

## **AHRC North West Consortium Doctoral Training Partnership (NWCDTP) at the RNCM**

The NWCDTP makes a number of awards to new and continuing PhD students at seven higher education institutions including the RNCM, on a highly competitive basis.

### **Rate**

Subject to residential eligibility status, the award covers tuition fees, maintenance stipend (the annual stipend rate for 2020-21 is £15,283) and the opportunity to apply for additional funding contributing to fieldwork and conference costs. Students opting to study part-time will receive a pro rata maintenance stipend.

### **Continuation of award**

Continuation of the award is subject to satisfactory progress.

### **Allowed study options**

This funding is available to students undertaking full-time or part-time study.

### **Nationality restrictions**

UK National and International (up to 30% of awards) including EU and EEA.

### **Ring-fenced studentships**

Guaranteed to one candidate with a known disability and one candidate from a BAME background.

### **Eligibility criteria**

Applicants to the RNCM for a place on its research degrees programme can apply for AHRC funding provided they *already* hold an offer of a place (see below). Current full-time students in the first year of their PhD studies and current part-time students in the first or second year can apply for AHRC funding for the remainder of their studies. Please refer to the application guidance on the [NWCDTP website](#) for further information.

### **Procedure for applying to RNCM**

Applicants for AHRC funding who are *not* current RNCM students must submit their applications for a place on the RNCM research degree programme by **5pm (GMT) on 7 December 2020**, to ensure that they can be offered a place by the time applications are due to be submitted to NWCDTP. For the admission criteria for each pathway (composition, musicology, music education, music psychology, performance, please refer to the [RNCM Guidelines for Applicants](#).

### **Procedure for applying to NWCDTP**

Once applicants for AHRC funding have been offered a place at RNCM they, like current RNCM students, should complete and submit the [NWCDTP application form](#), with the attachments listed below, to [Research@rncm.ac.uk](mailto:Research@rncm.ac.uk), by **5pm GMT on Friday 5 February 2021**.

**Please note that this is a strict deadline and applications received after 5pm will not be considered for entry to the competition for funding awards.**

The NWCDTP application form incorporates a 1500-word research proposal (including tables, table and figure captions, and bibliography or references). Degree certificates, full transcripts and references must be attached to the application form.

#### **Award criteria**

Please note that the competition for AHRC funding has three stages and there is no guarantee that applicants for places on the RNCM research degree programme, or current RNCM students, will be entered into the second (music pathway) or third (studentship) stages of the NWCDTP competition. For further information please see the NWCDTP website [here](#).

#### **Deadlines**

Applications to RNCM: **5pm GMT on Friday 7 December 2020**

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#### **RNCM interview dates**

Interview dates are 25, 26 and 28 January 2021.

#### **Decision date**

Applicants for AHRC funding will be notified of the outcome of their application by mid-April.