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27 April 2026

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information request: FOI2026/00265

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 24 March in which you requested the following:

Your request:

I am getting in touch to make a Freedom of Information Request to get certain information about the AHRC PhD Doctoral Landscape Awards that have just been awarded for an October 2026 start date. As I understand only 15 studentships have been awarded. Below are the key points I am looking for:

- The subjects and topic of each successful PhD
- The university and research cluster that each studentship was awarded to
- The specialties of the academics on each decision-making panel

I am not requesting personal information of any kind, including names of parties involved. I just want a rundown of the subjects awarded Doctoral Landscape Awards, and the subjects of the academics on the deciding panels.

Our response

I can confirm, following a search of our records, that UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) does not hold information relevant to your request.

Award offers will be made by the 50 Research Organisations (ROs) funded through the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) Doctoral Landscape Awards. Each RO is responsible for managing its own recruitment process for its cohort of studentships. AHRC does not require ROs to provide details of the individuals involved in recruitment and therefore does not hold this information.

Across the 50 Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), at least 150 studentships will be recruited, as AHRC funding is sufficient to support a minimum of three studentships per RO per year. The total number of studentships will be higher than 150 due to additional co-funding provided by some ROs.

Not all ROs have completed their recruitment processes, and award offers only become live awards following acceptance by candidates. This information is, therefore, currently incomplete as we are dependent on updates from the ROs. We anticipate that the majority of this information will have been provided to us by the end of 2026.

The list of 50 ROs who are supported through the AHRC Doctoral Landscape Award can be found here: [AHRC doctoral landscape award allocations – UKRI](#).¹

¹ <https://www.ukri.org/publications/ahrc-doctoral-landscape-award-allocations/>

Your rights

If you have any queries regarding our response, please do let us know. If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review, explaining which elements of this decision you disagree with and why. Internal review requests should be submitted within 40 working days of the date of our response and should be addressed to:

Head of Information Governance


Email: foi@ukri.org

Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are still not content with the outcome of the internal review, you may apply to refer the matter to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the review procedure provided by UKRI. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: www.ico.org.uk

If you wish to raise a complaint regarding the service you have received or the conduct of any UKRI staff in relation to your request, please see [UKRI's complaints procedure](#).²

Yours sincerely,


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² <https://www.ukri.org/who-we-are/contact-us/make-a-complaint/#skipnav-target>