Leeds Early Career   
Publishing Prize 2025

Application form

Thank you for your interest in the Leeds Early Career Publishing Prize. Please ensure you have read the [Publishing Prize supporting information](https://library.leeds.ac.uk/info/2100/publishing_prize/189/publishing_prize_supporting_information).

To apply you must submit:

1. A fully completed copy of this form
2. A sample chapter from your proposed monograph.

Please send these elements, or any queries you might have about the prize or the process, to [ecpublishingprize@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:ecpublishingprize@leeds.ac.uk)

The deadline for applications is 30 September 2025

# Sections of the form

The form has two sections:

1. covering information, for administration purposes and to support the application during the shortlisting process
2. monograph proposal details, to be used in shortlisting, peer review and the editorial process.

Please complete all the sections so we have as much information about the submission as possible.

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# Covering information

## About you

Name:

Email address:

Phone number:

University of Leeds School of Study:

Current institution (if any):

ORCID:

If you don’t already have an ORCID please [register for a free ID](https://orcid.org/).

Professional experience:

Provide a brief description of your academic/professional experience, research areas, and past or forthcoming publications (if any). Please use as many lines as required.

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## Doctoral research information

Year of award:

Name(s) of all supervisor(s):

Thesis title:

Link to thesis in White Rose Etheses Online:

## Academic recommendation supporting publication

To be completed by an academic colleague or peer with relevant knowledge or experience in support of the application. This could be the author’s doctoral supervisor, but could also be an external examiner or other experienced academic peer from their field.

Name of academic providing recommendation:

Their email address:

Their role and institution:

(Include link to institutional profile if available)

Their connection to the submitting author or their research:

Statement supporting publication:

*Please consider points such as the significance of the proposed book; what it brings to the subject area that is new; how the applicant demonstrates their ability to write and edit their research in response to editorial comments?*

Please provide any evidence to support this and use as many lines as required.

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Signature:

I confirm I support this application

## Academic Mentor

This should be someone (**not your doctoral supervisor**, but perhaps an external examiner or another appropriate individual within your field of study) who has agreed to support you through the drafting, peer review and revision stages of the publishing process, should you be shortlisted as a prize winner. (The mentor can have provided the recommendation supporting publication).

[Find out more about the academic mentor role](https://library.leeds.ac.uk/info/2100/publishing-prize/189/publishing-prize-supporting-information).

Academic mentor’s name:

Academic mentor’s email:

Academic mentor’s role and institution:

(Include link to institutional profile if available)

Academic mentor’s signature:

I confirm I am willing to support the applicant through the peer review and publishing process should their application be shortlisted.

# Monograph proposal details

## Description and contents

Proposed monograph title:

Monograph description:

Provide a brief outline of the book that you would develop based on your research (overall scope, main argument, relevance, significance, etc). Please use as many lines as required.

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Short summary:

Summarise the description above into one or two sentences for us to use in engaging peer reviewers should the application be shortlisted. Please use as many lines as required.

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Presenting doctoral research for publication:

Explain how you foresee presenting your doctoral research so it works as an effective monograph, not as a piece of assessed work like a thesis. Please use as many lines as required.

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Contents:

Provide a proposed contents list for the book, with a brief synopsis of each chapter (no more than 200 words per chapter). Please remember to attach a sample chapter of the book in a separate Word document as part of your application. Please use as many lines as required.

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Digital content:

WRUP is a digital-first publisher, though it does offer its books in print format as well. Indicate any digital elements you would like to include eg audio or video content, or 3D modelling. Please use as many lines as required.

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## Scholarly landscape

Differentiation:

What is the significance of the proposed book, and what does it bring to the subject area that is new? Are you aware of any existing, similar books and explain how your volume would be different in terms of scope, content, audience etc? Please use as many lines as required.

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Audience:

Who will the book be of value/interest to eg in what disciplines/subjects, at what educational level? Given the book will be freely available to access/download, are there communities beyond a traditional academic audience eg practitioners who would find it of value? Please use as many lines as required.

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## Volume information

Word count:

Please provide an estimate of the word count (include any introductions, appendixes, indexes and bibliographies in this total). Please base this on the proposed book and not your doctoral thesis.

Illustrations and tables:

How many illustrations and tables do you expect to include?

Third-party content:

Are you aware of any content owned by others (images, quoted text etc) which you would need permission to include in the volume?

Ethical issues:

Are you aware of any content within the proposed volume that would cause ethical issues if published?

## Additional information

Please provide any additional information you would like us to be aware of when considering your proposal. Please use as many lines as required.

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## Publishing agreement conditions

If your proposal is commissioned, publishing with WRUP will entail the following conditions:

* The volume will be published under a [Creative Commons license](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/).
* You secure the proper authority from third-party rights holders to use their content. *It will be your responsibility to ensure all appropriate copyright permissions are in place (WRUP can offer advice on this).*
* You will sign a publishing contract that agrees the relationship, liabilities and responsibilities between you and WRUP, including timescales for delivery etc.
* None of the content published will be unlawful, discriminatory, or otherwise ethically inappropriate.

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## Exclusivity declaration:

A core element of the prize is to have your proposal considered for publication by WRUP, with all publication costs covered as part of the prize. It is important not to have discussions with multiple publishers simultaneously to discuss publishing your volume as this can lead to duplication of work eg by editorial staff and by academic colleagues if multiple presses undertake peer review. Please sign below to confirm that you have not already published this research as a book, that the proposal is not currently being considered by any other Press, and that you will wait for the outcome of the ECPP before discussing with another publisher or submitting for publication elsewhere.

Signed:

## Terms and conditions

**Submission process**

1. Submissions must be based on doctoral research for doctoral degrees awarded since January 2022 and before the submission deadline of 30 September 2025.
2. A sample chapter of the proposed monograph should be included.
3. The proposal must be for a stand-alone text-based volume.
4. The proposal must be for an English language monograph (though the doctoral research it is based on could have been undertaken in a different language)
5. The application form must include a recommendation for publication from a relevant academic sponsor (usually expected to be the supervisor but could also be, for example, external examiner), with appropriate evidence.
6. Authors must also confirm an academic mentor (not their Doctoral supervisor) to support them through the process.
7. This should be the first long format publication based on the author’s doctoral research. We cannot accept submissions from those who have already published, have secured agreement to publish, or who are in discussions to publish a book based on their research elsewhere.
8. The publishing element of the prize has no financial equivalent, and no profit will be made from the sale or distribution of the monograph for WRUP or the author.
9. Decisions of the Panel are final. It will not be possible to provide feedback to unsuccessful applicants.

**If successful as an ECPP winner**

1. The successful monograph proposals will undergo the standard peer review and commissioning process. The University of Leeds will cover publication costs if commissioned.
2. Commissioned monographs should be submitted as a final manuscript no later than 12 months from commissioning.
3. Draft manuscripts will undergo a final round of peer review to inform the Editorial Board’s decision to send the manuscript into production.
4. The WRUP Editorial Board will decide to commission and take to production, based on the quality of the monograph proposal/manuscript and not the quality of the doctoral research on which the monograph is based, or the thesis submitted for assessment.
5. The WRUP Editorial Board may require revisions as suggested by the peer review process or their own discussions. If an author does not engage with the editorial process, the Editorial Board may choose not to commission the volume or to send to production.
6. The decisions of the WRUP Editorial Board are final.
7. WRUP will publish the open access monograph under a Creative Commons license. The ownership of the content will remain with the author.
8. The author will secure all relevant permissions to use third-party content in the final published volume (images, text from other sources etc). These permissions will differ from those needed for use in the doctoral thesis.

*Please sign below to confirm that you accept all the above terms and conditions for the Leeds Early Career Publishing Prize.*

## Signed:

## Date: