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ESRC Postdoctoral Fellowships Expression of Interest Application Form

The ESRC Postdoctoral Fellowship scheme aims to provide a career development opportunity for those in the immediate postdoctoral stage of their career, an opportunity to consolidate their PhD through developing publications, their networks, and their research and professional skills.

UWE Bristol belongs to the South West Doctoral Training Partnership (SWDTP) and is therefore invited to submit 2 Full ESRC Full Stage applications for their consideration. This Expression of Interest call is open to internal and external applicants whose research interests are aligned with the 6 SWDTP Pathways held at UWE Bristol: <https://www.swdtp.ac.uk/prospective-students-and-fellows-nw/esrc-funded-studentships/>

UWE has prepared its own guidance for the Expression of Interest: <https://blogs.uwe.ac.uk/research-business-innovation/esrc-postdoctoral-fellowships-expression-of-interest-guidance-for-applications-to-uwe-bristol/>

Further guidance and information about the SWDTP can be found here: <https://www.swdtp.ac.uk/prospective-students-and-fellows-nw/esrc-postdoctoral-fellowships/>

Accessibility: If you require particular and individualised reasonable adjustments, or any other support in making your application (i.e., submission in a different format), please get in touch and let us know what adjustments would help you to apply. Email: research@uwe.ac.uk

The deadline to submit this Expression of Interest form is midday Thursday 21 March 2024.

- Please note and follow the word limit set for each question. Failure to do so may invalidate your application.
- All EOI applications are required to submit additional documents as outlined in the guidance. These should be emailed to research@uwe.ac.uk with the header "ESRC SWDTP Fellowship FIRST NAME & SURNAME"

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All personal information will be collected and stored following UWE Bristol's Staff Privacy Notice and UWE Bristol's Data Protection Policy and Guidance.

* Required

Applicant

1. Full Name *

2. Email address *

3. Organisation *

Your current organisation, if you are not in employment at present please state "N/A"

4. School or Department *

Your current School or Department, or note N/A if applicable

Eligibility Check

Please read eligibility criteria carefully on page 3 of the Call specification page 3 of the FAQs document.

5. Institution where you completed or are currently completing your PhD *

6. Expected or actual PhD submission date *

7. Expected or actual date of the viva voce *

8. Please confirm the ESRC eligibility statement *

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I will have no more than 12 months of active postdoctoral research experience between my viva voce pass date up to the 16 May 2024, not including career-breaks

For a Fellowship to be held at UWE Bristol

The Fellowship should be held in a UWE Bristol School that belongs to the relevant pathway: <https://www.uwe.ac.uk/>

A list of all the SWDTP pathways is here: <https://www.swdtp.ac.uk/prospective-students-and-fellows-nw/esrc-funded-studentships/>

9. School *

10. UWE SWDTP Pathway: *

- ☐ Climate Change, Sustainability and Society
- ☐ Health, Wellbeing and Society
- ☐ Sociotechnical Futures & Digital Methods
- ☐ Education
- ☐ Management and Business
- ☐ Social Policy

11. Project title *

Up to 150 characters including spaces

12. Duration *

The fellowship will start on 01 October 2024. Please indicate which you are interesting in applying for:

- ☐ 12 months (full-time)
- ☐ 24 months (part-time)

13. Please confirm that you are aware that you are expected to spend 100% of your contracted working time (whether full-time or part-time) on the fellowship *

- ☐ Yes

Proposed Mentor

Your mentor should be in the School where the Fellowship will be held and should be based primarily in the social sciences.

To find an appropriate mentor in 1 of the 6 UWE Pathways please look at the relevant School on the UWE website, or the SWDTP potential supervisor database: <https://www.swdtp.ac.uk/prospective-students-and-fellows-nw/supervisor-database/>. See further guidance on the role of the mentor on page 4 of the Call Specification and pages 8 of the FAQs.

Ideally, your mentor should not be your PhD Supervisor, however we recognise that this may not always be possible, however where this is the case, the choice should be fully justified.

14. Have you identified an appropriate mentor? *

- ☐ No, I have not yet found an appropriate mentor
- ☐ I have identified a mentor but have yet to discuss my project with them, details below.
- ☐ Yes, I have selected my mentor and am in communication with them about this application, details below.

15. Mentor's Full Name

16. School

17. Position

18. Explain why the proposed mentor is well-placed to support you in achieving the main objectives. Or, if do not yet have a confirmed mentor how you anticipate this person will support your Fellowship.

Up to 100 words

Case for Support

19. Abstract/summary of progress of PhD *

Up to 200 words

Provide either a summary or abstract of your in-progress or completed thesis. This should be no more than one page and should include its main claims to originality and excellence, methodology used and significant findings.

20. Summary of proposal *

Up to 200 words

Outline your project, and how this work follows on from your PhD, if related.

21. Aims and objectives *

Up to 400 words

Please specify the aims and objectives that should be achieved by the end of the fellowship. Below is a list of general examples, where possible please provide detail in your aims and objectives:

- Produce publications to help establish a track record
- Engage with a range of different audiences to communicate their research findings
- Build networks to develop impact opportunities and inform and support their further development
- Collaborate with users through an internship or placement to help develop their professional and transferrable skills and understanding of users' organisations
- Further training to improve their research and related skills
- Developing funding proposals
- Carry out further limited research (up to 25%) based on their PhD
- Teaching, if in alignment with the wider purposes of the fellowship (up to a maximum of 6 hrs p/week)
- Internships or placements, provided they are an integral part of the fellowship
- Research visits to internationally leading research organisations – either in the UK or abroad – for research collaboration, training, and/or access to data or other resources not available at the applicant's host organisation.

22. Planned programme of activities *

Up to 400 words

This section should detail your planned programme of activities and the key milestones for these activities. The focus of the programme of activities is for fellows to consolidate their PhD. The fellowship does not have to be directly building on the work of the PhD; however, it does need to follow on or be related to it. Fellows should not undertake major new research during a grant. However, limited additional research (up to 25% of the programme of work) directly linked to the PhD can be undertaken. In this case, the time commitment for new research should be clearly shown in the Work Plan (as attachment).

It is vital that the economic and social impact of all projects funded by the ESRC is maximised. This section should describe the impacts your research has had or that you expect it to have. Explain what steps you will take to provide opportunities for users to benefit from your research and to ensure that your research has maximum societal impact. Impacts include the impact of completed research and any planned further limited research, the dissemination of its results and the building up of a publication track record, the development of the research field and the behaviour or understanding of users and policy-makers.

23. Context and fit *

Up to 200 words

Consider how this activity fits within the ESRC Pathway chosen and why UWE Bristol is the appropriate place for this work to be carried out.

24. Track record *

Up to 200 words

Summarise your academic career journey to date, we are particularly interested in the impact any training has had on your skills development and on your prospects for a successful academic career.

25. Career development *

Up to 300 words

This section requires a well-structured summary of 'where you are now' in your training and personal development. This will help reviewers decide whether an applicant is at a stage in their career development where a fellowship will have an important and lasting impact on their ability to work as a professional researcher.

Please describe how this Fellowship will support the programme of activities should be tailored to support your longer term career aspirations, whether you are aiming for a career in academia or a research career in the broader economy.

Attachments

To complete your application, **please send the following documents to research@uwe.ac.uk** with the header "ESRC SWDTP Fellowship FIRST NAME & SURNAME"

- Your CV: This should be a 2-page document including a list of your publications, minimum font size 11 (required)
- Reference list for any citations in the Case for Support (required)
- Workplan: a simple GANTT or excel spreadsheet outlining the timescale for key activities and milestone (optional)

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