

# TRINITY LABAN

Principal's Fund to Support Trinity Laban Research Degree Students (MPhil/PhD)

**Scope**

All full and part-time research students who apply for a place on either the Trinity Laban MPhil or PhD programmes are eligible for this fund, which aims to provide financial assistance to students in terms of fee waivers for a maximum period of four years.

**To be read in conjunction** with the Trinity Laban's *Research Degree Handbook* and *Guidance for Applicants*.

<https://www.trinitylaban.ac.uk/courses/research-degree-programme/>

## TRINITY LABAN PRINCIPAL'S FUND (MPhil/PhD)

### SCHEME CRITERIA

The purpose/description of the Principal's Fund (MPhil/PhD) are as follows:

- To provide assistance to Trinity Laban research students, in terms of a complete fee waiver for a maximum period of four years.
- All Trinity Laban research degree applicants are eligible for the Fund, regardless of programme (MPhil/PhD), or status (full- or part-time; home; overseas). This also includes Trinity Laban staff undertaking research degrees, provided they have a contract of employment with the institution of at least 0.2 FTE (or equivalent); in these cases the full fee waiver provided by the Fund would replace the existing 50% fee discount for such staff.
- Potential awards from the Fund are assessed by the Trinity Laban Peer Review Panel via an evaluation of all research proposals submitted to the UCAS and Trinity Laban Embark portals, and at either entrance date to the research degree programmes (September or January). There is no other form of application procedure for the Fund other than the standard route for admission to the programmes.
- The Peer Review Panel will recommend awards based on the availability of funding in any given financial year, and at the discretion of the Trinity Laban Principal and Artistic Director.
- The Peer Review Panel will prioritize the recommendation of any awards to students from known under-represented groups within UK Higher Educational research training programmes. Applicants should state clearly in their research proposal the grounds for under-representation (such as disability, global majority status, financial need etc.).
- Additional prioritization will be given to research proposals that are exceptionally-written and researched and demonstrate close alignment both to Trinity Laban's overall research specialisms, and the research interests of individual academic supervisory staff.
- Applicants should therefore tailor their proposals carefully to these stated potential supervisor research topics and areas, which are listed at:  
  
<https://www.trinitylaban.ac.uk/courses/research-degree-programme/>
- Awards will only be made to students where supervision can be accommodated completely internally at Trinity Laban by salaried academic staff. Research proposals that require supervision from external academics will not be eligible for an award.

- Applicants will be informed if they are the recipient of an award following successful admission to one of the research degree programmes during September or January, depending on the date of their application.

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