**ANNEX A**

**SWDTP Studentship Application Form: to be completed by the applicant**

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| **Personal details** |
| **Name** *(as recorded on your Passport)* | **Application number** *(if you have one)* |
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| **Nationality** and *(if different)* **Country of Domicile** *(where you live)* |
| **International students, please NOTE: ESRC will fund international students at the home fee and stipend rate. This does not cover the difference between the UK rate and the International fee set by universities. It is essential to confirm the policy of the university to which you are applying e.g. is there a fee waiver? Will you be expected to pay the difference?** |
| **University and Pathway to which you are applying (**<https://www.swdtp.ac.uk/prospective-students-and-fellows/esrc-funded-studentships/>) |
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| **Are you applying for a 1+3 (MRes + PhD) or +3 (PhD)?** |
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| **If you are applying for a +3 PhD*****+3 PhDs (without an additional Masters training year) are usually only awarded to students with an existing Masters qualification where a minimum of one third of the taught stage of the programme entailed research methods elements, divided approximately equally between social sciences research design, and quantitative and qualitative research methods elements. Please briefly discuss below how you meet these criteria. If you come close to meeting them but not fully, please detail what is missing. We may, at our discretion, make allowance for professional experience. However, the final decision whether to award a PhD as +3 or 1+3 lies with our awarding committee.*** |
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| **Are you applying for a full-time or part-time studentship?** |
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| **Proposed supervisors***Note: For interdisciplinary pathways the Lead Supervisor will be from the applicant’s home institution but the second supervisor must be from a different discipline (a different sub-discipline is not sufficient; however, the second could still be from the same institution)* |
| Name of Lead Supervisor:School or department:University: | Name of second supervisor:School or department:University: |
| **Have you applied for any other Pathways in the SWDTP?** | Yes / No |
| *…if yes, please list which Pathway and to which institution(s) you have applied. Please note, you can only apply to a maximum of two Pathways within the SWDTP.* |
| **Previous degrees attained (Undergraduate and Masters)** | **Date** | **Result** |
| 1. *Please include the name of the degree and the awarding organisation:*
2. *Please also include the title(s) of any previous research dissertation(s) you have undertaken and the marks they attained:*
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| *We appreciate and value difference, seeking to attract, develop and retain a diverse mix of talented people that will contribute to and benefit from the South West Doctoral Training Partnership.* (Optional) Please provide any contextual information that is relevant to the application. For example, if you are returning to the education system after a period of prolonged absence, you may, if you wish, list any relevant professional experience/qualifications that you have gained. Or, if your prior attainment was affected by extenuating circumstances that you wish to share with us, please do so. This space is open for you to include any relevant information that will help us to understand your interest in the research and ability to complete it. |
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| Name of academic referee (not proposed supervisor) who you will ask to provide a reference: |
| Name and title:Institutional address:Contact e-mail:How this person knows you: |

(The application form continues below)

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| ***Important notes:***1. All applications will be assessed primarily on **Your 1,300-word research proposal that should illustrate the following:**

**1.1 Research potential** – achievable within the duration of the award, understanding of the field, potential for original contribution, consideration of relevant past research and theory, and fit to strategic priorities, including* + ESRC - <https://esrc.ukri.org/about-us/strategy-and-priorities/>
	+ Chosen Faculty / School / Department
	+ Interdisciplinary Pathway

**1.2 Research proposal** - clear research question, clear understanding of the demands of the project, conversant in relevant/ proposed methods (or aware of methodological needs where applying for 1+3), consideration of ethical issues/constraints on the project, and the potential for impact <https://esrc.ukri.org/research/impact-toolkit/what-is-impact/>. For interdisciplinary programmes, a clearly articulated and embedded interdisciplinary approach.**One or other of the following – NOT BOTH****Either: Collaborative, Impact and Engagement Elements**\* - important factors include relevant external partner identified, collaboration plan (with partner), impact, and awareness of opportunities and challenges that external collaborations bring. Various relevant ESRC links include:* Collaboration <https://esrc.ukri.org/collaboration/>
* Knowledge exchange activity <https://esrc.ukri.org/collaboration/guidance-for-collaboration/>
* Impact <https://esrc.ukri.org/research/impact-toolkit/>
* Evaluation and Impact https://esrc.ukri.org/research/impact-toolkit/

*[\*NOTE: The ESRC continue to emphasise the importance of collaboration with non-academic public, private and/or civil-society sector organisations. Applications should highlight any relevant forms of knowledge exchange and collaborative working with an external (non-academic) organisation e.g. Co-funding, Internships, Placements or Contribution in terms of time, resources required such as equipment or assays, access to data, etc. Collaboration must include substantive knowledge exchange and not just one-way engagement (e.g. data collection)]***Or: Ambitious and Novel Research Proposal** - important factors include novelty/fresh ideas, new concepts / techniques with the potential for significant scientific or societal and economic impact, innovative or even untested methods within the context of the particular project, involving multiple or unusual disciplinary combinations both within and beyond the social sciences, and accessing difficult/challenging data or generating new data in challenging settings. Note: should you be shortlisted for interview, this will also form part of the assessment of your project. All interviews will be conducted online.1. As part of the application process, academics from other disciplines may read your application for funding and so it is important that this summary is written with this in-mind
2. Students are able to claim additional funding during their studies for the following:
* Difficult Language Training
* Overseas Fieldwork
* Overseas Institutional Visits

**NOTE:** Additional funding for Difficult Language Training and Overseas Fieldwork can only be claimed if details are outlined in the separate section below at the time of studentship application. There is some flexibility with regards to additional funding for Overseas Institutional Visits as these opportunities might not be known at the point of application.You should refer to <https://www.swdtp.ac.uk/funding-for-current-students/> for further information 1. Please note that the equal opportunity information (if provided) will not be shared for the purposes of assessment but will be collected and shared anonymously with the ESRC as part of the Annual Report – as requested by them.
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| **Title of proposed research** |
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| **Your research proposal** (please refer to the notes above for guidance as to what the proposal should contain)**IMPORTANT: There is a strict 1300-word limit, fully inclusive of everything except references. This includes all the written text, quotes, in-line citations, section headers, captions, the contents of tables and any foot-/endnotes. Each figure/graphic should be counted as equivalent to 200 words. Tables should be counted as the number of words they contain. Proposals that are found to be overlength will be rejected.** |
| **Word count (please complete):**  |
| **References (Bibliography)** (not included in your Word count) |
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| **Adapting and responding to Covid-19**In the following section, reflect upon how your research would be affected if present circumstances were to continue (with, for example, on-going constraints on overseas travel, face-to-face interviewing, and so forth) and how you would adapt the research to meet those challenges. What you need to demonstrate is that you have thought through the potential issues and would still have a way of making progress to a successful PhD. (500 words maximum. Note: this is in addition to the 1,300 research proposal)  |
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| **Which category do you wish your application to be considered against?** (tick one only) |
| Collaborative, Impact and Engagement Elements |  |
| Ambitious and Novel Research Proposal |  |
| (This is for information only and will not be used as part of the assessment process, however, this **must** be included if you wish to access these funds during your studies) **If relevant, please confirm additional funding requirements** against one or more of the following(up to 100 words per allowance)* Difficult Language Training
* Overseas Fieldwork
* Overseas Institutional Visits
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| Please sign or type your name below and enter the date. By doing so you are certifying that the information you have provided is correct, is subject to checking and that any evidence of falsification will lead to the application being rejected or to any funding awarding being withdrawn. You are also certifying that you are the author of the research proposal. |
| Name: Date:The information you provide as part of your application will be shared with other institutions in the SWDTP partnership for purposes of shortlisting and interviewing, we are unable to process your application without this: ☐ Please X to consent to the above |

(Before submitting your application, please refer to the checklist below)

**NOTE: FUNDING APPLICATION DEADLINE: 12.00 (Noon) GMT Tuesday 19th January 2021**

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| **IMPORTANT Checklist:****Have you (please**  **X):**☐ identified a potential supervisor and discussed your proposal and application form, Annex A, with them☐ made an application to study for a PhD at the institution to which you are applying and sent in the documentation required to process your application. Note: if the institution rejects your application to study on a given pathway in that institution then you will no longer be eligible for a studentship at that institution and pathway.☐ sent a **copy** of your completed SWDTP Application form (Annex A, **not** your SWDTP Equal Opportunities Student Data form) to your proposed supervisor so that they can complete their Supervisor Supporting Statement (Annex B) by the funding deadline.☐ sent a copy of the below to your institution to be considered for ESRC funding:☐ The Studentship Application Form (Annex A)☐ The completed Supervisor Statement (Annex B)☐ transcript(s) or marks profile☐ if applicable, letters of external collaboration support☐ SWDTP Equal Opportunities Student Data form☐ reminded your academic referee of the need for them to submit their reference, preferably by the funding deadline, or definitely by the 22nd February 2021. References to be sent to the institution to which you are applying at the contacts belowBath Doctoral Recruitment Team doctoraladmissions@bath.ac.ukBristol James Camp swdtp-bristol@bristol.ac.ukExeter Anna Dolman doctoral.college@exeter.ac.ukPlymouth Sarah Kearns doctoralcollege@plymouth.ac.ukUWE Vicky Nash graduateschool@uwe.ac.uk |