

Guidance for the Free Black University's Radical Imagination Labs

Thank you for your interest in the [Radical Imagination Labs](#), the flagship knowledge production course of The Free Black University project. This document provides additional information on what to expect from the Radical Imagination Labs course and guidance on applying.

It is advised you review this document, the Application Pack, the Course Overview and the FBU's Pedagogical Principles, all of which can be found on the Radical Imagination Labs page of our website, before beginning your application.

What we offer as a part of the course

- Join a space designed to facilitate the co-creation of radical knowledge, under the guidance of the Free Black University's [Pedagogical Principles](#)
- Exploration of many facets of Black Radical thought, including Black feminism, philosophies, and spiritualities in a guided 12-week course.
- Be part of a process to 'Archive Our Now', through curating an oral archive of the process to be presented in a podcast format
- Participants will also be invited to discuss the Radical Imagination Labs at an in-person Free Black University community gathering and celebration in Spring 2023.
- Participation in an ongoing community of practice after the Labs in the form of the Imagination Incubator, to continue imagining, sharing, visioning and creating.

What we will consider in your application:

- Your application will be considered primarily on your responses to the questions on page 3 of the Application Pack. If you are submitting an audio or audio/visual recording to answer these questions, then please answer the questions in order.
- We will also consider your examples of previous work if you choose to submit them.
- Examples of work can take any form
 - Art
 - Experiences
 - Academic work
 - Blog

What we will not consider:

- There is no prerequisite to have a relationship with divinity
- We will not consider the quality of writing or recording. Your application answers will be considered entirely on their content.

- We will not consider your location; anyone from the UK or Europe is eligible. Location and address information is collected for monitoring of communications and for the free book giveaway lottery.
- The Equal Opportunities Monitoring Form is not linked to your application and is collected solely for monitoring.

Links:

- The application will ask you to insert links for your audio/video application and for your examples of previous work.
- We recommend uploading your file to secure platform like Google Drive or Dropbox, then turn on sharing on those files so that anyone with a link can view them. Copy the sharing link of the file into the box in the application form.
- For examples of work already hosted online (i.e., Instagram, Youtube, a blog), it is fine to simply copy the URL (the website address) into the box in the application form.
- For links such as this, make sure the settings have made them viewable to the public or people with a link (this would be public/unlisted on YouTube, or via a page on Instagram that is viewable without following, for example.)
- If you have any queries or issues regarding uploads, please email us: admin@freeblackuni.com.

Geography requirements

- This course is open to Black/mixed-Black racialised people from Europe. The course is delivered online, though the Free Black University is based in the UK.
- We will endeavour to make the course as engaging and accessible for participants outside of the UK, based on individual requirements communicated to us in the application form.
- For the celebration event, we will cover transport and accommodation expenses for all participants.