 

**Northern Bridge Doctoral Training Partnership**

**& Northumbria-Sunderland Consortium in Art and Design**

**Application Form for AHRC NPIF Studentships**

This application form is for applicants applying for an AHRC NBDTP/N-SC NPIF doctoral studentship. Section A is for completion by the applicant. Section B is for completion by the School/Department. Before completing the application form you must have read the *Guidance for Applicants and Staff*. **Please note that applicants may submit only one application to the NBDTP/N-SC AHRC NPIF studentship competition.**

In order to be eligible for an AHRC NPIF studentship, you must have been offered a place on a PhD programme at one of Durham University, Newcastle University, Northumbria University, Queen’s University Belfast or University of Sunderland. Please discuss the procedure for applying for a PhD with the relevant contact at the University concerned as soon as possible.

**Section A: For completion by the Applicant** *(please use font size 11)*

1. **Applicant details**

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| Title | Forename | | Middle name(s) | Surname |
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| Previous Name | |  | **Student ID or Applicant ID** | Date of Birth |
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**E-mail Address Telephone Number**

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##### Current Address Correspondence Address (if different)

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| Dates from/to |  |  | Dates from/to |  |

1. **University/Partner/Subject area details**

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| University to which you have applied |  |
| School/Department in which you will study |  |
| Is this application via the ‘Supervisor-led’ or the ‘Applicant-led’ route? |  |
| Name of non-university partner organisation |  |
| Name of main contact at partner organisation |  |
| AHRC main subject area |  |
| Other AHRC subject area(s)  (For interdisciplinary projects) |  |
| Are you applying for a full-time or part-time award? |  |
| Please confirm whether your PhD will begin on 1 October 2017, or whether you have already started |  |

1. **Higher Education to date**

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|  | **Undergraduate Degree** | | | | **Postgraduate Degree** | | | | **PhD**  **(if PhD studies started)** | | | |
| Name of university and/or college (and country if overseas) |  | | | |  | | | |  | | | |
| Mode of attendance  (please tick the relevant box) | Full-time | | Part-time | | Full-time | | Part-time | | Full-time | | Part-time | |
| Month and year in which your programme started and finished (or will finish) | Start date  (mm/yy) | | End date  (mm/yy) | | Start date  (mm/yy) | | End date  (mm/yy) | | Start date  (mm/yy) | | End date  (mm/yy) | |
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| Subject of study |  | | | |  | | | |  | | | |
| Qualification / classification  (e.g. ‘BA (Hons) 1st’, ‘MA distinction)’. For non-UK degrees, please give the title of the degree in the **original language** |  | | | |  | | | |  | | | |

##### Professional experience that is relevantto this application

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| **Dates**  **(month and year)** | | **Full- or part-time?** | **Employer/Organisation**  **(including location)** | **Status and responsibilities** |
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1. **Eligibility**

**Residency status: This information will be used to assess whether you are eligible for funding, and also if you are eligible for a full award or a fees-only one.** Eligibility criteria are set out in the *Conditions of Research Council Training Grants* (January 2017), paras 37-46, and the *RCUK Training Grant Guide* (April 2017), paras 11-21. These documents are available here: <http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/funding/grantstcs/>

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| Nationality | | |  |
| Please state the country in which you are normally resident | | |  |
| On what date did you take up residence there? | | |  |
| How long have you resided there? | | |  |
| **Please give below details and the exact dates of any non-holiday periods spent away from your country of normal residence.** | | | |
| **Dates** | **Location** | **Reason** | |
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1. **Research Proposal (no bibliographies to be included)**

**\*\*IMPORTANT\*\***

(i) Please refer to the *Guidance for Applicants and Staff* before completing this section.

(ii) The AHRC’s definition of research is set out at:

<http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/funding/research/researchfundingguide/introduction/definitionofresearch/> You are strongly advised to read the above definition before completing this section. ***In order for the project to be eligible for funding under the AHRC NPIF scheme***, it ***must*** articulate 1) a set of research questions, issues or problems; 2) the research context (i.e. the current state of research within the subject area or discipline, and the significance of the project in relation to that context); and 3) the methods to be used in order to answer the research questions.

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| **Project Title** |
| **6.0 Summary of proposal and fit to scheme**  Give a brief account of the proposed research and explain why it fulfils the Project Eligibility Criteria for an AHRC NPIF studentship. |
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| **Word count** (Max. 100 words) |
| **6.1 Project Proposal: please make the case for support in the space below.** |
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| **Word Count** (Max. 500 words) |
| **6.2: Explain what kind of collaboration with the partner organisation the studentship will involve, and how it will produce outcomes relevant to the AHRC’s NPIF scheme.** |
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| **Word Count** (Max. 250 words) |
| **6.3 How have your prior qualifications and/or professional experience equipped you for an NPIF award, in terms of research skills, subject knowledge, and capacity for collaborative working? And what are the benefits that will accrue to you and the partner organisation as a result of the collaboration? You may consider:**   * Intrinsic benefits: how will the research field produce insights and knowledge that will help the organisation achieve its objectives? * “Process” benefits: how will the partner organisation benefit from the *process* of a student undertaking the research project, informally and/or through the completion of specific tasks? |
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| **Word count** (Max. 250 words) |

1. **Sample of Practice-based Outputs**

Applicants to the practice-based areas listed below may supply a URL to a portfolio of outputs. Please use the portfolio to demonstrate the technical and professional competencies that will allow you to complete the research outlined in section 6 above.

* Applied Arts Practice
* Architecture Practice
* Creative Writing
* Curatorial Practice
* Design Practice
* Digital Arts Practice
* Drama & Theatre Practice
* Film Practice
* Fine Art Practice (including painting, sculpture and printmaking)
* Music (composition and performance)
* Photography Practice

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| **URL:** |

**8) Applicant Declaration**

I confirm that the information I have provided in this form is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge at this date. I hereby declare that Section A of this application has been written entirely in my own words and any work/material made available through a URL included by me at Section 7 is entirely my own work. By signing this form, I agree to give consent to the processing of my data, which I understand will be in accordance with the requirements of the Data Protection Act 1998.

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| Signature |  |
| Date |  |

**Applicants must complete Section A of the application form and email it to their main academic supervisor at the relevant University by Monday 19 June at 5pm.**

**Section B: For completion by School/Department** *(please use font size 11)*

**9) Supervision, including information on supervisors from the partner organisation (if applicable)**

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| First Supervisor |  |
| Second Supervisor |  |
| Third / Partner organisation Supervisor (if applicable) |  |
| Fourth Supervisor (if applicable) |  |
| **Fit between Supervisory Team and the Applicant’s proposed research**  Explain how the expertise of the supervisory team will allow them to support the proposed research. Include details of supervisors’ track record of doctoral supervision, relevant publications, and any involvement in postgraduate training. Where useful please include relevant web-links to staff profiles and publications. | |
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| **Word Count** (Max. 400 words) | |

**10) Training and Development and Research Environment, including details of any training and development opportunities offered by the partner organisation**

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| **a) Training and Development**  Explain applicant’s training and development needs, highlighting specific advanced / specialist courses that may be relevant, and state how these needs will be addressed.  Outline the contribution of the partnership and the value added to the applicant’s research project, including the arrangements for support of the applicant by the partner organisation and any previous experience of collaboration between the partner and the university.  **DO NOT include details of the generic training provision already in place.** |
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| **Word count** (Max. 250 words) |
| **b) Research Environment and Partnership Working**  Explain how the applicant will be integrated into the research environment in his/her field. Include details of *how* the research strengths of the subject in the Department/School, as well as any interdisciplinary research groups, clusters, Centres, and Institutes, will contribute to the completion of the project and/or support the partnership. |
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| **Word count** (Max. 250 words) |

**11) Maintenance for EU applicants**

For applicants whose fee status is ‘EU’ according to AHRC eligibility criteria, please state how their maintenance costs will be met.

**12) Submission**

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| **Name of member of staff responsible for checking Section A of this form and completing Section B** |  |
| The School/Department is responsible for ensuring that all sections of this application form have been completed. Please note that by completing and submitting this form you confirm that the applicant has been approved by the relevant officer or committee within your School / Department to go forward for consideration for an AHRC award. | |

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| A member of staff in the School/Department (*not the applicant*) should e-mail a PDF of the completed application form by attachment to [hass.npif@newcastle.ac.uk](mailto:hass.npif@newcastle.ac.uk) by **5:00pm on Friday 30 June 2017.** The subject line of the email should give the name of the university and the surname of the applicant in the form ‘SUNDERLAND\_SMITH’**.** The School/Department should also attach PDFs of the following 6 documents to the same e-mail:   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Attachment 1 | PhD programme application form | | Attachment 2 | Applicant CV (no more than 2 sides of A4) | | Attachments 3 & 4 | Two references for Applicant | | Attachment 5 | Transcripts of previous qualifications | | Attachment 6 | Letter or email from partner organisation confirming that they support this application and have seen Sections 9 and 10 and are committed to providing the support outlined therein. |   **Applications received after the deadline will NOT be considered.** |