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HUMANITIES POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH ENTRY 2027 - WHERE TO BEGIN?

Wednesday 24 June 2026



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Reminder- This session will be recorded

YOUR PANEL:

SESSION LEADS

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Q&A WITH OUR AMBASSADORS



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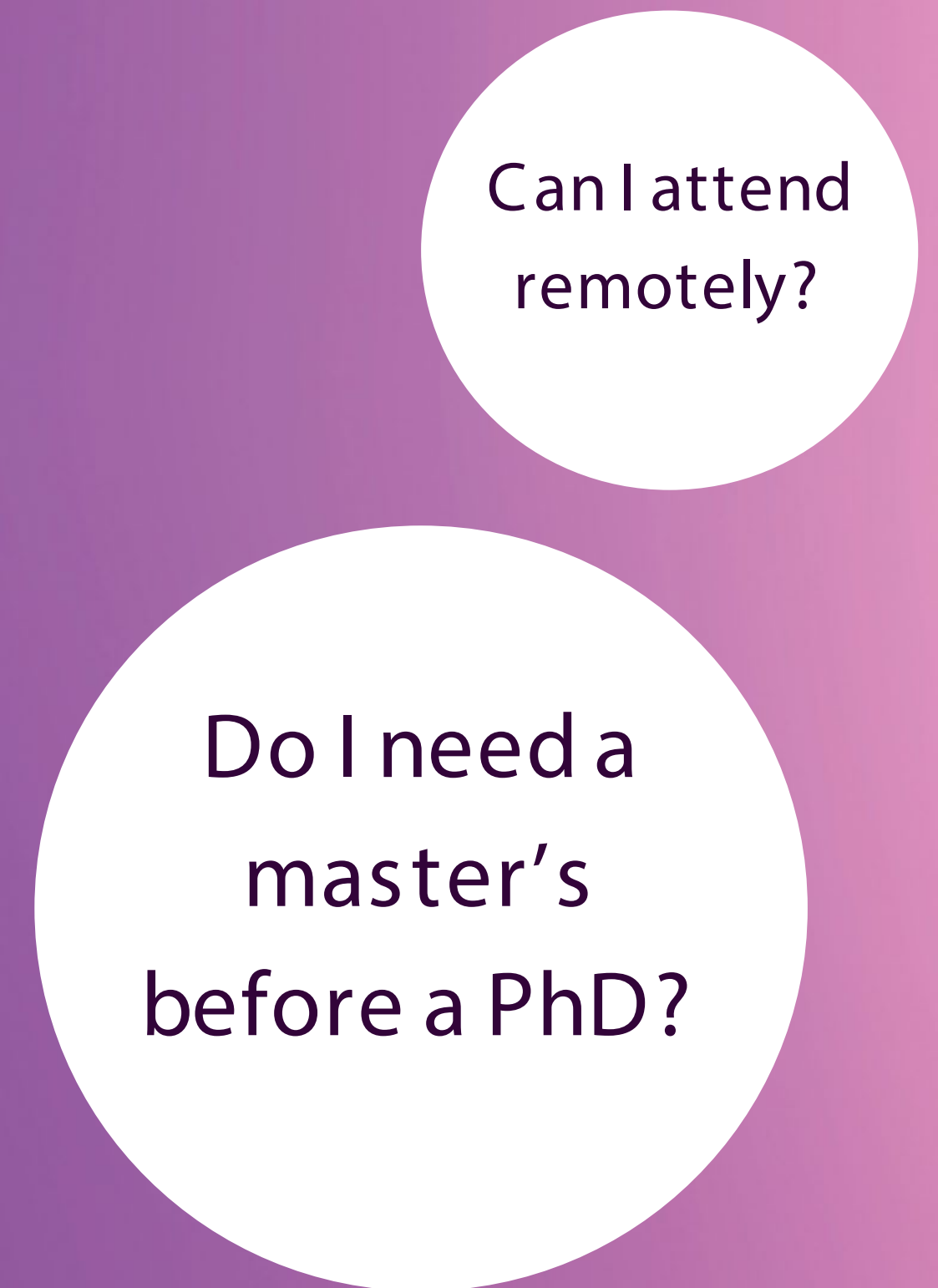
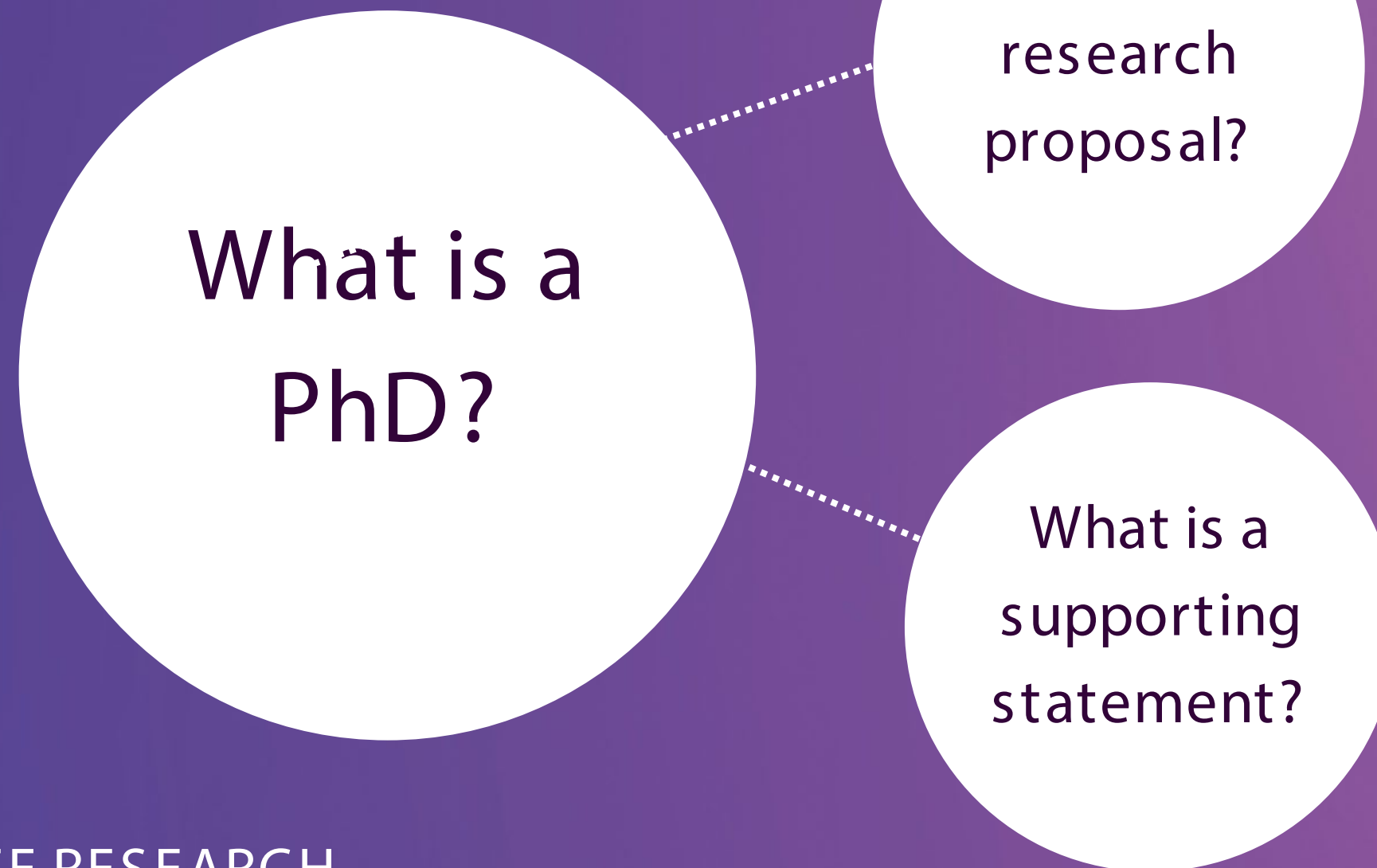
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We will answer the pre-submitted questions first but you can also submit questions at the end of the session.

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Basics + Jargon Busting



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Studentship vs Scholarship?

A PhD studentship is typically full funding attached to a specific project that pays fees and stipend*.

A scholarship is typically attached to the academic attainment of the student (full or part award).

*Stipend

financial support typically provided as part of a studentship, that covers living expenses and paid monthly (similar to a salary).

RTSG

A research training support grant - a financial award designed to support research-related expenses such as fieldwork and travel.

Bursary

A single award that can be awarded as a tuition fee reduction or as a contribution to living costs.

THE FACULTY OF HUMANITIES

Schools & [Programmes](#)

Alliance
Manchester
Business
School (AMBS)

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

School of Arts,
Languages and
Cultures
(SALC)

Including:
Classics and Ancient History
Digital Humanities
Drama
Archaeology and Egyptology
English Literature and Linguistics
Modern Languages
Religions and Theology
and more

School of
Environment,
Education and
Development
(SEED)

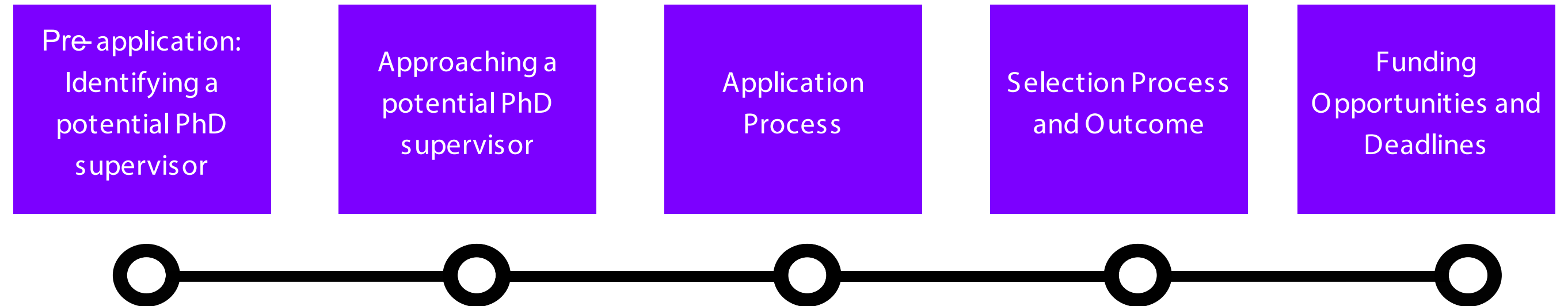
Including:
Architecture
Development Policy and
Management
Geography
Education
Planning and Management

School of Social
Sciences
(SoSS)

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

HOW TO APPLY

STAGES OF ADMISSION



HOW TO APPLY

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 search using keywords on our research portal:
research.manchester.ac.uk
Here you can find 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.

HOW TO APPLY

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.

HOW TO APPLY

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
- President's Doctoral Scholarship awards

School Studentships

EDI Studentships - including Stuart Hall

Further funding opportunities are announced within the application cycle.

Browse our full list of awards

Enter keywords
e.g. scholarship [Clear](#)

Nationality
[All](#) [Home / UK](#) [International](#)

School
[All](#) [Alliance Manchester Business School](#) [School of Arts, Languages and Cultures](#)
[School of Environment, Education and Development](#) [School of Social Sciences](#)

Funding period
[All](#) [Master's + PhD \(combined\)](#) [PhD only](#)

 **1+3 ESRC North West Social Science Doctoral Training Partnership (NWSSDTP) studentships 2026 entry**
A unique, fully funded opportunity to seamlessly transition from a master's programme to a PhD, ensuring a comprehensive and well-rounded academic experience across four years.
[Read more >](#)

 **Alliance Manchester Business School 1+4 home scholarship 2026 entry**
Five years of full funding to support our most high-achieving Home (UK) students progress to combined master's and PhD study in the Alliance Manchester Business School.
[Read more >](#)

 **Alliance Manchester Business School PhD studentship 2026 entry**
Fully funded studentships for four year PhD study in our Alliance Manchester Business School.
[Read more >](#)

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DEADLINES (FUNDING AND APPLICATION)

Example deadlines from last year:

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 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.

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FUNDING

Most challenging part of applying for funding?

How to prepare to win a funding competition?

Is funding via AHRC unrealistic for many nowadays?

How expensive is Manchester?

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APPROACHING SUPERVISORS

When can you begin approaching supervisors?

How should I approach potential supervisors?

At what stage did you reach out to potential supervisors?

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PGR NETWORKING & COMMUNITY

How supportive is the PhD research community?

How did you go about building your initial network—both socially and academically?

Do you think it's easy to create community as a PGR student?

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ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS?

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