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

**Doctoral Focal College**

**Research Proposal Form for 2026 Entry**

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

You should only complete this form if you have been invited to do so after successfully completing the Expression of Interest phase.

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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| **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 describe the proposed PhD research project.** (1500 words max, including bibliography - responses which exceed this limit may be disqualified) | |
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| **Word Count:** |  |

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| **Please highlight what, if any, ethical issues might arise during this project. These may include confidentiality, anonymity, participant and researcher safety, independence of the researcher, conflicts of interest or the implications of research findings. How will you, supported by your supervisor, address these?** (300 words max - responses which exceed this limit may be disqualified) |
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1. **Supervisory Team**

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| **Please provide the details of your proposed primary and secondary supervisors, and any further members of your supervisory team if relevant and known.** | | |
| ***Supervisor Name*** | ***Supervisor Email Address*** | ***University*** |
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1. **Potential Additional Costs**

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| **Please indicate if your proposed project will require periods of UK or Overseas fieldwork. Detail, as far as possible, the duration and destination of the proposed fieldwork.** This will not influence the panel’s decisions about awards but will allow the college to ensure appropriate funding is available to support the project if successful. |
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| **Please detail if your proposed project is likely to require substantial additional funding (£1,000 or more)** **to purchase specialist equipment, software or access to datasets critical to the success of the project.** This will not influence the panel’s decisions about awards but will allow the college to ensure appropriate funding is available to support the project if successful. |
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1. **Collaboration with a non-HEI Partner**

**Only complete this section if your proposed PhD project involves working with a non-HEI Partner as a Collaborative Doctoral Award.**

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| **Name and contact details of collaborating organisation:** |
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| Please attach a letter of support from the non-HEI Partner to this application. |
| **Description of work to be carried out with the non-HEI Partner:** |
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| **Description of Financial or In-Kind contribution of non-HEI Partner:** |
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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:**

Two references

Your undergraduate and master’s transcripts (not degree certificates)

If you have completed Q5, please include a letter of support from the collaborating organisation.

No further documentation (e.g. CV, personal statements, extended research proposals) is required, and any additional documents that are supplied will not be considered during the application process.

**Please return this form to** [**craftingcare@liverpool.ac.uk**](mailto:craftingcare@liverpool.ac.uk) **by**

**5pm on 1st April 2026**

**LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**