

Doctoral Showcase 2019

*What you need to know about the
2019 competition*



Session aims

- To introduce the SHU Doctoral Showcase competition (new for 2019)
- To give you a better idea of what to expect to help you decide whether to enter
- To outline the next steps and support available



What is the SHU Doctoral Showcase?

- Part of the Creating Knowledge Conference
- An opportunity for selected finalists to create an interactive exhibition of their doctoral research for visitors and judges to view throughout the day
- Developed out of the Research Image and Doctoral Researcher of the Year competitions piloted at SHU in 2018
- Based on The University of York's PhD spotlight competition*

*Thank you to Jane Dalton for advice

Doctoral Showcase "Rules"

- The competition is open to all post-RF2 doctoral researchers
- Any medium can be used (e.g. poster, film, objects/artefacts etc)
- Selected finalists will showcase their research at the conference on 17 June 2019
- Finalists must attend the whole day and participate in the exhibition at key audience times
- Finalists will receive a small amount of funding towards the cost of producing their piece



Doctoral Showcase pieces should:

- Be visually appealing, well presented, and coherent (colour/contrast/font)
- Avoid undue reliance on third-party copyright material
- Put across a clear message regarding the original nature of the research
- Be designed in a way which will be accessible to an academic, non-specialist audience



4 Judging criteria

1. clarity of message about the originality of the research and its potential outcomes/impact
2. ability to explain the underpinning research aims and choice of method(s)
3. relevance outside a single field, and ability to excite those working in other disciplines
4. appropriateness for a non-specialist, academic audience



How to enter

Complete the electronic form by
Monday 15 April 2019 (5pm)

<https://goo.gl/forms/FsyMTOPWYdWZMbNn2>

There are 2 main parts:

- non-specialist summary
- proposal for an exhibition piece



The image shows a screenshot of a Google Form titled "Doctoral Showcase 2019 Entry Form". The form has a white background with a decorative border of gold circles. The text on the form includes: "Please use this form to enter the Doctoral Showcase competition. Shortlisted finalists will be required to prepare an exhibition/stand showcasing their doctoral research for the Creating Knowledge conference on 17 June. All SHU doctoral researchers who have passed their RF2 (or equivalent) but have not submitted their thesis by 17 June are eligible to enter." Below this is a red asterisk indicating a required field, followed by the label "Email address *". There is a text input field with the placeholder "Your email address". A dark grey banner below the input field contains the text "Deadline for entries is Monday 15 April 2019 (5pm)". Below the banner is another red asterisk indicating a required field, followed by the label "First Name *". There is a text input field with the placeholder "Your answer".

1. Non-specialist summary

- Briefly outline:
 - the original nature of your research and its potential outcomes/impact
 - why you have taken this methodological approach
 - the relevance/appeal of your work outside of your field or discipline

(Maximum 2,000 characters*)

*not 2,000 words

2. Proposal for an exhibition piece

- Describe your exhibition piece, including the **media** you plan to use (e.g. a combination of poster, film, object/artefact) and **why**.

(Maximum 2000 characters)

Think about:

- What could you do to bring your research alive?
- What will you do with your space?



What will you do with your space?



Indicative image from University of York PhD Spotlight

Further info / next steps

- A cross-disciplinary review panel will consider the entries following the deadline of 15 April
- If you are selected you will be offered further support in developing your ideas and public engagement skills
- You will need to be available on 17 June

<https://blogs.shu.ac.uk/doctoralschool/doctoral-showcase-2019>



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