

APPENDIX III: Postgraduate Evaluation Criteria & Detail

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1. PROJECT: Quality of the research project including (40%): • Clarity and coherence of the proposed research project. • 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. • Feasibility and credibility of the proposed research plan in the proposed time period. • Originality and innovative nature • Dissemination plans • Direct alignment with Strategic Funding Partner themes as set out in Terms and Conditions, where appropriate Training and Career Development Aspects of proposal (10%): • Clarity and quality of Training and Career Development Plan to acquire new knowledge and skills to achieve research and professional development aims⁴. • Evidence of real thought as to why research is to be undertaken and the impact of the proposed award on the applicants' career path.	50% (0-50)
2. APPLICANT: Capability of the applicant including: • Track record and research potential of the applicant. • Personal Statement. • Referees' reports. • Match between applicant profile and research project.	30% (0-30)
3. ENVIRONMENT: Suitability of the host organisation(s): • Suitability and ability of Supervisor(s) to provide adequate supervision. • Quality of infrastructure and facilities provided by Host Organisation(s). • Match between applicant, Supervisor(s) and Host Organisation(s).	20% (0-20)

⁴Particular attention should be paid to the skills relevant to employment outside the traditional academic sector.