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SGSSS-SFC Saltire Emerging Research Scheme for the Social Sciences Exchange Programme

Targeted Placement Template Application Form 2021/22

Application Deadline: 4 March 2022 5pm GMT

1. Applicant Details

- Name
- Surname
- Email address
- Telephone
- Home Institution (click to select HEI)
- Pathway (click to select pathway)
- Select your current occupation (options: PhD Researcher / Early Career Researcher)
- Status (options: full-time / part-time)
- Upload your CV (2 pages maximum)

PhD applicants only

- Specify your current year of PhD study (dropdown options)
- Specify you award start date
- Specify your anticipated completion date
- Founding source (options: ESRC, Institution / self-funded / employer / other _____)
- Primary supervisor name
- Primary supervisor email address

ECR applicants only

- Specify the date of your Award of PhD
- Please upload evidence of the notification of your PhD Award
As the programme launched in October 2021, ECRs must have received notification of award of PhD by 1 October 2018 or later to be eligible. If for any reasons you don't have access to evidence of your PhD Award, please contact team@sgsss.ac.uk
- Line manager full name
- Line manager email address

2. Saltire Placement Details

Please choose the placement you wish to apply for from the drop-down menu.

3. Case for Placement

i Reason for applying

Please provide a statement detailing your reasons for applying for this placement.

Maximum 500 words

Include here:

- Why you want to apply for this placement
- What you hope to gain.
- How does this placement fit with your PhD or career plans
- How your reasons are a good fit for the placement objectives.

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ii Skills and Experience

Please provide a statement detailing how your skills and experience fit with those required by the host HEI

Maximum 1000 words.

Include here:

- A description of how your skills and experience fit with the placement essential and preferred skills
- Potential benefits of the proposed visit to your current/future career demonstrated through critical reflection on: your current skills, developmental needs and how these will be addressed using the [VITAE framework](#) as a guide

iii Benefits and impact

Please provide a statement detailing the expected benefits and impact of your placement.

Maximum 500 words.

Include here:

- How the work programme will deliver value-added to your Doctoral/post-doctoral experience (including communication, KE, networking, leadership and other employability benefits)

iv Budget and Justification of Resources (please provide full details). Please provide a summary budget in £s and justification of your costs in relation to the following categories. The maximum award is £9500 (assuming a 6-month visit).

Maximum 300 words.

Include here:

- Travel Related Costs: value for money should be demonstrated when estimating travel. Costs of visas may be included in this section. Travel insurance should be obtained via your home institution and costs cannot be claimed without a valid justification.
- Accommodation: value for money should be demonstrated when sourcing accommodation
- Stipend (PhD students only): PhD students are eligible to apply for a monthly stipend for the duration of the research exchange (as it is expected that studies will be suspended during the

exchange period). Stipends will be awarded at the UKRI standard rate of £1,300 per calendar month. ECRs will not be eligible for funding as they should continue to be paid in their substantive role.

- **COVID-19 regulations:** base this figure on current regulations for travel from your current country to the country of your proposed research exchange. Note, travel to countries requiring quarantine will not be permitted
- **Bench fees:** if your proposed host institution will charge a bench fee or other charge for registration at their institution, please detail it here. Ideally the host institution will be able to waive this amount, but applications will still be considered if you need to factor it into the budget requested from SGSSS.
- **Additional funding for particular needs** (e.g., childcare, access requirements, relating to disability): if you would like to request an amount of additional funding to make the Scheme possible to you, please add the estimated amount here, and detail in the Justification of Resources what you are asking for.
- **Other Hybrid/Online costs:** For hybrid or online placements additional costs may include set up costs for hybrid events or any specialised licences/equipment necessary for the placement. Costs will not be covered for standard IT equipment or internet costs.
- **Any contribution from elsewhere:** if you have funding from elsewhere that will support you in the proposed exchange (e.g. funding from your home or proposed host institution, including waiving bench or registration fees), please refer to this in your justification of resources

**NB: If you are applying for a placement at Ghent University, please include participant fees of £835 within your statement.*

- **Summary of Estimated Costs**

Include here:

- ✓ Your full name
 - ✓ Name and location of host institution
 - ✓ Travel related costs
 - ✓ Accommodation costs
 - ✓ Stipend
 - ✓ COVID-19
 - ✓ Bench Fees
 - ✓ Particular Needs
 - ✓ Hybrid/Online
 - ✓ Total of the above costs
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- ✓ Any other contribution from elsewhere

4. Risk Assessment

FCDO Travel Advice Check

At the time of completing this application form, I confirm the [Foreign Commonwealth Development Office \(FCDO\)](#) is permitting travel to the country and/or countries detailed in my application. I understand if this changes before my departure I will no longer be permitted to travel and ESRC funds cannot be used.

I have checked the FCDO website as per the above and I am permitted to travel.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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Institutional Travel Risk Assessment Form and/or Permission

All students must enclose permission to travel from their institution in the form of a written letter, Risk Assessment Form or similar. This should include any additional documentation required related to COVID 19.

I have consulted the travel advice of my home institution and will submit a completed risk assessment/permission to travel if my application is successful	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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Travel Insurance

You must have travel insurance in place before you travel abroad. Travel insurance should be covered by your home institution's insurance policy, however if this is not possible for whatever reason, you may take out your own travel insurance policy. Please note that if your trip is cancelled or curtailed, we may not cover lost funds if a suitable insurance policy was not taken.

I have checked and my home institution will provide travel insurance for the purpose of my trip.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If the above answer was 'No', have you taken out your own travel insurance which has been deemed suitable by your home institution?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Right to Travel

UK nationals are permitted to visit other European countries for the purpose of research exchange. If you are a non-UK national, it is your responsibility to ensure you have the valid documentation for travel. In this case, **please detail this below**

I am a UK national	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
As a non-UK national, I confirm I will have the valid documentation for travel for research exchange	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

5. Applicant Declaration

By ticking this box you are confirming all information included within this application is true and correct to the best of your knowledge. In addition, should your placement be cancelled or curtailed, you agree to return any unspent funds received.

6. Supporting Statements

PhD applicants only

Supervisor Supporting Statement

To be provided by Primary Supervisor in PDF format. Maximum 500 words.

- Please upload the statement from your supervisor detailing support for your placement.

The supervisor statement should address:

- ✓ The quality of the student's research to date and how the proposed placement will enhance their PhD experience.
- ✓ Confirmation of the student's work plan (above).
- ✓ Confirmation of the student's registration status at the host institution during the placement period, if relevant.

- ✓ How the supervisor will support the student to foster inclusive research cultures and wider collaboration within the host Institution during the placement and within your own institution upon return.
 - ✓ Supervisor full name, signature, email address and date
- I can confirm my supervisor has checked the 'estimate of costs' detailed within this application and consider them to be reasonable and accurate. My supervisor has ensured that my home institution is informed of the agreed placement and that approval is sought for an interruption to the PhD during the placement period. (please check box)

ECR applicants only

Line Manager Supporting Statement

To be provided by a Line Manager in PDF format. Maximum 500 words.

- Please upload the statement from your line manager detailing support for your placement.
- The line manager statement should address:
- ✓ How the proposed visit will enhance their work experience.
 - ✓ Confirmation of the ECR's work plan (above).
 - ✓ Confirmation of the ECR's employment status at the host institution during the placement period, if relevant.
 - ✓ How you will support the ECR to foster inclusive research cultures and wider collaboration within the host Institution during the placement and within your own institution upon return.
 - ✓ Line manager full name, signature, email address and date
- I can confirm that my Line Manager has checked the 'estimate of costs' detailed within this application and considered them to be reasonable and accurate. They will also ensure that my home institution is informed of the agreed placement and that any required approval is sought. (please check box)

Data Release

I agree to SGSSS passing the details I have provided in this application to the partner HEI for review as part of the recruitment process for this Saltire Emerging Researcher Targeted opportunity.

We will only use your information for the purposes stated and will never pass your details on to anyone else without your consent.

I agree (please check box)

Please note, this is a template designed to facilitate information gathering ahead of using the [online application system](#).