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| **J:\StudentSupport\College Office (info for staff)\How to & Templates\New College Logo.pngSchool of Social & Political Sciences**  **PhD Scholarships**  Research Proposal Application Form  **Please complete this research proposal application form and submit it as part of your online application via the** [**Scholarships Application Portal**](http://glasgow.ac.uk/ScholarshipApp) **by *15 March 2024*.**   1. **Applicant details** | | |
| **Applicant name:** |  |
| **Applicant email:** |  |

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| **Please select the** [**Research Opportunity**](https://www.gla.ac.uk/postgraduate/research) **you are applying to:** |
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| **Award Type** |
| Funding Opportunity Name: **School of Social & Political Sciences (SPS) PhD Scholarships** |
| Home Student  International Student |
| Full-time  Part-time |

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| **Provisional Title of PhD Research project:**  Please advise the title of your research project (it is expected that titles might be tentative at this stage). |
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| **Supervisory team:**  Enter the name of your planned supervisors here. (Please note that each applicant should have at least two academic supervisors: you can search for potential supervisors [here](https://www.gla.ac.uk/postgraduate/research/supervisors/).) |
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| **Lay summary:**  Please provide a lay summary that explains your project and its significance to society/academic discipline to a non-academic audience. (250 words max) |
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1. **Preparedness to undertake and complete a PhD and to flourish as a result of PhD funding**

**Successfully undertaking a PhD requires not only academic ability but also resourcefulness, commitment and resilience. It involves a range of skills including the ability to communicate complex ideas (about why a research question is of societal and academic importance, why it can be addressed using particular methods and why your findings matter), planning and organisation (including within changing circumstances), working with others (inside and outside of universities) to increase the chances of your research making a difference. You may find it useful to refer to the** [**Researcher Development Framework**](https://www.vitae.ac.uk/vitae-publications/rdf-related/researcher-development-framework-rdf-vitae.pdf/view) **in thinking about this question.**

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| Drawing on your own background (including your life experiences, journey to/through university, work experiences or volunteering) please provide a summary of why you are ready to undertake a PhD now and how you will flourish as a result of PhD funding. You might include, for example, personal challenges that you have overcome or achievements that you are proud of in your work, study or life experiences and how these map onto the skills required to flourish in a PhD programme. Challenges could include, but are not limited to, protected characteristics, socio-economic status and of being first-in-a-generation to university or care-experienced. (400 words max) |
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1. **Contributing to a positive and diverse PhD community**

**CoSS aims to attract and support a positive and diverse PhD community where everyone can reach their full potential; Research and Development (R&D) is a supportive and fulfilling sector to work in; and is seen as a shared endeavour across society rather than only the concern of professional researchers. You may find it useful to refer to the UK Government’s** [**R&D People and Culture Strategy**](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1004685/r_d-people-culture-strategy.pdf) **when thinking about this question.**

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| Reflecting on your own background and/or proposed approach to PhD study and the opportunities which it will present, how will you support diversity and inclusion in the PhD community? (250 words max) |
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1. **Guidance on Research Proposal**

The research proposal must be a detailed description of the intended research topic. It will form the basis for assessing the application. The proposal should be written in a clear and concise manner and applicants should be aware that applications will be reviewed by interdisciplinary panels so please make sure that you fully explain disciplinary specific concepts or techniques. **Your research project must be feasible within the funded PhD. Feasibility will be considered carefully by reviewers.** The main body of the research proposal (excluding the bibliography) must not exceed 1,500 words.

**Please also note that reviewers of this proposal may include those outwith your discipline.**

The Research Proposal **MUST** include the following sections:

* Overview – a general introduction that succinctly sets out exactly what the project seeks to explore. This should also include the research question(s) to be addressed and the overall aim of the project.
* Context – situate the research within the relevant literature/s. This should include a brief summary of research already taken in the field, addressing key works and scholars. Specific attention should be paid to problems in the existing literature and ways in which your proposed research challenges/addresses these problems. You should also give an account of the theoretical issues relevant to your research, and whether you intend to test existing theories or develop new ones.
* Methodology – provide a detailed account of the methodology and/or methods that will be used. Specific attention should be paid, where relevant, to any innovative aspects of the proposed methodology.
* An indication of ethical issues associated with this proposal (including those that may impact on formal ethics committee approval and those requiring ongoing consideration in the field/during analysis) and proposed actions to mitigate these.

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1. **Indicative Bibliography**

Enter bibliography here. References within the research proposal should be Harvard Style and the bibliography should reflect this. Please only include references referred to in the research proposal.

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1. **Risk Assessment**

Please set out the aspects of your proposal that are at particular risk of non-implementation and indicate the approaches that you will take to manage such risks to ensure that your timely submission **within the funded period** is not compromised. (250 words max)

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1. **Provisional Timetable**

This section must only include an indicative timeline for your research. Any substantive discussion of your research in this box will not be considered by reviewers. Please note, your timetable should take account of the expectation that your PhD will be submitted at the end of your funded period.

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1. **Please indicate if you have applied to any other PhD Funding competitions:**

**Yes**  **No**

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| If yes, please state here which Funding Competition(s) you have applied to: |
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1. **Declaration**

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| I confirm that this application is my own work, i.e., that the research idea, its proposed approach, and writing are substantially my own, and that I have discussed with my proposed supervisor(s) | |
| **Name:** |  |
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