**AHRC ‘Crafting Care for a Healthy Place, Planet and People’**

**Doctoral Focal College**

**Expression of Interest Form for 2026 Entry**

Please read the accompanying Application Guidance carefully before completing this form.

1. **Candidate Details**

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| **Name:** |  |
| **Email address:** |  |
| **Nationality / Residential Status:** |  |
| **Prospective University:** | [ ]  University of Lancashire[ ]  University of Liverpool [ ]  Royal Northern College of Music |
| **Prospective PhD Programme:** |  |

1. **PhD Project Proposal**

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| **Proposed Project Title:** |
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| **Which Project Area does your potential PhD research project relate to?**  |
| [ ]  Catalysing Care through Creative Arts/Practice[ ]  Communicating and Curating Care[ ]  Nourishing Care[ ]  Spaces and Places for Care |
| **Please provide a brief abstract** (300 words max) **outlining your provisional idea for a potential PhD research project and indicating how it aligns with the project area you have specified above:** |
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1. **Previous Qualifications**

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| **Please provide details of undergraduate degrees, master’s degrees, or other relevant qualifications. Include pending qualifications if appropriate e.g. masters in progress.** |
| ***Year awarded*** | ***Qualification type*** | ***Qualification Subject*** | ***University*** | ***Class*** |
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Add more rows as necessary.

1. **Preparedness for Postgraduate Research**

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| **Drawing on your own background and experiences, please provide a summary explaining:*** **Why you feel you are ready to undertake Postgraduate Research now** *and*
* **How you will develop as a result of receiving AHRC funding.**

As part of the assessment of applicants, we are interested in you as a whole person. Rather than solely looking at academic achievements, we will consider more broadly what skills you can bring to postgraduate research and to the research culture of the Doctoral Focal College, based on your broader work and life experiences. When demonstrating your Preparedness for Postgraduate Research (PPR), you may wish to discuss relevant academic achievements that demonstrate this preparedness, as well as providing further details surrounding grades obtained including any extenuating circumstances. However, examples can also come from work experience, involvement in community activities, or broader personal life experiences. Please refer explicitly to each of the five PPR criteria listed on page 9 of the Application Guidance. (750 words max) |
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1. **Supervisory Team**

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| **If you already have a supervisor or supervisory team in mind, please provide details below. It is not a requirement to have a supervisor at this stage, and – if shortlisted to proceed – assistance can be given in finding the best supervisory team for your project.** |
| ***Supervisor Name*** | ***Supervisor Email Address*** | ***University*** |
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1. **Acknowledgement**

I confirm that the information I have provided in this form is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I fully understand that it is my responsibility to ensure that the relevant forms are submitted in due time and that any missing information may render my application incomplete and ineligible.

I authorise the Crafting Care Doctoral Focal College to disclose to the AHRC and the institutions within the college any information that is relevant to my application.

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| **Signature:** |  |
| **Date:** |  |

1. **Supporting Documents**

**Please ensure you include:**

[ ]  A completed Equal Opportunities monitoring form

No further documentation is required, and any additional documents that are supplied will not be considered during this stage of the application process.

**Please return this form to** **craftingcare@liverpool.ac.uk** **by 5pm on 1st December 2025**

**LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**