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# HUMANITIES DOCTORAL ACADEMY

## HOW TO APPLY

Saturday 25 October 2PM



POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES



 (Reminder - This session will be recorded)

**OUR FACULTY:**



**POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH**  
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# THE FACULTY OF HUMANITIES

## *Schools*

**Alliance  
Manchester  
Business  
School**

Including:  
Accounting and Finance  
Business and Management  
Science, Technology and Innovation  
Management

**School of Arts,  
Languages and  
Cultures**

Including:  
Classics and Ancient History  
Digital Humanities  
Drama ( + new Film PhD 2026)  
Archaeology and Egyptology  
English Literature and Linguistics  
Modern Languages  
Religions and Theology  
and more

**School of  
Environment,  
Education and  
Development**

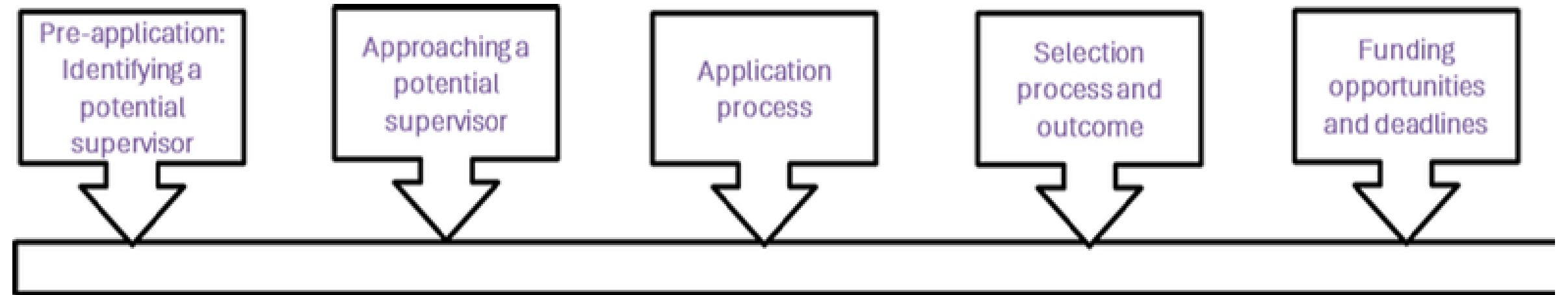
Including:  
Architecture  
Development Policy and  
Management  
Geography  
Education  
Planning and Management

**School of Social  
Sciences**

Including:  
Bioethics  
Criminology and Law  
Economics  
Philosophy and Politics  
Sociology and Social  
Anthropology  
Social Statistics

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## STAGES OF ADMISSION



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## IDENTIFYING YOUR SUPERVISOR

Before submitting your application, you must confirm that your chosen supervisor's interests align with your proposed research and they are willing to support your project.

Search by School or Division / Department. Many school websites will showcase their academic staff by research specialism in their subject.

You can also search using keywords on our research portal [research.manchester.ac.uk/](https://research.manchester.ac.uk/) Here you can read the publication history of potential supervisors

### Supervisor-led Project Database

Small number of specifically funded research projects advertised throughout the year. There will be email alerts and web updates when they are advertised.

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## APPROACHING YOUR SUPERVISOR

Develop your research proposal and project title

Email and attach your draft proposal to discuss potential supervision

Be brief but show your awareness of their research and how it aligns with your research

Indicate which programme you wish to be considered for

Include a CV that outlines your academic and career background

Contact no more than 2-3 supervisors

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## APPLICATION PROCESS

- Before you apply review all guidance thoroughly
- Complete the online application form
- Upload degree transcripts and certificates
- Evidence of English language proficiency
- Upload a Research Proposal
- Some programmes require a writing sample (this will be clearly stated on the course profile)
- Upload your CV
- Provide two referee details on your application form ensuring at least one is from an academic institution

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# SELECTION PROCESS

Application Process	What You Can Expect
Application submitted via online application form	You will receive an application acknowledgment email
If you have omitted any required supporting documentation, we will contact you via email.	We will send you a request via the self-service portal and a notification via email, with a deadline.
A complete application is sent to a Departmental reviewer for the subject area and a potential supervisor for their consideration.	This will be sent as soon as possible once we have your complete application. Please note, this may take longer during peak periods.
Your supervisor may contact you to discuss your research proposal.	Your proposed supervisor may contact you to discuss your research proposal. You will be asked to submit your revised proposal to the Admissions team.
A formal interview will be arranged if an offer is being considered.	Your proposed primary supervisor will contact you directly to arrange a formal interview.
The decision is reviewed at Departmental and School level.	If you are successful at interview, your application and the panel's proposed decision is forwarded to Departmental and School level reviewers for their approval.
The outcome is communicated by email.	You will receive an email containing a formal communication of your application outcome.

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# FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

We have numerous funding opportunities available across the Doctoral Academy. Some will be available across all Humanities subject areas and some will be school-specific.

Funding opportunities are mainly listed on our funding page.

UKRI funded opportunities such as ESRC NWSSDTP

Supervisor-led projects:

- ESRC NWSSDTP CASE
- Bicentenary projects 2026

School Studentships

EDI Studentships - including Stuart Hall

Further funding opportunities are announced within the application cycle.

Browse our full list of awards

The screenshot shows a search interface for funding opportunities. It includes a search bar with the placeholder text 'e.g. scholarship' and a 'Clear' button. Below the search bar are three filter sections: 'Nationality' with buttons for 'All', 'Home / UK', and 'International'; 'School' with buttons for 'All', 'Alliance Manchester Business School', 'School of Arts, Languages and Cultures', 'School of Environment, Education and Development', and 'School of Social Sciences'; and 'Funding period' with buttons for 'All', 'Masters + PhD (combined)', and 'PhD only'. Below the filters are three search results, each with a small image, a title, a brief description, and a 'Read more' link. The first result is for '1+3 ESRC North West Social Science Doctoral Training Partnership (NWSSDTP) studentships 2026 entry'. The second is for 'Alliance Manchester Business School 1+4 home scholarship 2026 entry'. The third is for 'Alliance Manchester Business School PhD studentship 2026 entry'.

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# DEADLINES (FUNDING AND APPLICATION)

Application deadlines for September 2026 entry (Funding):

Alliance Manchester Business School (01 December 2025)

School of Social Sciences (01 December 2025)

School of Arts, Languages and Cultures (12 January 2026)

School of Education, Environment and Development (19 January 2026)

Application deadlines for September 2026 entry (self-funding or alternative external funding): All Schools (30th June 2026).

*The School of Social Sciences and School of Arts, Languages and Cultures also have a January entry point, the deadline to apply is 30th September 2026.*