

English & Creative Writing PhD proposal form

1. Research Proposal*

Please provide a working title and a research proposal (*in no more than 1000 words*) ensuring that you contextualise your research plans with reference to the most pertinent literature, and how you would make an original contribution to the field. If your proposal is for a Creative Writing PhD, please refer to both aspects of the thesis: the creative work and the critical commentary.

2. Research questions and concepts

Please list below the research questions and concepts underpinning your project, defining the latter (*in no more than 500 words*).

3. Research methodologies and rationale

Please explain (*in no more than 500 words*) the theoretical and methodological approach for the project, and the rationale behind this and the choice of texts. If your proposal is for a Creative Writing PhD, please include the relationship between the creative work and the critical commentary.

4. Project structure

Please provide a short provisional outline of the thesis structure with brief abstracts for the planned chapters or sections. If you are applying for a Creative Writing PhD, please include details about both creative work and commentary.

5. Bibliography

Please provide an indicative bibliography for your project.

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| <p>6. <u>Relevant skills and experience*</u></p> <p>Please summarise (<i>in no more than 500 words</i>) how your academic and professional background equips you to undertake your proposed doctoral research project. You should refer to the skills and experience that will enable you to complete your doctorate successfully, whether gained via academic study or in other ways (for example, via work experience or via prior publications). Please also identify any skills gaps and how you plan to address them during your doctorate.</p> |
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| <p>7. <u>Writing sample</u></p> <p>If you are applying for a Creative Writing PhD, please remember to send a sample of your previous creative writing work. The sample should be: at least 10,000 words of prose for a fiction or life writing proposal, or 20-25 poems for a poetry proposal, or 60 pages of script for a drama proposal.</p> <p>If you are applying for an English Literature PhD, please include a sample of academic writing such as a chapter or part-chapter of your MA thesis with your application. If you have not completed an MA in English, your writing sample could be a copy of an assignment submitted as part of your undergraduate degree.</p> |

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