

### APPENDIX III: Evaluation Matrix

Postgraduate Evaluation Criteria & Detail	Evaluation Marks
<b>1. PROJECT: Quality of the research project including:</b> <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>• Direct alignment with Strategic Funding Partner themes as set out in Terms and Conditions, where appropriate</li> </ul>	40% (0-40)
<b>2. Training and Career Development Aspects of proposal:</b> <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.</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>	10% (0-10)
<b>3. APPLICANT: Capability of the applicant including:</b> <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)
<b>4. ENVIRONMENT: Suitability of the host organisations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suitability and ability of Academic Supervisor(s) and Enterprise/employment mentor to provide adequate supervision.</li> <li>• Quality of infrastructure and facilities provided by Host Organisations. <b>HEI (10%): Enterprise/Employment Partner (10%)</b></li> <li>• Match between Applicant, Academic Supervisor(s), Enterprise/employment mentor and Host Organisation(s).</li> </ul>	20% (0-20)