

Student Statement Form

<u>Personal Details</u>		
<u>Name</u> <i>(as recorded on your Passport)</i>	<u>Application number</u> <i>(if you have one)</i>	
<u>Nationality</u> and <i>(if different)</i> <u>Country of Domicile</u> <i>(where you live)</i>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	
<u>University, Department and Programme of Study for which you are applying</u>		
<u>Name of proposed Supervisor</u>		
<u>Have you applied for any other pathways/institutions in the SWDTP</u>	Yes / No	
<i>...if so, please list which pathway(s) and institution(s)</i>		
<u>Highest degree awarded</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Result</u>

Important notes:

1. All applications will be assessed based on:

1.1 Academic Excellence – (including grades, references, research training already undertaken and other activities/prizes - as indicated in your application to study)

Your 1,000-word Student Statements which should illustrate the following:

1.2 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 fits strategic priorities, including

- ESRC - <http://www.esrc.ac.uk/about-esrc/mission-strategy-priorities/index.aspx>
- Chosen Faculty / School / Department
- ID pathway

1.3 Research Proposal - clear research question, clear understanding of demands of project, conversant in relevant/ proposed methods (or aware of methodological needs 1+3), and aware of ethical issues/ constraints on project, and the potential impact

<http://www.esrc.ac.uk/research/evaluation-and-impact/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 <http://www.esrc.ac.uk/collaboration/>

- Knowledge exchange activity <http://www.esrc.ac.uk/collaboration/knowledge-exchange/index.aspx>
- Impact <http://www.esrc.ac.uk/research/impact-toolkit/>
- Evaluation and Impact <http://www.esrc.ac.uk/research/evaluation-and-impact/>

*[*NOTE: The ESRC continue to emphasise the importance of collaboration with non-academic public, private and civil-society sector organisations. Applications should highlight any relevant forms of knowledge exchange and collaborative working with an external (non-academic) public, private or civil-society sector 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, involve 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: your application will also be assessed on your **Academic Excellence**.]

2. 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
3. Students are able to claim additional funding during their studies for the following:
 - difficult language training,
 - overseas institutional visits
 - overseas fieldwork

...however, these can only be claimed if details are included in the separate section below. You should refer to the SWDTP Information for Current Students at <https://www.swdtp.ac.uk/information-for-current-students/> for more information on the different funds available.

Title of Research Proposal

Summary Research Proposalinsert your own text here (up to 6000 characters only)...

Bibliography (not included in your Word limit)

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)

Additional Funding Requirements against one or more of the following (up to **100** words per allowance)

Difficult Language Training,
Overseas Institutional Visits
Overseas Fieldwork

IMPORTANT Checklist:

Have you (please tick ✓):

- Identified a potential Supervisor and discussed your proposal (and SWDTP Student Statement) with them
- Submit your **Application to Study and Funding** to the institution to which you are applying, which *may* comprise (depending on institutional requirements):
 - application form
 - cv (where required)
 - Certificate(s)
 - Transcript(s)
 - English Language test certificates (where required)
 - SWDTP Equal Opportunities Student Data form and specifically for Bath, Bristol, Exeter and Plymouth
 - SWDTP Student's Statement (Annex A)
- Send a copy of your completed SWDTP Student Statement and your Application (**not** your SWDTP Equal Opportunities Student Data form) to your proposed supervisor so that they can complete their Supervisor's Supporting Statement by the funding deadline. .
- Remind your Referees of the need for them to submit their references by the funding application deadline