**Grand Union DTP ESRC Studentship Application Form**

For entry in 2019-20

Please ensure you have read all guidance provided by your chosen institution before completing this form.

**1. Applicant Details**

First Name: Click here to enter text.

Surname: Click here to enter text.

**2. Research Programme / Institution Details**

Host Institution: Click here to enter text.

Pathway: Click here to enter text.

**3. Research Summary**

Summarise your proposed doctoral research in a way that is accessible to a non-expert reader, including its relevance and potential implications. Applicants for Masters programmes should give a briefer indicative answer, and we recognise that this summary is likely to change over time. (max 400 words)

Click here to enter text.

**4. Overseas Fieldwork and Language Training**

If you plan to undertake overseas fieldwork or difficult language training during your doctoral programme, please provide brief details. Please note that this should be mentioned at the point of application in order to be eligible to apply later for relevant financial support from the ESRC. (max 150 words)

Click here to enter text.

**5. Personal Statement**

Please provide a personal statement to support your application, commenting on your motivation and suitability for doctoral research and the proposed project. You should include details of relevant personal and career achievements, relevant professional experience, and/or any personal challenges you may have overcome which demonstrate your potential and capacity for postgraduate study. (max 400 words)

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**6. Collaboration with non-academic organisations**

The ESRC actively encourages students to collaborate with non-academic organisations to maximise the wider impact of their work. Please indicate any potential plans for collaborative working through placements/internships or through research. (max 200 words)

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**7. Prior Research Methods Training**

*To be completed by candidates who have* ***not*** *already completed a research-training Masters on one of the Grand Union training pathways.*

The ESRC expects all DTP-funded researchers to develop a competent understanding of debates in their discipline; an overview of the philosophy of social research and how it informs design, methods and analysis and representation of findings, and an understanding of a range of research techniques

Please give details of previous Masters degree/s, including the research training you have (or will have) undertaken within the programme, listing the research design and qualitative and quantitative methods courses you have taken.

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**Other relevant training**

Please provide details of other relevant training or experience (for example, work-based training, other skills experience).

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**8. Advanced Quantitative Methods and Data Skills (AQM)**

*Only to be completed where you are intending to use Advanced quantitative Methods in your PhD. All other applicants, please answer "not applicable".*

The Grand Union DTP will offer at least four awards to students using advanced quantitative methods or data skills in their research. The expectation is that the research design and analysis will deploy methods or data skills that extend beyond the standard expectations in your field.

Aspects of proposed AQM may include the following, depending upon the subject area and proposed research:

* Advanced methods of data collection and data analysis techniques
* Use of large and complex data sets (admin data, digital data, census data)
* Specific experimental, quasi-experimental or evaluation methods
* Advanced use of data and programming skills (including AI and e-Research tools)

If you wish to be considered for an AQM award, please explain how your research will use quantitative approaches, statistical skills, or methods that are regarded as advanced within your subject specialism (max 200 words).

Click here to enter text.

Please also describe the advanced quantitative methods training you intend to take during your award (max 200 words).

Click here to enter text.

**9. Prior Research Council (RCUK) Funding**

Have you previously received funding for a UK Research Council for postgraduate study? (Yes or No)

Click here to enter text.

If yes, please list Research Council, programme and University below.

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