

SeNSS DTP: Call for Supervisor-led Collaborative Studentship Research Project Proposals

The Call

This is a call for the submission of collaborative research project proposals by SeNSS supervisors who wish to apply for an ESRC-funded studentship to participate in their research project.

Supervisor-led collaborative studentship project proposals are those which involve a partnership with a non-academic partner, which can be a business, public or third sector organization (termed a “collaborative partner”). Collaborative partners can be based in the UK, or overseas.

Collaborative partners must contribute something of value to the research project. There are a wide range of things such a partner can contribute, from a financial contribution, to a contribution in kind.

- **A financial contribution could consist of paying up to 50% of the direct studentship costs, which include fees and a stipend, or travel costs for the student and supervisor to travel to meetings etc.**
- **A contribution in kind could consist of one or more of the following things: a co-supervisor for the studentship attached to the project; access to the collaborative partner’s data, use of their equipment, office space etc.**

SeNSS **ring-fences 6 of its studentships** for supervisor-led collaborative studentship awards. Studentships, which will start in the 2019/20 academic year, will be fully funded (where the applicants meet the studentship eligibility criteria), and can be either +3 or 4-year (1+3, 2+2, +4) awards. These studentships will begin in the 2019/20 academic year. All projects must be based primarily in an ESRC-approved SeNSS Training Pathway. These are:

- Business and Management Studies;
- Development Studies;
- Economics;
- Education;
- Human Geography;
- Linguistics;
- Politics and International Relations;
- Psychology;
- Science, Technology, and Sustainability Studies;
- Social Anthropology;
- Social Work and Social Policy;
- Socio-Legal Studies; and,
- Sociology.

Students and supervisors involved with supervisor-led collaborative studentships must adhere to the requirements set down in the SeNSS progress and training procedures,

e.g., completing certain training requirements, attending SeNSS training events, and participating in cohort building activities.

How to submit a research project proposal for a SeNSS supervisor-led collaborative studentship award

A detailed step-by-step guide outlining how to submit a proposal can be found in the ***SeNSS Supervisor-led Collaborative Studentship Research Project Competition: Guidance for Supervisors*** attached to this email.

- Think about a collaborative research project that you would like to undertake. This must fall within one of the SeNSS Pathways, as listed above.
- Expression of interest: if you are interested in submitting a proposal, please indicate this to your SeNSS administrative lead by 16 July 2018.
- Identify the collaborative partner with whom you wish to work on this research project. Discuss this project with your collaborative partner and, if they are interested in participating, draft and agree a research project proposal, including what each of you will contribute to the project, such as financial support, access to data, provision of office space for the student etc.
- Work with your collaborative partner to produce a letter of support, to be signed by that partner, and which must be uploaded as part of your application. This letter should briefly state what your partner has agreed to contribute to the research project. A template for this letter is provided as part of the *Guidance for Supervisors*.
- Identify the supervisory team, to be led by you as the lead supervisor, which will participate in this project. The team must include another supervisor who will be actively involved in the research project or who has a particular expertise in this research area, as well as a representative from your collaborative partner.
- Cost out your research project. Notes on the costs to be taken into account will be provided as part of the *Guidance for Supervisors*.
- Draft an advertisement for the studentship to be attached to your research project, should it be funded. A template for an advert is provided in the *Guidance for Supervisors*.
- Go onto the SeNSS FluidReview website, to complete your online application. The online application will be available to complete from the 16 July 2018, at senss.fluidreview.com. In completing your application, please be guided by the selection criteria, which is set out in the *Guidance for Supervisors*.

The closing date for this competition is 23 September 2018.

- Your proposal will be assessed by a specially appointed sub-committee of the SeNSS Management Board by 12 November 2018, and the results of this competition will be released as soon as possible after the consultation.
- If your proposal is successful, it will be advertised both internally and externally to attract candidates for the studentship attached to your research project. The closing date for candidates to apply for the studentship is 15 February 2019.
- Once the applications for the studentship for your project have been received, you will be involved in selecting the best candidate for this studentship. Further details of this process are set out in the *Guidance for Supervisors*.

We look forward to receiving your research project applications!