

Section 1 - Your Details

Name *

First Name

Last Name

School/Department *

Project title *

Applicants should choose a programme based on their prior academic experience, and in consultation with their proposed supervisor. As part of the nomination process, the supervisor will conduct a 'Development Needs Analysis', which is intended to ensure that you receive research training that is most suited to your experience and development needs. For further information, please see the [Guidance for Applicants](#).

Depending on their prior academic experience, applicants will normally select a programme as follows - please select one:

Applicants without a social science Masters degree:

1 year MA Social Research followed by 3.5 year PhD

For applicants with a social science masters degree but without 60 credits of M-level research training:

3.75 year integrated PGCert/PhD

For applicants with 60 or more credits of social science M-level research training:

3.5 year PhD

Please note that all WRDTP programmes include an integral 3 month 'Research in Practice' placement as standard, which will be taken during the PhD phase. There is further information about this in the [Guidance for Applicants and FAQs](#).

Please select one programme *

Studentship type *

- Pathway Award
 Advanced Quantitative Methods
 Advanced Data Analytics
 WRDTP/SHF Pathway Award for Black British students

Select all that apply

Section 2 - About Your Project (5 marks max - double-weighted)

Provide a short overview of the project. This should include a statement of the problem (i.e. research statement) and/or the research questions your project will address; a summary of existing academic scholarship in the field, and the way in which your project relates to this scholarship; and, the contribution that your project will make to academic and empirical knowledge. If your project is interdisciplinary, you should explain its contribution to the different fields in which it is situated (500 words max). *

500/500

Outline the project's research design. Include detail about the research method/s you will use, and how the proposed research design will enable you to address the research problem and/or research questions detailed above (500 words max). Depending on your research design, this could include information about fieldwork that you will undertake; case studies that you will examine; participants that you will recruit; data sets that you will use or create; sampling strategies; and approach to data analysis. *

500/500

All research has ethical considerations. Your nominating university will have useful resources on research ethics and integrity, and your proposed supervisor will be able to signpost you towards these. Detail the ethical considerations of your research, and how you will ensure that your research adheres to the highest standards of research ethics and integrity (250 words max). *

250/250

It is a normal part of the research process to encounter difficulties. These can include losing access to the field, being unable to work with your planned participants, consent being withdrawn, or having low response rates. It is therefore vital that you have plans in place to overcome such difficulties so that your research project can get back on track. It is also important to note that the ESRC requires all students to finish their research (i.e. submit their thesis) within the period that they receive funding. Provide information about the likely contingency plans that you will put in place in the event that your proposed programme of research cannot proceed as planned, and to ensure submission within your funded period (250 words). *

250/250

SECTION 3 - Your Project's Fit With WRDTP Core Priorities (5 marks max)

The WRDTP is organised around seven thematic interdisciplinary pathways, which bring together researchers from a range of disciplinary backgrounds working in areas of common interest. All of our funded students are aligned to at least one of our pathways, each of which offer a range of training and development opportunities to equip our students with the skills and expertise necessary to address the most pressing challenges facing the world today.

You should identify the main interdisciplinary pathway with which your research is aligned, and explain below if your research is relevant to more than one pathway.

Pathway (select main one only) *

Please see: <https://wrdtp.ac.uk/interdisciplinary-pathways/> for more details about the Pathways.

Explain how your proposed research aligns with the main interdisciplinary pathway selected above. It is common for a research project to relate to more than one pathway. If this is the case, please also explain how your proposed research is relevant to more than one pathway (250 words max). *

250/250

The WRDTP is committed to funding research that has the potential to benefit society and the economy, and which is relevant to non-academic audiences locally and more widely. All applications should have a clear sense of the potential benefits and likely non-academic audiences, as well as a plan for how these benefits will be realised. Explain the potential benefits of your proposed programme of research, and the steps that you will take to realise these benefits (250 words max). These steps could include working with a non-academic partner to produce the research, or sharing research findings with non-academic beneficiaries. If you have links with non-academic partners (e.g. through professional, work or volunteer experience) that you wish to draw upon, you are welcome to discuss these below. However, there is no expectation that an applicant will have existing relationships, and the core purpose of this section is for you to demonstrate your understanding of the research's potential benefits and your ideas for realising them. *

250/250

SECTION 4 - Your Motivation and Potential (5 marks max)

Explain what motivates you to undertake the proposed programme of research detailed above. You are welcome to highlight a variety of factors that motivate you, e.g. intellectual, personal, professional (250 words). This section should focus specifically on the programme of research itself. You should explain why you believe this programme of research is necessary and why the research problem that you have identified needs addressing. *

250/250

The WRDTP recognises that applicants have a diverse range of experience and skills, and that evidence of potential to undertake doctoral-level research can take many forms. Such evidence may include academic achievements, but can also include a much wider range of professional, voluntary or personal achievements. Provide evidence of your potential to undertake doctoral-level research. We particularly welcome examples that demonstrate key transferable skills, such as resilience, adaptability, project management and the ability to deliver to deadlines (250 words max). *

250/250

SECTION 5 - Stuart Hall Foundation Award statement (optional - eligible applicants only)

These awards are open to Black British students (Black or Black British African, Black or Black British Caribbean, Black or Black British other or Mixed Black or Black British).

The WRDTP and Stuart Hall Foundation (SHF) have partnered to provide opportunities to under-represented groups in academia in line with Stuart Hall's commitment to redressing inequalities. The SHF is committed to public education, addressing urgent questions of race and inequality in culture and society through [funding and events](#), and building a network of SHF scholars and artists in residence. [You can find out more here](#)

Please note that this part of the application form is considered by a separate sub-panel comprising the WRDTP Director and 4-5 members of the WRDTP Academic Quality Committee. **For the purposes of assessment, your statement will not be shared beyond this sub-panel.**

If the WRDTP recommends that you are awarded one of these awards, your full application form (and the nomination form completed by your university) will also be shared with the Stuart Hall Foundation for final approval.

Do you identify as Black British?

Yes

Applicants are asked to self-identify and sign a disclaimer to the effect that the information provided is correct. This is indicated by selecting the 'Yes' box above.

SECTION 6 - Confirmation of Application

We need the information entered into this form for the purposes of assessment and to demonstrate a fair selection process to the ESRC.

Once this form is submitted to the WRDTP in support of an applicant's nomination, the information provided will be shared with:

-The WRDTP Office.

-Sheffield members of the Universities of Bradford, Hull, Leeds, Manchester Metropolitan, Sheffield, Sheffield Hallam and York (regardless of the institution to which an applicant has applied).

-WRDTP Academic Quality Committee Moderation Assessment Panel.

Each year we also share a sample of application and nomination forms with a small number of other ESRC-funded Doctoral Training Partnerships for the purposes of moderation.

Any personal information supplied is held in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation.

For applicants applying for a Stuart Hall Foundation award, please note that following nomination to the WRDTP, Section 5 of the application form is considered by a separate sub-panel comprising the WRDTP Director and 4-5 members of the WRDTP Academic Quality Committee. For the purposes of assessment, your statement will not be shared beyond this sub-panel. If the WRDTP recommends that you are awarded one of these awards, your full application form (and the nomination form completed by your university) will also be shared with the Stuart Hall Foundation for final approval.

Please confirm that you, as the applicant, have completed all parts of this application form. *

Yes

Please confirm that you have read the [ESRC Postgraduate Funding Guidelines](#) and are willing to abide by conditions that you have read there in.

I confirm that I have read the ESRC Postgraduate Funding Guidelines *

I Confirm

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