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The New Generation
Thinkers Scheme

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AHRC/BBC Radio 3 New Generation Thinkers: Frequently Asked Questions

Do you want to tell the world about your work? Then this BBC Radio 3 and the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) initiative to find the next generation of public intellectuals working in the arts and humanities is for you.

Together we are looking for emerging academics from the arts and humanities who are currently in UK universities and who have a passion for communicating the excitement of modern scholarship to a wider audience.

1. Am I eligible to apply?

To apply for the New Generation Thinkers scheme, you must be

1. A UK resident over 18 currently working or studying at a UK Research Organisation (<http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/funding/research/iro/>). You will be either:
 - a) Currently a PhD student, if you are a doctoral candidate you should have made considerable progress on your research eg. 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.

Anyone who has applied for in previous years is free to apply again except the previously selected researchers who became the final 10 New Generation Thinkers in 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014.

2. Can I apply if I applied last year?

Yes we welcome applications from all those eligible, including those who applied last or any other year, even if you reached the workshop.

3. Is there an age limit?

No, there is no upper age limit but again you need to be over 18 and either within eight years of the award of your PhD or within six years of your first academic appointment in the arts or humanities.

4. Do I need to be AHRC funded?

Not at all. We welcome applications from postgraduate or postdoctoral researchers who are currently active in arts and humanities research in UK academia and meet the eligibility criteria. We also welcome applications from any researcher in the arts and humanities who has been funded by the AHRC in the past or who is currently funded by the AHRC, either directly through a research award or indirectly through being a member of an AHRC funded research team.

5. Where can I find the application form?

The online application form is accessible from the AHRC website or via

www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ngt2015

If you have any problems accessing the online application form please contact the NGT team via ngt@ahrc.ac.uk

6. Can I apply by post?

No. All applications must be completed online

7. If I'm successful, where and when will the 'developing programme idea workshops' take place?

Those chosen from the initial applications will be invited to attend a workshop. These will take place in March 2015 in London or Salford.

8. Can I include a preferred date / location for the workshops

If invited to attend the workshops you will be offered a date at one of three workshops. We will offer you an alternative date if you are unable to attend the first one offered.

9. What if I cannot attend any of the workshops?

Unfortunately then your place would be offered to another candidate.

10. When is the deadline?

Applications close at midnight on the 15th December 2014. No applications will be accepted after that deadline. The application period opens on the 10th November 2014.

11. Will the AHRC or BBC pay my travel costs to attend the workshops?

If invited to attend the workshops you will need to pay your own travel and accommodation costs to attend. The AHRC and BBC will be covering the costs of the workshops themselves.

12. How can I find out more?

Further details can be seen on the AHRC website. www.ahrc.ac.uk