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**Centre for National Training and Research Excellence in Understanding Behaviour (Centre-UB)**

**PhD Project Application Form 2026 Cohort**

**ESRC-UoB Studentship**

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| **Project overview** |
| Project title |  |
| Name of partner organisation  |  |
| Primary pillar theme | Choose an item. |
| If your project also relates to other pillar themes, please select all that apply | [ ] Digital Harms and Goods[ ] Equity in Physical and Mental Wellbeing [ ] Environmental Change and Sustainability[ ] Systems Thinking  |
| **Supervisory Team**  |
| Primary academic supervisor details  |  |
|  | Name |  |
|  | College  | Choose an item. |
|  | School |  |
|  | % contribution of supervision |  |
|  | Email address |  |
| Second academic supervisor details  |  |
|  | Name |  |
|  | College  | Choose an item. |
|  | School |  |
|  | % contribution of supervision |  |
|  | Email address |  |
| Third academic supervisor details (if applicable)  |  |
|  | Name |  |
|  | College  | Choose an item. |
|  | School |  |
|  | % contribution of supervision |  |
|  | Email address |  |
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| Partner Organisation Supervisor  |  |
|  | Name |  |
|  | Role in organisation  |  |
|  | Email address |  |
| Please tick here to confirm that the supervisory team agrees to attend the Centre-UB supervisory training prior to the start of the PhD [ ]  Please tick here to confirm that the supervisory team agrees to provide a Centre-UB webinar and a Centre-UB masterclass during the lifespan of the PhD [ ]    |

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| **Partner organisation details**  |
| Name of Organisation  |  |
| Address of Organisation  |  |
| Website of Organisation  |  |
| Remit of Organisation  |  |
| This organisation is  | Choose an item.Registered charity Choose an item. |

**Project information**

*Projects will be evaluated based on the scientific quality of the PhD project, fit with Centre-UB remit and* [*ESRC remit*](https://www.ukri.org/councils/esrc/guidance-for-applicants/check-if-you-are-eligible-for-funding/)*, feasibility of the project as a PhD project within the given timeframe. The studentships are expected to be multidisciplinary with at least 50% social science, and they must relate to understanding human behaviour.*

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| **Please describe the research project including the following information:** * Research questions
* Methodology and techniques used throughout the PhD
* Anticipated outcomes, including both academic and broader intellectual and public/commercial outcomes, and potential for impact
* Timeline

Please ensure that your project fits within the [ESRC remit](https://www.ukri.org/councils/esrc/guidance-for-applicants/check-if-you-are-eligible-for-funding/) *(max 1,000 words, please include the word count)*  |
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| **Describe the process used to co-design and plan the PhD studentship with the partner organisation.** *This can include information such as how the research idea was conceptualised and developed with input from both the partner organisation and the University of Birmingham supervisory team, or how the projects follows on from observations or research conducted previously at the partner organisation and/or University of Birmingham (max 250 words)*  |
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| **Please provide information about the anticipated benefits of the project to the partner organisation** *(max 250 words)*  |
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| **Please provide information on how the postgraduate researcher will be embedded within the partner organisation.** *This includes the amount of time spent with the partner organisation (this can be for a blocked period or regularly throughout the PhD), the activities the researcher is likely to be engaged with, the facilities the researcher will have access to while working with the partner organisation, training and support provided while with the partner organisation. We recognise that the best way of working together will depend on the nature of the research being conducted, therefore please justify your chosen way of working together and how this will support the development of the researcher and the delivery of the research. (max 500 words)*  |
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| Does the research project raise particular **ethical** issues? And if so, how will these be mitigated? These can include ethical issues related to the participants, as well as the researcher.  |
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| Is it anticipated that any **restrictions** will be placed on public access to the thesis and/or publications or other outputs arising from the research project? If so, please state these.  |
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| **What contribution will the partner organisation make to the PhD studentship?** *Please state any additional contributions from the partner organisation. Either indicate the value of financial contributions from the partner, or the estimated financial value for in-kind contributions.* |
| 1. the student’s university fees
2. the student’s maintenance/living costs
3. Research expenses
4. Support for development of postgraduate researcher
5. Other support
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**Supervisory team information**

*Each project will have at least 2 academic supervisors and 1 supervisor within the partner organisation. The primary supervisor is required to have supervised a PhD student to successful completion.*

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| **Primary supervisor**:  |  |
| Please state research expertise relevant to the proposed PhD project (including up to 5 publications) and experience of working with non-academic partners. |
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|  | Number of PhDs supervised to completion as primary supervisor  |  |
|  | Number of PhDs supervised to completion as second supervisor  |  |
|  | Number of PhD students currently supervising, including % of supervision and expected completion date |  |
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| **Second supervisor**:  |  |
| Please state research expertise relevant to the proposed PhD project (including up to 5 publications) and experience of working with non-academic partners. |
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|  | Number of PhDs supervised to completion as primary supervisor  |  |
|  | Number of PhDs supervised to completion as second supervisor  |  |
|  | Number of PhD students currently supervising, including % of supervision and expected completion date |  |
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| **Third supervisor (if applicable):**  |  |
| Please state research expertise relevant to the proposed PhD project (including up to 5 publications) and experience of working with non-academic partners. |
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|  | Number of PhDs supervised to completion as primary supervisor  |  |
|  | Number of PhDs supervised to completion as second supervisor  |  |
|  | Number of PhD students currently supervising, including % of supervision and expected completion date |  |
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| **Partner organisation supervisor:**  |  |
| Please state practical or research expertise relevant to the proposed PhD project, if applicable, please include up to 5 publications  |
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| Please state if you have been involved in the supervision of PhD students. If so, please provide brief details of the projects and your role in the supervision  |
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To apply for a studentship, please submit this application form, together with a letter of support from the partner organisation [here](https://forms.office.com/e/LqcxnFznji).

**Deadline for applications is Tuesday 25 November 2025 at 1pm.**