For students who are intending to undertake full-time or part-time **Doctoral research** in the School of Cultures, Languages and Area Studies. *Applicants for funding must hold an offer of a place to study at the University of Nottingham and have already provided two references via the University online application system.* The offer can be conditional or unconditional.

Before completing the application, please read the [guidance notes](#_NOTES_FOR_APPLICANTS) attached to this form.

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## 1: Name of applicant

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| Previous Name (if any) | | Male/Female | Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy) |
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| Contact Phone Number | |  |  |
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| Email Addresses | | | |
| Term time:Alternative address for May – Sept: | | | |

## 2: The Department in which you intend to study and your intended programme of research

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| **Department in which you intend to study** |  | | | |
| **Name of course**  **(e.g., PhD in Film Studies)** |  | | | |
| **Name of supervisors** | 1.  2. | | | |
| **Are you applying for a FULL-TIME award or a PART-TIME award?**  **(please tick the relevant box)** | Full-time award |  | Part-time award |  |
| **Date on which your doctoral study will begin or, if already started, date on which it began** |  | | End date of your Doctoral study |  |

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| 3: Fee status (insert tick as applicable) | Home/EU |  | Overseas |  |

4: Your career in higher education to date

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|  | **Undergraduate degree** | | | | **Master’s degree** | | | | **PhD (if already started)** | | | |
| Name of university and/or college and country (if not UK) |  | | | |  | | | |  | | | |
| Mode of attendance  (please tick the relevant box) | Full-time | | Part-time | | Full-time | | Part-time | | Full-time | | Part-time | |
| Month and year in which your course started and finished (or will finish) | Start date  mm yy | | End date  mm yy | | Start date  mm yy | | End date  mm yy | | Start date  mm yy | | End date  mm yy | |
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| Subject of study |  | | | |  | | | |  | | | |
| Level of study  Undergraduate/Master’s/PhD |  | | | |  | | | |  | | | |
| Qualification gained (for example, BA, MA, PhD). For non-UK degrees, please give the title of the degree in the **original language** |  | | | |  | | | |  | | | |
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## 5: Proposed study

Please give a project title for your proposed programme of research

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| Please make your **case for support** in the **two** sections below (Total of 800 words across both sections, in Arial font no smaller than size 11). |
| **Section 1**: Outline your proposed project and your preparation for study and previous experience. |
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| **Section 2**. Explain the context of the research, its aims and objectives and its potential application or wider social or cultural impact. If you have already begun your doctoral study, please remember to refer to the research you have undertaken to date. You should also identify and address here any ethical issues related to your research project. |
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| Word count  *(Total of 800 words across both sections in Arial font no smaller than size 11).* |

Please submit your completed form to:[**joanna.pullen@nottingham.ac.uk**](mailto:joanna.pullen@nottingham.ac.uk)

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# NOTES FOR APPLICANTS

All sections of the form must be word-processed using Arial font no smaller than size 11.

**Student Application Form**

Question 1: Contact details

Please keep us informed of any change in contact details.

Question 2: Your course of study

Please give the name of the Department in which you intend to study and the names of your intended supervisors. Please indicate whether you wish to study full- or part-time by inserting a tick in one of the boxes.

Question 4: Career in Higher Education

Please provide details of the institutions you have attended (or are attending), the courses you have taken, and the sources of financial support you have received, at undergraduate and, if relevant, postgraduate level. You should enter only **one** undergraduate and **one** postgraduate degree. If you have more than one qualification at the same level, please provide details of the one most relevant to this application (this may not be the most recent qualification). If you have other qualifications that you consider to be relevant, please include these under the ‘Proposed Study’ section.

Please note that if your undergraduate degree was completed outside the UK, tell us the name of your qualification in the **original language** (e.g. Maîtrise, doctoral), and **not the English equivalent.**

Question 5: Description of Your Proposed Course

Please give the title of your proposed programme of study.

This section plays a key part in the assessment of your application. We recommend that you discuss the content of this section with the proposed supervisor of your programme of study or dissertation (if known) or the course Director. The assessors are looking:

* evidence of intellectual purpose
* details about your reasons for, and approach towards, undertaking your proposed study
* a good awareness of the field of study in which you intend to specialise.

You need to present your case clearly and concisely. Use the subheadings below to set out as clearly as you can the work you intend to undertake. You do not have to address every point listed below; this is intended as a guide to help you structure your case.

Space is limited so take care not to repeat information. You must keep to the word count of **800 words**. You should include the number of words used in this section in the box provided. If you exceed the word count your application will be made ineligible, as this would be an unfair advantage over other applicants.

Your reasons and purposes for undertaking this project: state briefly what the key area or issues of your project will be and why you wish to pursue this research project. How does your proposed work relate to what you have studied already? Where there is a significant overlap between your Master’s dissertation (if you completed one) and your doctoral study, you should demonstrate clearly how the project goes beyond your Master’s study and state clearly the added value of continuing to research in this area. Finally, you should say how your doctoral study relates to your eventual career aims.

Your research project: give a brief synopsis of your proposed research project, ensure that, in describing your research project, you address the key points of: research questions, context and methods.

The main thrust of this section should be the research problems or questions you intend to address in your doctoral study. These should be clearly defined in your proposal. You should describe:

* the research problems or questions you intend to address
* the research context (background) in which those problems or questions are located. In describing the context, you should refer to the current state of knowledge and any recent debate on the subject
* the particular contribution to knowledge and understanding in this area that you hope to make. You should explain why the work is important. We are also seeking a description of relevance beyond the development of your own skills or experience, though this is important too
* the methods and critical approaches that you plan to use to address the problems or questions you have set. We don’t just need to know what you are going to work on, we need to know how you plan to go about it
* the sources that you will use, if appropriate. You will need to state where these sources and materials are located and how these will be accessed.
* you should say, as far as you can, how the project will develop or how you will structure the work over the period of the award
* you should identify and address any ethical issues relating to the research project.

If you have already begun your doctoral study, it is important that you give some indication of the work you have undertaken to date, e.g. information on any chapters or major pieces of work you have completed.

Preparation and previous experience: you should give a **brief** indication of any previous experience or preparation that is relevant to your proposed doctoral study. For example, you may wish to highlight key areas of your Master’s study. Where applicable, you should also include training and preparation, additional to the formal undergraduate and postgraduate qualifications already listed, which is relevant to your proposed study, e.g. if you have additional degrees, qualifications or relevant skills that you have not mentioned elsewhere on the form. If you are aware of additional training, e.g. language skills, ICT training, that you will require in order to complete your studies, please include it in this section.

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