# Open-Oxford-Cambridge AHRC DTP Application Form

**For studentship funding from** 2025/26

Please read the full guidance for candidates on the [Open-Oxford-Cambridge AHRC DTP website](https://www.oocdtp.ac.uk/guidance) before completing and submitting this application form.

## PRELIMINARY DETAILS

Please give details of the university and doctoral programme in relation to which you are applying for Open-Oxford-Cambridge AHRC DTP studentship funding. Please note that you may **not** apply for OOC DTP funding via more than one university in the consortium.

Surname and initial(s): Click or tap here to enter text.

University: Click or tap here to enter text.

Department/Faculty/School: Click or tap here to enter text.

Degree Programme: Click or tap here to enter text.

If you are applying for a Collaborative Doctoral Award, please give the project title as advertised on the Open-Oxford-Cambridge DTP website:

Click or tap here to enter text.

## AHRC SUBJECT AREA

Your primary research topic must fall within the subjects supported by the AHRC and the Open-Oxford-Cambridge DTP. Please select the main subject area(s) of your proposed research from the list, which uses the AHRC Level 1 and 2 subject classifications, e.g. ‘History: American Studies’.

Primary Area: Select from the drop-down menu.

*If other, please specify:* Click or tap here to enter text.

Secondary Area: Select from the drop-down menu.

*If other (please specify):* Click or tap here to enter text.

## RESEARCH PROPOSAL

Your proposal should clearly articulate the aims, objectives, originality and significance of the research. It should engage with appropriate literature, outline methods, and address potential impact. It should also include a plan for completion. In-text citations count towards the limit. You may to wish use a short author-date style for referencing; please do not use footnotes.

### Research project title

Please give a brief working title for your proposed research project. The assessors understand that this is likely to change during the course of your studies.

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### Introduction

Please introduce your proposed research project (in no more than 200 words). This section should succinctly outline: the main research question and/or issue that you intend to address; the broad field of study within which your research falls; the significance of your project, e.g. how it might contribute to scholarship in your particular field.

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### Research context, questions and significance

Elaborating on the introduction, please explain (**in no more than 500 words**) the context, questions and significance of your proposed research. This section should identify the key literature in the field and explain how your research seeks to intervene in, and/or contribute to, this area of scholarship. You should set out your research questions clearly and explain why they are important. When considering the significance of your research, you should identify which disciplines and/or fields of study will benefit from this project. If relevant, you could also indicate the significance of your research to organisations and audiences outside academia, e.g. if there is potential for impact in the cultural sector or in policy.

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### Research methods, project plan and timetable

Please explain (**in no more than 500 words**) how you intend to answer your research questions as set out in the previous section. Your focus here will vary depending on your discipline and research topic. This section may address: key materials and/or sources for your research (e.g. texts, archives, collections, databases, field sites, research participants); specific research methods and/or methodological approaches; any ethical issues that you will need to address in undertaking your research. You should also include a short plan for completing the project within the period of the award. This should outline the time it will take to research and write up each section of your proposed project.

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### Reference list

Use this section to provide details of key works referred to in your research proposal, up to a maximum of twenty.

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## PREPAREDNESS FOR RESEARCH

This section of the form allows you to demonstrate that you have the core qualifications, skills and experience required to successfully undertake your proposed doctorate, as well as a plan to acquire and/or develop any additional skills that are needed for your research.

### University or professional qualifications

Please list **up to three** university or professional qualifications.

| **University / institution** | **Qualification and subject (e.g. BA in Philosophy)** | **Years of study (YYYY-YYYY)** | **Class or grade** |
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### Research-related skills: qualifications, training and achievements

Please list **up to three** key language and/or other research-related skills that you have acquired and that are directly relevant to your proposed project. For example, if your research involves work on 18th-century French archives, you should indicate your competency in French and any training you have had in palaeography. For each, please list (**in no more than 30 words**) any professional qualifications, training courses and/or achievements (e.g. publication) that evidence these skills.

| **Skill and competency** | **Qualifications, training courses and/or achievements** |
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### Preparedness for research statement

Please summarise (**in no more than 500 words**) how your academic and professional background equips you to undertake your proposed project. You should refer to the skills and experience that will enable you to complete your doctorate successfully, whether gained via academic study or in other ways (e.g. via work experience). The DTP offers generic and tailored skills training. Please identify any research skills you would need to acquire for the successful completion of your doctorate and how you plan to address them during the course of your studies.

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## SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

The Open-Oxford-Cambridge AHRC DTP is committed to ensuring that all candidates are considered fairly and equally for funding. You may use this section of the form to outline (**in no more than 200 words**) any individual or personal circumstances that have significantly affected prior educational opportunity and/or attainment, and which have materially affected the preparation of this application.  There is no need to include details of circumstances that you have effectively overcome in the past, but you may describe (for example) details of disability, chronic or acute illness, caring responsibilities, educational or socio-economic background, where the impact is recent and/or ongoing. The Studentship Selection Panel will then make allowance for this when evaluating your application, particularly in terms of ‘preparedness for research’.

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