

PHILIP LEVERHULME PRIZES 2026

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UW internal selection process deadline	20 March 2026 (4pm)
Leverhulme Trust full application deadline	14 May 2026 (4pm)

Philip Leverhulme Prizes are aimed at early career researchers whose work has had international impact and whose future research career is exceptionally promising. They are designed to recognise and facilitate the work of outstanding researchers of proven achievement, who have made and are continuing to make original and significant contributions to knowledge in their field.

Each prize is worth £100,000 for between two and three years.

This year, applications will be considered in the following subject areas:

- Biological Sciences
- History
- Law
- Mathematics and Statistics
- Philosophy and Theology
- Sociology and Social Policy

Note that subject areas are intentionally broad, and nominations will be considered irrespective of a nominee's departmental affiliation.

UW may submit **up to three candidates in each subject area**. The Research, Innovation and Impact Office will therefore be coordinating an internal review and selection process. Only those candidates who are selected through this process will be able to submit to the funder.

Internal selection process

In line with information required by the funder's application form, candidates must submit the below paperwork to researchoffice@worc.ac.uk by **Friday 20 March 2026 (4pm)** to be considered for selection:

- two-page maximum career history summary (details of awards, grants and prizes, academic or professional activities, membership of professional bodies, teaching, supervision, keynote conference presentations, etc.)
- two-page maximum publications list (use an asterisk to identify the four most significant)
- 250-word abstract for each of the four most significant publications (these abstracts should mention how the publication contributes to the candidate's discipline)
- 400 words on your significant research achievements to date
- 400 words on your future research plans
- 400 words on how you anticipate using the prize funds if awarded
- 400 words on what the award of the prize funds would enable you to achieve that your current funding does not allow

If successful, the deadline to then submit an institutionally approved external application to the Philip Leverhulme Prize will be **Thursday 14 May 2026 (4pm)**.

For queries, please contact researchoffice@worc.ac.uk.