Leverhulme Trust research project grant (outline stage) application

Leverhulme research project grant stage 1 application for review by the Heritage & Creativity Grant Development College.

The Grant Development College aims to promote excellence and innovation in **large grant applications** within the Heritage & Creativity Theme. All Leverhulme Research Project Grant (RPG) applications will be reviewed and supported though the Grant Development College at Outline stage. The review will comprise sections from the application: "Why the Leverhulme Trust?", Abstract and the Proposal Summary.

While all applications will be reviewed on the merit of the proposal, applicants are encouraged to consider how the outcomes of their project might be enhanced by the use of digital technologies and methodologies, or the production of digital outputs. It is important to highlight that it may be possible to provide additional support to help applicants develop the technical elements of a proposal. Where assistance is needed to source the technical solutions or expertise required to deliver the project, or an applicant believes they would first require training in specific digital methods, these needs should be clearly outlined within this application. Where possible, applicants are encouraged to identify any known resources/providers of expertise/training that they believe will help to meet these needs.

Once the stage 1 form is submitted, two reviews will be sought: one from a member of the Grant Development College from outside the applicant's discipline; one from a member of the applicant's department/research division. The feedback will be in terms of the strengths and weaknesses of the application, as well as specific suggestions for improvement. Applications will be reviewed at a Grant Development College Meeting by the Research Development Manager, the lead for the Grant Development College, and the Research Division Leader. **Feedback will be provided within 4-6 weeks of the application deadline**.

Stage 1 Leverhulme Trust – Grant Development College

Project Title:

Principal Investigator:	Research Division:

Why the Leverhulme Trust? [limit: 250 Words]

Please justify why the application is being made to the Trust, taking into account the Trust's criteria:

Originality: the research achieves more than the incremental development of a single discipline

Importance: the work will enable further research or enquiry

Significance: the proposed research has relevance outside a single field and is able to excite those working in other disciplines

Merit: the quality of the research design and methodology and the suitability of the researchers and institution for the realisation of the proposed research objectives.

Please bear in mind Leverhulme's advice in this section:

Consult "Our approach to grant making" on the Trust's website to determine if your project fits the type of research we are seeking to fund.

Do not simply cut and paste text from the website

Do not just repeat what you have said elsewhere on the application form

Do answer the question and don't use the space for irrelevant material

Avoid purely descriptive text about the project or the skills of the research team.

Consider carefully whether the Trust really is the best recipient for your application.

Why the Leverhulme Trust?

Word Count:

Abstract [limit: 100 words]

This is effectively a pitch to the Leverhulme Trust Board, none of whom are academics. This should be clear, punchy, interesting and written for the lay reader.

Abstract

Word Count:

Project Summary [limit: 1,000 words]

The Summary should be written in a style suitable for a lay reader with a good knowledge of the subject area. It should include hypotheses to be tested, objectives, significance, methods to be used, and details of how the results will be published.

Project Summary

Word Count: