**AHRC Standard Research Grant and Catalyst Grant application: Stage 2**

**AHRC Stage 2 application for review by the Heritage & Creativity Grant Development College.**

The Grant Development College aims to promote excellence and innovation in **AHRC Standard Grant and Catalyst Grant applications** within the Heritage & Creativity (H&C) Theme. All AHRC Standard Grant and Catalyst Grant applications will be reviewed and supported though the Grant Development College. This process should be completed in conjunction with the Research Development Manager for H&C during the early project development stage of a grant application.

Please fill in this form by completing the boxes below which mirror those on the AHRC application form, noting the word limits for each section. For more information on what to write in these sections do refer to the specific guidance for each section by clicking on ‘How to Apply’ on these AHRC webpages:

[AHRC Standard Research Grant](https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/ahrc-responsive-mode-standard-research-grant-round-four/)

[AHRC Catalyst Grant](https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/ahrc-responsive-mode-catalyst-award-round-four/)

These webpages provide detailed guidance on what you need to include in each of the sections and also what the assessors are looking for in your response.

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. DH support and information are available on the [DH Hub portal.](https://research.reading.ac.uk/digitalhumanities/)

Once the stage 2 form is submitted, two or three 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. If the project involves digital humanities approaches, the DH academic champion will also provide a review. 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 2 AHRC – Grant Development College**

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| **Principal Investigator:** |  | **Research Division:** |
| **Project title:** | | |
| **Project duration:** | | |
| **Core Team:**  List the key members of your team and assign them roles from the following: project lead (PL), project co-lead (UK) (PcL), project co-lead (international) (PcL (I)), specialist, professional enabling staff, research and innovation associate, technician. | | |

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| **1) Summary**  500 word limit using plain English |
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| **2) Vision**  500 word limit  *What are you hoping to achieve with your proposed work?* |
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| **3) Approach**  2500 word limit  *How are you going to deliver your proposed work?* |
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| **4) Applicant and team capability to deliver\***  1500 word limit (using the resume for researchers format)  *The core team includes all the named individuals who are crucial to the success of your project* |
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| **5) Ethics and responsible research and innovation (RRI)**  500 word limit  *What are the ethical or RRI implications and issues relating to the proposed work?* |
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\*Section 4 should use the Résumé for Research and Innovation (R4RI) format to showcase the range of relevant skills you and, if relevant, your team have. Guidance on this is available on the UKRI site (<https://www.ukri.org/apply-for-funding/before-you-apply/resume-for-research-and-innovation-r4ri-guidance/>) and RES website (<https://www.reading.ac.uk/research-services/training-and-resources-closed/training-and-resources#Narrative%20CVs/Resume%20for%20Researchers>)