**Leverhulme Trust research project grant (outline stage) application**

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

The Grant Development College aims to promote excellence and innovation in large grant applications within the Prosperity & Resilience (P&R) 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.

Once the stage 1 form is submitted, a member of the Grant Development College from outside the PI’s discipline will be appointed to review the information and provide written feedback. The feedback will be in terms of the strengths and weaknesses of the application, as well as specific suggestions for improvement. Applications will also be reviewed by Adrian Bell (Research Dean and lead for the Grant Development College) and Katie Powell (Research Development Manager). **Feedback will be provided within four weeks of submission.**

In conjunction with the Grant Development College process, PI’s and their RDL are asked to identify an internal reviewer from their department to provide discipline specific feedback on the stage 1 application. This reviewer should be prepared to act as a ‘critical friend’ and give constructive feedback.
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.

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