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**AberDoc 2026 Application Form A**

This form is to be completed electronically. It is for use by new applicants to PhD programmes at the University as well as by currently registered research students at the University who wish to apply to the AberDoc competition.

Please complete **Sections 1 to 5** and ensure that you adhere to the word-count specified for Section 2.

This document will be reviewed at academic Department level, and if shortlisted, at Faculty level. Remember that you should therefore write this AberDoc 2026 Application Form in language that is suitable for a wider audience than simply your relevant PhD project supervisor.

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| **1: Personal Details and Contact Information** | |
| **Surname / Family Name:** | |
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| **First Name / Given Name:** | |
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| **Student Reference Number or Applicant Number:** | |
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| **Title (Mr / Mrs / Ms etc):** | **Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY):** |
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| **Email:** | **Current Aberystwyth University research student (Y or N):** |
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| **2: Research Proposal/Outline (1,000 to 2,000 words)** |
| This section should be completed by the candidate unaided, *unless* the candidate is applying to study as part of a team in a Science department. In this instance the advice and comments of the prospective supervisor/team leader may be sought, and the candidate should indicate in the statement if this has been the case.  **Name of research supervisor(s) / potential supervisor(s) you have been in contact with:** |
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| **Title (or area) of research project:** |
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| **Research question(s):** |
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| **Methodology:** |
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| **Literature review/scientific background:** |
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| **Significance of research/potential impact:** |
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| **Novelty of research:** |
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| **Total Word Count:** |

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| **3. Career Development of Award** |
| How would your previous experience (academic and beyond) contribute to your proposed PhD project? |
| How would your career development benefit from securing an AberDoc Scholarship? |

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| **4. CV** |
| Please provide a copy of your current CV (maximum 2 pages). Your CV can either be provided in this box or as an attachment to this form. |

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| **5: Signature of Candidate** |
| I consent to the University’s use of my personal data in order that it may fulfil its administrative obligations in relation to the AberDoc Scholarship.  I have read and understood the terms and conditions attached to the AberDoc Scholarship (which appear at <https://www.aber.ac.uk/en/study-with-us/fees/postgrad/uk/research/aberdoc/>) |
| Signature of Candidate: …………………………………………………… Date: ……………………………………….. |
| All personal data provided by you will be treated strictly in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2018. |
| **New applicants: please upload this form with your application before submitting by 5pm on Friday 9 January 2026.**  **Current students: please submit this form to** [**pg-admissions@aber.ac.uk**](https://prifysgolaber-my.sharepoint.com/personal/maj52_aber_ac_uk/Documents/AFPVC/AberDoc/RE_%20AberDoc%202026/pg-admissions@aber.ac.uk) **by 5pm on Friday 9 January 2026.**  **Departments then submit their nominations to their respective Faculties. Faculties select candidates to receive awards, subject to final approval by the University’s Assistant Faculty Pro-Vice Chancellors for Research.** |

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| **Comments of Proposed/Current Supervisor (To be completed after the form has been submitted by the applicant)** |
| Supervisor Report  Please comment on the following if applicable:   1. Quality and potential of applicant’s/student’s research proposal as a PhD project 2. Relation of applicant’s/student’s proposed research to your own research interests and priorities 3. Contribution of applicant’s proposed research to department’s research profile and aims |
| Name of Supervisor:  Position & Academic Department:  Email Address of Supervisor:  Signature of Supervisor: …………………………….……………………… Date: ……………………………………….. |