Department of Philosophy

Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship

Expression of Interest

The Department of Philosophy at the University of York is seeking expressions of interest from candidates wishing to apply to hold a Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship at York.

The fellowships are for early career researchers, with a research record but who have not yet held a full-time permanent academic post, to undertake a significant piece of publishable work.

Fellowships can be held at universities or at other institutions of higher education in the UK. The Fellowships are intended to assist those at a relatively early stage of their academic careers, and it is hoped that the appointment would lead to a more permanent position for the individual, either within the same or another institution.

The scheme is based on a pattern of joint support whereby the Leverhulme Trust will contribute 50% of the Fellow's total salary costs (including National Insurance, superannuation and London allowance, where applicable) up to a maximum of £26,000 in each year of the award, and the balance is to be contributed by the host institution. The Trust’s contribution in subsequent years will normally increase in line with pay awards and normal increments up to the annual maximum of £26,000. The Trust’s maximum annual contribution will be pro-rated if the Fellowship is held on a part-time basis. The Fellow may request up to £6,000 per annum in research expenses to further his or her research activities.

Fellowships are tenable for 3 years on a full-time basis. The Trust will support requests to hold the award part-time over a proportionately longer period for health related reasons, disability or childcare commitments. Before beginning your application, please read the information in the downloadable PDF, Guidance for Applicants.

Further details on this scheme are available at the Leverhulme Early Career Fellowships page.
We welcome applications that will complement and enhance current departmental research strengths. For more information on the Department’s areas of expertise, see our research webpages.

The Department anticipates supporting only a small number of applications to this scheme. Strong applicants will be able to demonstrate a track record of excellent research, backed by evidence such as doctoral funding and/or publications in top journals.

By submitting an expression of interest form, you are confirming that you meet the eligibility criteria for the scheme, and that, should the Department agree to nominate you for this fellowship, you will work with a mentor in the Department to put together a full application to the scheme.

To ensure consideration, please identify a mentor from amongst the academic staff in the Department and contact them with a copy of your CV and a brief description of your proposed project to establish whether they would be interested in principle in supporting an application. If they indicate support, please fill in the expression of interest form on the following pages and submit it, along with a full CV including a list of publications, to Janet Eldred (janet.eldred@york.ac.uk) by 12 noon (GMT), Monday 5th December 2022. Your expression of Interest will be considered by a subcommittee of members of the Department Research Committee. Our chosen nominee(s) should work with the department to complete the application form for faculty approval with the submission deadline of 13th January 2023. Given faculty approval, a full and final draft application should be submitted to the University’s Research Grants Operations team (research-grants@york.ac.uk) by the anticipated deadline of 9th February 2023, to meet the 23rd February 2023 (4.00pm GMT) Leverhulme Trust scheme deadline.

Prospective applicants to this scheme are also strongly encouraged to attend an online Leverhulme Early Career Fellowships information session run by York, taking place on Tuesday 11 October. Register to attend through Zoom. This session is open to both internal and external candidates.

If you have any questions about the scheme, please contact the Chair of the Department’s Research Committee, Professor Mathhew Ratcliffe (matthew.ratcliffe@york.ac.uk).
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Title of Research Proposal:
Please write your answer here.

Main Applicant (or Fellow):
Name (inc. title):
Department/University:
Current Role:
Date of Appointment (if applicable):
End Date (if on fixed term contract):

Proposed Mentor at York:
Name (inc. title):
Department:
Role:

Summary of Proposal:
Please summarise your fellowship proposal (1000 words maximum):

Fit with Department:
Please explain why you see the Department of Philosophy at York as a good fit for your planned project (200 words maximum)

Candidate Experience:
Please outline how your current and past research experience shows you to be an outstanding candidate for this scheme (250 words maximum)
Expected Start date for funding:
Please write your answer here.

Expected End date for funding:
Please write your answer here.

Submit your form:
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