



New Generation Thinkers 2018

Conditions of Entry

1. Please read the [AHRC Research Funding Guide](http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/funding/research/researchfundingguide/), <http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/funding/research/researchfundingguide/> Section 3.1, which contains details on an organisation eligibility and Section 3.2.2 which has information for individuals. The whole of section 3 provides guidance on eligibility, and should be used as your reference guide before applying to the scheme. Individuals should be a UK resident over 18, and currently working or studying at a UK research organisation (An Outline of Organisation Eligibility can be found in Section 3.1 of the [AHRC research Funding Guide](#)).
2. The Call will be open from 21st July 2017 until 1600hrs on 12th October 2017. Applicants are advised to prepare their application early and to liaise with their Research Offices prior to starting. Previous examples of NGT performances can be seen via [BBC iplayer](#) and [BBC Radio 3](#). The [New Generation Thinkers Film](#) is a good place to start regarding the background of the scheme and what is involved.

3. You will be either:

Currently a PhD student, if you are a doctoral candidate you should have made considerable progress on your research. (For example, be within one year of submission).

OR

b) Within eight years of the award of your PhD.

OR

c) Within six years of your first academic appointment

4. Applicants must complete the online application form in full in English. Please bear in mind that you are writing for a non-academic audience. Applications need to be engaging, thought provoking, interesting and informative, in order to demonstrate potential listening material for a wider audience.
5. Employees of the BBC and the AHRC are not eligible to apply.
6. The answers to questions on the application form must be entirely the original work of the applicant, not infringe the copyright or any other rights of any third

party and not be obscene or defamatory of any living person or corporate body. They must not have been previously sent to the BBC or any other media organisation or published in any media.

7. By submitting an application form, applicants give the BBC the right to publish or broadcast its contents on TV, Radio, and Online or in any media as it thinks fit.
8. Each entrant may submit only one online application which must be completed online using the Research Councils' [Joint electronic Submission \(Je-S\) System](https://je-s.rcuk.ac.uk/) <https://je-s.rcuk.ac.uk/> at the latest by **4pm Thursday 12th October 2017** and will need to go through the approval process at the applicant's organisation by that deadline.
9. The BBC and the AHRC cannot accept any responsibility whatsoever for any technical failure or malfunction or any other problem with any network or line, system, server, provider or otherwise which may result in any entry being lost or not properly registered or recorded.
10. Successful applicants may be asked to take part in any publicity for the scheme.
11. Applications will receive an acknowledgment of receipt when the forms are submitted via the [Je-S System](#). For [queries](#) regarding submission please contact the Je-S Helpdesk on 01793 444164 or email JeSHelp@rcuk.ac.uk. If you do not receive an immediate acknowledgment or have problems submitting please contact the Helpdesk.
12. Applicants must supply full details as required, and comply with all rules. Ineligible, incomplete, obscene or fraudulent entries will be automatically disqualified.
13. Applicants will be initially shortlisted by members of the BBC production team and the AHRC. They will be basing their decision on the following criteria: a) originality, b) creativity, c) editorially and stylistically suitable for a Radio 3 audience d) applicants' suitability for the scheme
14. Selected applicants will then be invited to attend a one day workshop at the end of which they will have to pitch an idea for a programme to a panel of judges. The judges' decision will be final and no correspondence can be entered into regarding that decision. It is possible that a short synopsis of feedback may be provided, but this cannot be guaranteed. To obtain this, (only if you have attended a Workshop), please email communications@ahrc.ac.uk
15. Up to 10 applicants will then be given the opportunity to develop their own programme idea for BBC Radio 3 although the BBC cannot guarantee that the programme idea will be developed or that the applicant will be invited to take part in or make any broadcast programme. Successful applicants will be invited

to speak at Radio 3's Free Thinking Festival of Ideas at [Sage, Gateshead](#) between March 10th-11th 2018, at which they introduce an aspect of their research.

16. Contributions which are broadcast following the launch event at Sage will be paid for at standard BBC Rates.
17. The production of any outcome does not guarantee broadcast or publication on any BBC platform.
18. New Generation Thinkers will be asked to write and record short talks of between 3 and 5 minutes and to discuss their ideas on episodes of Free Thinking. They will subsequently be invited to write and record an edition of Radio 3's The Essay possibly at an event in front of an audience.
19. Applicants will be responsible for their own travel or accommodation expenses at the workshop stage of the selection process. Light refreshments will be provided at the workshops. You are reminded that failure to attend will result in disqualification.
20. BBC Radio 3 will have complete editorial control over the decision whether an idea is fit for broadcast. Programme ideas commissioned for broadcast will be paid for at the standard BBC rate.

The BBC is unable to guarantee that any programme will be developed from the ideas put forward or that any or all of the successful applicants will be involved in any programme.

21. All content, programme ideas and contributions submitted as part of your application ("Contributions") will be subject to the BBC's terms of use available here <http://www.bbc.co.uk/terms> with specific reference to Clause 6 of such terms regarding the BBC's right to use such Contributions in its services SAVE THAT;
 - a. in the event that you are invited to take part in a workshop you agree to grant the BBC an exclusive licence in your Contributions to enable the BBC to conduct such a workshop;
 - b. in the event that the BBC shall decide in its complete discretion not to use such Contributions as part of a radio programme, then such exclusive licence shall terminate and you shall be free to exploit your Contributions as you see fit, save for the rights granted to the BBC under its terms of use;
 - c. In the event that you are selected to be part of the final 10 applicants and such Contributions is embodied in a BBC programme you agree to sign such additional documentation as the BBC may require to enable it to use your contributions and Contributions as part of the Programme. By way of example, you may be asked to sign a standard BBC contributor consent form which may include provisions which will

assign copyright in your Contributions made by way of the application, or in collaboration with the BBC in the production of any radio programme and related content.

22. The BBC and the AHRC reserve the right to change one or more of the judges if necessary.
23. The BBC and the AHRC reserve the right to alter or amend any of these rules or cancel the scheme at any time in its absolute discretion.
24. If you are successful, you agree to attending Media Training, keeping both the BBC and AHRC informed of your research/allied activities, whilst maintaining a suitable presence on social media, including Twitter and Facebook. The media training will be held in London on 21st and 22nd February 2018, and will include a day for photographs.
25. You may be required to travel to the AHRC or BBC premises to help promote the scheme and appear on Radio Programmes.
26. You also agree (if successful) to attend the BBC Free Thinking Festival and help previous years NGT's.
27. Failure to be able to attend Workshops or Media Training will result in disqualification from the scheme without compensation being payable.
28. You will be expected to contribute towards an Experts Directory (where your expertise and details will be listed), photo opportunities and lunchtime talks at the AHRC.
29. Your offer to become a New Generation Thinker (or "NGT") is subject to continued acceptance of these conditions.
30. There is currently no payment for being successful in the scheme, but this is being reviewed. However, for contributions that are broadcast, the submitter will be paid at the standard BBC rates.
31. Application to the scheme is taken as acceptance of these rules and guidance.

