

Leverhulme Trust Early Career Fellowship 2025-26

The School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics at Queen's University Belfast invites expressions of interest (EOIs) from early-career researchers proposing to undertake original, innovative, and high-quality research through the [Leverhulme Trust Early Career Fellowship \(2026\)](#).

The scheme offers funding for outstanding early-career researchers who have not yet held a full-time permanent post in a UK university. Fellowships are funded for three years, including salary costs and research expenses of up to £6,000 p.a.

Our collegial research environment and thriving [Fellowship Academy](#) support academics at every career stage to carry out unique research on topics of local, national, and global importance. Recent and ongoing projects funded by the Leverhulme Trust at the University over the past five years include a portfolio of 35 awards worth over £6.5M, of which over a third are fellowships.

To increase its contribution to the University's Research Strategy 2030, the **School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics** is particularly keen to receive applications relating, though not limited, to the following areas:

- Anthropology
- History
- Philosophy
- Politics and International Relations

Eligibility

Applicants should familiarise themselves with the eligibility criteria on the Leverhulme Trust website. In particular:

- applicants **must hold a doctorate or have equivalent research experience by the time they take up the Fellowship** and must not yet have held a full-time permanent academic post in a UK university.
- applicants **must hold a degree (any degree) from a UK higher education institution** at the time of taking up the Fellowship or hold an academic position in the UK which commenced no less than 4 months prior to application closing date.
- applications from those with a doctorate must have submitted their doctoral thesis for viva voce examination **by 4pm on 19 February 2026**.
- applicants **who formally submitted their doctoral thesis for viva voce examination before 19 February 2022 are not eligible to apply** unless they have since had a career break.

Please Note – The Leverhulme Trust does not fund studies of disease, illness and disabilities in humans and animals, research that is intended to inform clinical practice, or the development of medical or commercial applications. Research where advocacy is an explicit component or policy-driven research where the principal objective is to assemble an evidence base for policy initiatives, is also ineligible.

Application Process

Interested applicants should first contact a potential mentor in the area. Staff profiles can be found via [our website](#). When contacting staff, applicants should clearly state why their proposed research is of relevance to the chosen department. If wishing to proceed to the next stage, applicants should submit an expression of interest, which can be downloaded [here](#).

EOIs should be submitted by **5pm on 5 November 2025** to the following email address:
happresearch@qub.ac.uk

Those selected for submission will be informed in the week beginning 15 December 2025 in order to leave adequate time to prepare the application in advance of the funder's deadline of 19 February 2026.

For further information on postdoctoral life at Queen's, visit our [Postdoctoral Development Centre](#).