## Doctoral College Studentship Awards Assessment Criteria

***1. Evidence of the quality and feasibility of the project proposal***

The assessors will be looking for evidence of a well-articulated research project, a coherent and well thought-out plan for doctoral study, and a good awareness of the place of the research within the current field.

***2. Evidence that the applicant is well-prepared for his/her proposed research and future career***

This will be based on the applicant’s description of how his/her previous experience (academic and professional) has prepared him/her for doctoral-level research. The assessors will be looking for evidence about the applicant's performance at undergraduate and, where relevant, postgraduate level, and of any relevant professional experience. They will also be looking at how the programme will contribute to the applicant’s long-term career aims. Reference will be made to degree transcripts, individual module marks, degree results, and any research outputs or prizes.

***3. Evidence of the suitability of the proposed supervision and training***
This will take into account the expertise and relevance of the supervisors’ research areas in relation to the proposed project, the individual roles of the supervisory team, how the particular knowledge of the supervisors works in conjunction for the synergetic support of the student’s project, and the strength of the proposed supervisory structure. The Doctoral College is keen to support junior researchers so priority may be given where a member of the supervisory team is an early career researcher/academic.

***4. University Research Strategy***
This will take into account the extent to which the project and student are aligned with the University’s [Research Strategy](https://www.surrey.ac.uk/research/our-approach/strategy), in particular how the work will contribute to addressing the [Grand Challenges](https://www.surrey.ac.uk/research/grand-challenges) and how it is envisioned that research will be [impactful](https://www.surrey.ac.uk/research/impact/our-vision).

***5. January 2018 start***

The candidate must be able to start their research degree in January 2018.