**Introduction**

The SGSSS Impact Competition is designed to give PhD students across Scotland an opportunity to reflect on how your research can make a meaningful difference outside of academia.

The SGSSS defines impact using the terms of the ESRC, as the [“demonstrable contribution that excellent research makes to society and the economy”](https://esrc.ukri.org/research/impact-toolkit/what-is-impact/). We understand that students go on a journey to create impact, and expect applicants for the SGSSS Impact Competition to be at different stages of this journey.

Our objectives are to:

1. Provide an opportunity for social science doctoral students to identify and articulate their pathways to impact;
2. Champion a culture of creating meaningful impact across the SGSSS student community and the wider public;
3. Inspire further impact, helping students to progress with their pathway to impact through up to £1000 follow-on funding for winning projects.

There is more information about the objectives for the Impact Competition, along with guidance about the application process in our [Impact Competition Guidance](https://social.sgsss.ac.uk/files/documents/impact-competition-guidance.pdf). We advise all candidates to read this information carefully prior to submitting an application.

**Application process**

* To apply for the Impact Competition, please complete the below application form and submit by 12pm on Friday 26 March [via Social](https://social.sgsss.ac.uk/impact-competition/#submit);
* Shortlisted applicants will be informed and invited to participate in Round 2 in May;

**Privacy Statement**

By completing this form, you consent to the SGSSS sharing your application with the review panel. This will be for the purpose of reviews in the SGSSS Impact Competition only.

You can find the SGSSS’ privacy policy online [here](https://www.sgsss.ac.uk/privacy-policy/).

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**Application Form**

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| **Name:** |  |
| **Email:** |  |
| **University** | Click to select HEI |
| **Funding source** | Choose an item. |
| **Pathway or discipline** | Click to select Pathway |
| **PhD title** |  |

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| **Please write a short summary of your impact so far (up to 100 words).** *Please refer to the definition of impact in the Impact Competition Guidance.*  |
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| **Please write a description of your research (up to 500 words).** *This description should outline what your research topic is, and how your research has underpinned the impact you have developed.* |
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| **Please write a description of your impact (up to 750 words).** *Creating impact is a journey and we acknowledge that students will be at different stages on that journey. Consider here your pathway to impact and how you can articulate both actual and anticipated impacts at this stage. There is more guidance on this in the Impact Competition Guidance. If relevant, you can use up to 5 sources to support this statement, which should be referenced as part of the word count.* |
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| **How would you use the follow-on funding to further the impact from your research? (up to 500 words)** *Winning applicants will receive up to £1000 follow-on funding. This will either be offered as a £500 or £1000 grant. Please outline how you would use the follow-on funding, indicating firstly how you would spend £500 and then how you would develop these plans if you received a further £500 (£1000 in total).* |
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