



Nottingham–Adelaide Joint PhD Studentship 2025–26

Information requested in the online application form

SECTION 1: Personal Details

[Not seen by reviewers]

- Name
- Applicant ID
- Email

Academic information

- Theme (tick)
 - Global Food Systems
 - Intelligent Health
 - Sustainable Futures
- Mode of study (FT/PT)
- Confirm your PhD application progression
 - Nottingham (Applied/Offered/Registered)
 - Adelaide (Applied/Offered)
- Confirm the names of your nominated supervisors
 - Nottingham
 - Adelaide

SECTION 2: Prior experience

- Describe any training and experience you have in research or research methods
- Outline how your research training and study are relevant to the project
- Outline any relevant work/professional experience



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SECTION 3: Project Information

- Project title (10–20 words)
- Short summary (200–300 words)
- Project description (500 words)
- Proposed supervisory team details (UoN + Adelaide)
- Department/research group
- Supervisor providing supporting statement
- Start date

SECTION 4: Applicant Statement

- Explain how your project meets the scoring criteria* (max 500 words)
- Confirm understanding of mobility, visa, and training obligations.

SECTION 5: Confirm

- Understanding of joint PhD requirements
- Able to start in academic year 2025-2026
- Acknowledge visa and insurance responsibilities



Assessment Criteria for Applicants

- Rationale and motivation for PhD study
- Research training environment understanding
- Engagement with proposed project
- Quality and feasibility of PhD project within the funded period
- Awareness of any ethical/safeguarding considerations
- Evidence that the project is best delivered through a joint PhD with Adelaide
- Alignment with theme priorities

Project Types

Supervisor-led projects assessed on:

- **Understanding:** evidence the applicant has engaged critically with the project description, demonstrating genuine understanding of the project and what's required
- **Value-added:** evidence the applicant has identified ways they could shape the project (e.g. different methods, case studies, theoretical perspectives)
- **Ownership:** evidence that the applicant is personally engaged with the project

Student-proposed projects assessed on:

- **Originality:** Is the research question/problem well-articulated and distinct?
- **Feasibility:** Are aims/methods realistic for a PhD (scope, time, resources)?
- **Critical awareness:** Does the student show understanding of the field, gaps in knowledge, and relevant literature?
- **Alignment:** Does the proposal fit with available supervisory expertise and facilities?

Assessment criteria for supervisor statements:

- Research training environment
- Quality and feasibility of project within the funded period
- Evidence that the project is best delivered through a joint PhD with Adelaide
- Fit with theme and university/faculty priorities