



DEADLINE FOR ALL APPLICATIONS: Sunday, October 15th, 2023 - 12 p.m.

Long Boi Memorial

Open call out for all artists | Application Form

Project brief

We are looking for a talented artist or artists to design an outdoor memorial as part of a collaboration between YUSU and the University of York. This exciting opportunity provides a platform for emerging and established artists to showcase their work to a wider audience. The project consists of one life-sized statue of Long Boi, the University of York's late duck celebrity. As promised in our fundraiser, we're on a mission to commission and install a to-scale memorial of our cherished Long Boi, so that staff, students and members of the Long community can reminisce about His Royal Lönghness for years to come. Funding for this project is provided and detailed below. We welcome submissions from anybody interested in the project, whether student or not.

Context

In May, the University of York announced the passing of Long Boi, an Indian Runner-Mallard duck on the University's campus that became renowned online for being particularly tall. He made his way on James Corden's [Late Late Show](#) as well as on [the BBC Radio 1 Breakfast show with Greg James](#). Long Boi earned a following of thousands and was held dear by his community. He became an emblem and icon for the University. Following his passing, an [online crowdfund](#) was set up at the request of students by the University's Students' Union to fundraise for the erection of a memorial of Long Boi on campus. We are now looking to commission a statue to be placed on campus in Long Boi's memory. The aim of the project is to retain Long Boi's presence on campus for years to come to be enjoyed by students, faculty and members of the community and keep Long Boi's memory alive after his passing.

Project details

Your proposal should:

- o Be for a 2 foot 4 inches (71cm) standing rendition of Long Boi. For images of what Long Boi looked like, please refer to Long Boi's [Instagram page](#) or alternatively, images of him are easily [accessible online](#).
- o Indicate in what way you expect the statue to be mounted to a plinth, and any additional costs, materials and labour associated with this. Subject to planning permission, the memorial is expected to be located on the bank of the campus lake near Derwent College. Please see images of the location [here](#).
- o Indicate which materials you expect the statue to be made of and what facilities will be used to create it. Please be aware the statue will have to be made off-site; the University does not have facilities to provide potential artists with this process.
- o Indicate an estimated timeline for delivery of the memorial.

Your application should consist of the following:

- o **A completed application form** (word document or PDF, see below). We are open to alternative means of application/application submission, e.g., in the body of an email, presented as a recorded video or audio description. Applicants wishing to apply via an alternative means must still respond to the application criteria by addressing all the sections shared in the application form below.
- o **Supporting material:** Up to 5 images (jpeg format, max 2MB each) of the proposed work.
- o **Previous work:** Applicants may wish to include images (jpeg format, max 2MB each) or website links (for video/performance/audio/written work) of previous work. A maximum of 5 can be included within the application. The panel is particularly keen to see work completed in the last two years. You may also wish to include a **current CV** (word document, PDF or website link): this is **optional**, don't worry if you do not have a CV - this will not impact your application!
- o **A quote of how much your proposal would cost.** This should include a **detailed breakdown** of how funds are to be spent for the project. Please note the maximum spendable budget for this project is: £3,000.00. An additional £2,347 has been ring-fenced for the purchase of a plinth, installation costs and statue upkeep and is

not spendable on the actual statue itself. Any unspent funding will be donated to a good cause within the University, as detailed in the Crowdfunder.

Submit your application to president@yusu.org. The email subject line should read: YUSU/UOY Long Boi Open Call – [Your Name].

Applicant Information:

- o **We are open to alternative means of application/application submission**, e.g., in the body of an email, presented as a recorded video or audio description.
- o **This opportunity is open to all, whether students, staff or professionals.** Applicants do not need to be based on campus to take part.
- o **Applications are reviewed by a panel**, comprising YUSU representatives and representatives from the University of York.
- o **If you have any access requirements** that you would like to discuss or want to request more information, please contact president@yusu.org.

Application Form	
Name:	
Contact Details:	
Preferred Pronouns:	
Company (if applicable):	
Section 1 (500 words max.)	

Please share a proposal for the project that you wish to deliver.

Outline the memorial that you would like to produce, how you would like to go about producing it and an expected timeline for delivery. A quote of how much your proposal would cost. This should include a brief overview of how funds are to be spent for the project.

Section 2 (100 words max.)

Please provide an outline of your practice or relevant field of interest/experience.

Section 3 (100 words max.)

Please give us a full breakdown of your project's estimated budget. This should include purchasing resources and materials, any relevant hire fees, delivery costs and artist fees, as well as any other foreseeable costs.

Supporting Materials

You can attach up to 5 images (jpeg format, max 2MB each) of your proposed work to your submission email.

Previous Work

You can include up to 5 images (jpeg format, max 2MB each) or website links (for video/performance/audio/written work) demonstrating previous work. If you would like to, please feel free to add these here:

Additional Support

Please let us know if you have any access or additional support needs that you would like the team to know about:

Please confirm that the information contained within this form is accurate to the best of your knowledge by adding your name or an electronic signature below.

Signature of Applicant:

Date:

Thank you for taking the time to complete this application.

If you need any guidance, please contact president@yusu.org

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