British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2025-26: Expression of Interest

The University of Manchester, School of Arts, Languages & Cultures

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| **DEPARTMENT short Statement** (max. 300 words): **TO BE COMPLETED BY PROPOSED MENTOR**  Please set out why the department is a good fit for the proposed project, and the plans to support the candidate if the fellowship application is successful. |

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| 1. Applicant’s Details | |
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| 2. Educational and Employment Details | | | | | | |
| Title of Doctoral Thesis: |
| Awarding Institution: |  | | | | | |
| Name of Doctoral Supervisor(s): |  | | | | | |
| Type of Award: | PhD | DPhil | DMus | Other: | Date of Award: |  |
| Academic Publications: |  | | | | | |
| Current Employment: |
| Previous Employment: |  | | | | | |
| Other Academic Experience: |  | | | | | |

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| 3. Confirmation of Eligibility for BA Postdoctoral Fellowship Scheme | |
| I am a UK or EEA citizen, or I completed my doctorate at a UK university, or I have a strong connection with the UK academic community (e.g. through temporary academic employment for 12 months or more at a UK university) | Yes/No |
| I have never previously held a permanent academic post | Yes/No |
| If your doctoral viva voce examination was held prior to 1 April 2022, please outline the extenuating circumstances (e.g. interruption to career due to illness) that you wish to have taken into consideration: | |

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| 4. Project Overview | |
| Title of Proposed Project: |  |
| Abstract  *A short abstract summarising your proposed research in terms suitable for an informed general audience* (max. 150 words): |  |

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| 5. Research Outline |
| **Proposed Programme**  *Please give a detailed description of the research programme, including methodology.* ***(max. 2000 words, inclusive of any references).***  *You may want to consider the following areas (which are not necessarily sub-headings): Project objectives; research questions; research context; methodology; work plan* |
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| **Plan of Action**  *Please indicate a clear timetable for your research programme* ***(max. 800 words)*** |
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| **Planned Research Outputs**  *Please indicate what the expected output(s) from your research programme might be.* ***(max. 300 words)*** |
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| **Plans for Publication and Dissemination**  *Please state in more detail here what plans you have for publication or other dissemination of your research, including potential publishers, journals, conferences etc that are appropriate for your research subject* ***(max. 500 words)****.* |
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| 6. Ethical Issues |
| *Are there any special ethical issues arising from your proposal that are not covered by the relevant professional Code of Practice? If yes, please describe here the non-standard ethical issues arising from your research and how you will address them (you will need to obtain ethical approval in due course before starting the research).* |
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| 6. Endangered or Emerging Subject Area |
| *Is this proposal in a field of study which is either under threat or newly emerging?* ***(max. 300 words)*** |
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**British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowships 2025-26**

Deadline for the Expression of Interest is **Wednesday 9th July 2025** **by 12 noon** emailed to [research.jrril@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:research.jrril@manchester.ac.uk)

The British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowship scheme 2025-6 will open on **July 2nd 2025**, with a deadline of  October 1st 2025.

Please refer to the BA website for all details:

<https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/postdoctoral-fellowships/>

Research Coordinators and Heads of Department are invited to put forward strong candidates who wish to pursue a 3-year project, **distinct from their PhD research**, with a named mentor at The University of Manchester.

**The eligibility requirements**are as followed:

·       Applicants must be **within three years of the award of a doctorate**, either already having been awarded a doctoral degree **following a viva voce examination held on or after 1 April 2023;** or having a reasonable expectation that they will have submitted and had their thesis examined **by 1 April 2026.**

·       Applicants must be a UK or EEA national or have completed a doctorate at a UK university. Any applicant who does not fall into one of these categories must demonstrate a strong prior association with the UK academic community, for example temporary employment (longer than twelve months) at a UK university.

·       Candidates who have been unsuccessful in a previous round will require an invitation from the BA to resubmit.

In addition, we would advise that many **successful candidates have the following profile:**

* Graduate studies completed at another university
* At the upper end of the eligibility window (e.g. just under three years since completing their PhD).
* Already held a short-term postdoctoral fellowship or lecturing position
* Publications: In disciplines in which this is important, articles in good journals and/or demonstrable progress made on publishing a book from PhD research (e.g. proposal submitted to or contract with university press).

**If you have any enquiries or are interested in applying for a BA Postdoctoral Fellowship with the John Rylands Research Institute, please email** [**research.jrril@manchester.ac.uk**](mailto:research.jrril@manchester.ac.uk)**, to set up a meeting with Professor Guyda Armstrong, Director of JRRI.**