one of four workshops in March. We will offer you an alternative date if you are unable to attend the first one offered.

6.) What if I cannot attend any of the workshops?

Unfortunately then your place would be offered to another candidate.

7.) When is the deadline?

Applications close at midnight on the 7th December 2012. No applications will be accepted after that deadline. The application period opens on the 8th November.

8.) Will the AHRC or BBC pay my travel costs to attend the workshops?

If invited to attend the workshops you will need to pay your own travel and accommodation costs to attend. The AHRC and BBC will be covering the costs of the workshops themselves.

9.) How can I find out more?

Further details can be seen on the AHRC website at

<http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/FundingOpportunities/Pages/NewGenerationThinkers.aspx>