King's College London would like to invite applications to the Leverhulme Trust Early Career Fellowships scheme. The scheme provides three year fellowships for early career researchers within five years of submission of PhD. Fellowships are tenable in all fields, except for projects which would be better funded by the Medical Research Council. This is a highly competitive scheme: approximately 100 Fellowships will be available in the 2019 round and the success rate is typically no more than 14%.

Each year the Arts & Sciences Faculties support a limited number of applications. Those who are successful will join a vibrant community of postdoctoral research fellows at King’s who have been supported through this and other external and internal competitions in recent years. King’s is fully committed to supporting the scholarship and career development of these fellows, and each will be assigned an academic mentor and will be fully integrated into the life of their host Department/School.

**Important note**

Due to unprecedented success with applications to this scheme in 2019-20, it has been decided that the Faculty of Arts & Humanities will suspend participation in the scheme for this round, 2020-21 to keep things in balance. Participation in the scheme for 2021-22 will be reviewed. Any queries regarding this temporary suspension should be directed to Ben Nichols, Benjamin.nichols@kcl.ac.uk.
Overview
King’s operates a two-stage internal selection process: prospective candidates will contact their proposed Department/School, who review applications and lend support to their nominated candidates.

The second stage involves final selection of nominated candidates by the Faculty Vice-Deans Research. Successful candidates will be invited to develop their proposals for submission to the Leverhulme Trust.

We do not anticipate submitting more than 10-15 applications across the Arts & Sciences Faculties that are participating this year.

Please note that we will not accept or support applications that do not adhere to the internal selection and application process.

Internal selection process timeline

The timeline for the application process is set out below.

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| October to early December   | Prospective applicants contact their proposed mentor and Department/School | • Read the full details of the scheme at the [Leverhulme Trust’s website](https://www.leverhulme.ac.uk) to ensure eligibility to apply
• Applicants should make contact either with an academic member of staff closest to their research area or with the Head of Department and ask if they will provide advice on the application and act as your mentor if successful |
| Monday 09 December, 5:00pm  | Deadline for applicants to send Expressions of Interest to Arts & Sciences Research Office | Expressions of Interest must be sent as one combined PDF file, via email attachment to Susie Cornick-Willis (susanna.cornick-willis@kcl.ac.uk)
Expressions of Interest must include:
1. Eligibility confirmation statement
   - Date (or anticipated date) of doctoral viva
     *Note: applicants must have submitted their doctoral thesis by 28 February 2020, and not before 28 February 2016*
   - Current employer, position, and annual salary in GBP
     *Note: applicants must not have held a full-time established academic post in a UK university*
   - Evidence of association with UK academic community
     *Note: applicants must hold a UK degree, or, at the time of application, hold an academic position in the UK since as a fixed-term lectureship or fellowship*
2. CV (max. 2 pages, inclusive of publication list)
3. Research plan (max. 3 pages overall)
   - Name and contact email address
   - Project title
   - Proposed mentor and host department
   - Abstract written in non-specialist language (100 words)
   - Details of current and past research (250 words)
   - Proposed research project (max. 2 pages inclusive of any bibliographic references)

To include: aims, objectives, methodology, planned outputs
| Week commencing 16 December | Prospective applicants are informed of outcome of review | • Successful applicants are given feedback and invited to begin full applications online via the Leverhulme portal ([https://grants.leverhulme.ac.uk/Login.aspx](https://grants.leverhulme.ac.uk/Login.aspx))
• Successful applicants should maintain contact with local research support staff and the relevant Research Development Manager for advice and guidance
• Successful applicants will be sent guidance and Faculty-specific contact details for the budgetary aspects of the application. |
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| Ongoing | Application development | • Read the online applicant guidance and help notes on the Leverhulme Trust’s website
• Contact your three proposed referees as early as possible to make arrangements for them to submit their statements online by the deadline of 12 March 2020
• Seek support from your host Department/School in completing the section of the application which asks you to describe research relevant to your proposal that is being carried out in the host Department |
| Week commencing 13 January | Applicant deadline to send first draft of application to Research Development Managers | • Applicants send first draft of application via Word or PDF attachment to their relevant Research Development Manager:
  - Arts & Humanities: Dr Ben Nichols
  - The Dickson Poon School of Law: Dr Caitlin Patrick
  - King’s Business School: Dr Caitlin Patrick
  - Social Science & Public Policy: Dr David Newsome
• Please do not add Research Development Managers as reviewers within the Leverhulme online portal; please send your draft via email attachment.
• Research Development Managers will return feedback to applicants by end of January. Due to time constraints, Research Development Managers are unlikely to be able to offer feedback on successive drafts. |
| Ongoing | Continued application development | • Read the online applicant guidance and help notes on the Leverhulme Trust’s website
• Contact your three proposed referees as early as possible to make arrangements for them to submit their statements online by the deadline of 12 March 2020
• Seek support from your host Department/School in completing the section of the application which asks you to describe research relevant to your proposal that is being carried out in the host Department |
| Friday 14 February, 5:00pm | King’s internal submission deadline | Applicants must submit their application via the Leverhulme portal by the internal deadline.
Heads of Departments will receive automatic email notification of submission, and are prompted to complete their section of the application form. |
| Thursday 27 February, 4:00pm | Leverhulme final external submission deadline | Once Heads of Departments have completed their section of the application form, the Pre-Award team make final and financial checks of the application, and submit on behalf of the institution to Leverhulme. Applicants receive an automatic email notification of submission. |

**Further information**
Referees will be contacted via email to provide references by 12 March 2020.
The Leverhulme Trust will report results to applicants by the end of May 2020.

Please ensure that you carefully read both the online applicant guidance and help notes on the Leverhulme Trust’s website. Answers to many Frequently Asked Questions can be found on these pages.

For queries that cannot be answered on these pages, please contact Susie Cornick-Willis on susanna.cornick-willis@kcl.ac.uk.