

## APPENDIX III

### Postgraduate Evaluation Criteria & Detail

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| <p><b>1. PROJECT: Quality of the research project including (40%):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarity and coherence of the proposed research project.</li> <li>• Quality and appropriateness of approach, including research methodology, and consideration of ethical and sex/gender issues and the limitations of the approach to be adopted.</li> <li>• Feasibility and credibility of the proposed research plan in the proposed time period.</li> <li>• Originality and innovative nature</li> <li>• Dissemination plans</li> <li>• <i>Direct alignment with Strategic Funding Partner themes as set out in Terms and Conditions, where appropriate</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Training and Career Development Aspects of proposal (10%):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarity and quality of Training and Career Development Plan to acquire new knowledge and skills to achieve research and professional development aims<sup>5</sup>.</li> <li>• Evidence of real thought as to why research is to be undertaken and the impact of the proposed award on the applicants' career path.</li> </ul> | 50% (0-50)       |
| <p><b>2. APPLICANT: Capability of the applicant including:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Track record and research potential of the applicant.</li> <li>• Personal Statement.</li> <li>• Referees' reports.</li> <li>• Match between applicant profile and research project.</li> </ul>  | 30% (0-30)       |
| <p><b>3. ENVIRONMENT: Suitability of the host organisation(s)<sup>6</sup>:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suitability and ability of Employment Mentor(s) and Academic Supervisor(s), to provide adequate supervision.</li> <li>• Quality of infrastructure and facilities provided by Host Organisation(s). <b>HEI (10%): Employment Partner (10%)</b></li> <li>• Match between Applicant, Academic Supervisor(s), Employment Mentor(s) and Host Organisation(s).</li> </ul>   | 20% (0-20)       |

<sup>5</sup>Particular attention should be paid to the skills relevant to employment outside the traditional academic sector.

<sup>6</sup>The Host Organisations will be divided into the HEI (10%) and Employment Partner (10%).