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25 July 2022

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information request: FOI2022/00215

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 27 June in which you requested the following:

Your request:

It is reported in the media that an 'unnamed student at Queen Mary University London has been awarded £60,000 to for a three year project analyse 'race, puppetry and performance' in the 21st century. The funding was allocated by the Arts and Humanities Research Council, which is part of the UK Research and Innovation group.

Questions: [please answer under Freedom of Information]

Why unnamed student?

Is the student an undergraduate, a post graduate or a post doc?

Why three year project?

Why only 21st century?

On what basis was the project approved and funded?

What are the criteria laid down as the framework for the project?

What "rigorous peer review process based on excellence by relevant and diverse independent experts" was conducted?

Our response:

I can confirm UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) hold some of the information relevant to your request. Please see the information below.

This project was funded as part of the London Arts and Humanities Partnership (LAHP) Doctoral Training Partnerships 2 (DTP2) award. The Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) makes funding awards directly to a research organisation, or consortia of research organisations, and the process for awarding studentships is devolved to the award holder.

The award holder determines the criteria and decision-making process which is used to select the projects and students, following the UKRI [terms and conditions for funding](https://www.ukri.org/publications/terms-and-conditions-for-training-funding/)¹ and the AHRC studentships [requirements for research organisations and award holders](https://www.ukri.org/manage-your-award/meeting-ukri-terms-and-conditions-for-funding/ahrc-studentships-requirements-for-research-organisations-and-award-holders/)². The LAHP DTP advertise their processes and criteria on their [website](https://www.lahp.ac.uk/prospective-students/how-to-apply-for-an-open-studentship/)³.

AHRC student awards can be offered for up to four years, although three years is the standard time for a PhD.

The remainder of your questions are seeking commentary, which does not fall under the scope of the Freedom of Information Act, or information that is not held by UKRI. For further details on this project, we would recommend contacting the LAHP DTP directly.

¹ <https://www.ukri.org/publications/terms-and-conditions-for-training-funding/>

² <https://www.ukri.org/manage-your-award/meeting-ukri-terms-and-conditions-for-funding/ahrc-studentships-requirements-for-research-organisations-and-award-holders/>

³ <https://www.lahp.ac.uk/prospective-students/how-to-apply-for-an-open-studentship/>

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Head of Information Governance

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Yours sincerely,


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