

Call for Applications

[Design Research Works](#) is a UKRI research Fellowship led by [Dr Joseph Lindley](#). Our mission is to show the world what it can gain from Design Research. We do this through a mixture of community-oriented leadership projects and applied Design Research projects. We are currently seeking applications for 'Design Researchers in Residence' to work with us on projects during 2024. The objective is to facilitate exciting new projects, build new opportunities for collaboration, support both emerging and established Design Researchers, and to support the core mission.

What?

We invite proposals for projects that resonate with the themes of Design Research Works. For example, this could be a showcase or exploration of a novel way of applying Design Research or it could be a proposal for a design/practice-led inquiry into a particular theme or topic. While there are no restrictions on what can be proposed, we suggest familiarising yourself with the research and projects on our website as we are looking to accept proposals that resonate, critique, or complement our existing portfolio of work. Successful applicants will receive up to £2500 to complete the proposed project. This is to cover the applicants time, travel expenses and anything else necessary to deliver the proposal.

When?

The residence should start after 1st June 2024 and should conclude by 31st October 2024. Applicants are welcome to work remotely, in person at Lancaster or a mixture of both. We can be flexible regarding the length/timeline for proposals, but preference will be given to short/intensive proposals that can be completed in a few weeks and that have specific tangible outputs. Proposals must be submitted by 17th May 2024. We will notify successful applicants by 31st May 2024.

Who?

We have no restrictions on who can propose something and will be welcoming proposals from postgraduate students, postdoctoral researchers, or other researchers/designers/artists. We will require that you confirm you have obtained any necessary permission from your employer, host institution, or equivalent.

How?

Applicants should submit a short proposal detailing their idea. Please consider:

- What are the aims, objectives, and what will the proposed idea achieve?
- How does the idea complement Design Research Works' core mission?
- What are the planned outputs? (e.g., an object, a concept, a paper, a further proposal, a podcast, etc)
- What else is important or valuable about this idea?
- What do you need to make, research, experiment with, spend time on or buy to achieve this?
- How long will you spend working on it and what is your proposed timeline?
- What might come next and what future opportunities will this idea create?

To apply, please email your 1-page application to Claire Coulton (c.coulton2@lancaster.ac.uk) no later than 17th May 2024. It is fine to include additional images and links to other materials if necessary but please keep the main proposal to less than a page. Please also attach either a link to a portfolio of your work and/or an up-to-date resume.

For an informal chat about the aims and objectives of the residencies or to find out more about Design Research Works, please contact Joseph Lindley (j.lindley@lancaster.ac.uk).