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**University of Hull / ESRC White Rose DTP research proposal template**

**Section 1: your research and supervision**

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| Title of proposed research thesis. |  |
| Proposed White Rose Pathway. |  |
| Are you planning to apply / already applied to any other Pathway? If yes, state which one. |  |
| Please confirm you have been in contact with  the Pathway Lead? | Yes / No |
| Name of proposed supervisor at the University of Hull.  Please note that the lead supervisor must be from one of the participating departments of [History](https://www.hull.ac.uk/faculties/departments/department-of-history), [Psychology](https://www.hull.ac.uk/faculties/departments/department-of-psychology) or [Geography, Geology and Environment](https://www.hull.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/research/geography-and-earth-science-research-degrees). |  |
| Please confirm you have developed your research proposal in conjunction with your proposed supervisor. | Yes / No |
| **Please note that applications will only be considered if you have been in contact with both the Pathway Lead and the proposed supervisor in advance of applying to Hull.**  Further details on how to apply can be found on the [University of Hull White Rose webpage.](https://www.hull.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/research/phd/funded/esrc-white-rose-doctoral-training-partnership) | |

**Section 2: pathway fit and collaborative excellence**

In this section you will need to provide two short summaries (200 – 300 words max) outlining each of the following:

Summary 1: How your project fits within the interdisciplinary Pathway

Summary 2: The opportunities for collaboration that your projects presents.

**Further guidance on what to include in the summaries below is available in Appendix 1.**

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| Summary 1. Firstly, please describe in no more than 300 words how your proposed project fits within your chosen interdisciplinary Pathway. |

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| Summary 2. Secondly, please describe in no more than 300 words how your proposed project presents opportunities for collaboration (partnerships, impact and / or knowledge exchange). |

**Section 3: your research proposal**

Please use this section for your research proposal, **using the information in Appendix 2** to guide you. The maximum number of words is 1500 words or 10,000 characters including spaces and returns.

**Appendix 1**: What to include in Section 2

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| **Area to cover** | **What to include** |
| **Pathway excellence**: project fit with, and development of, pathway research strategy | Very clear explanation of the fit of the project with the Pathway theme and ‘grand challenges’ identified by the Pathway  Very clear articulation of how the research will engage beyond a single discipline  For more information on each of the pathways, see: <https://wrdtp.ac.uk/interdisciplinary-pathways/> |
| **Collaborative excellence**: demonstrates a collaborative element through one or more of the following:  (1) **Partnerships** with a non-academic partner;  (2) Potential for **impact** beyond academia; or  (3) Well-developed plans for **knowledge exchange** with audiences beyond academia | See separate rows below for what to include for each of (1), (2) and (3) for **collaborative excellence**. |
| (1) In relation to **partnership** proposals should include all of the following | Very clear explanation of the strategic benefits of the partnership to both student and partner  Very clear programme of work and engagement between student and partner  Very clear explanation of in-kind contributions  Very clear account of role partner will play in supervision  Very clear account of the likely societal impacts of the project |
| (2) In relation to **impact**, proposals should include all of the following: | Very clear explanation of the likely impacts of the research;  Very clear explanation of the groups or organisations in the policy, private, or third sectors that would be impacted by the research;  Very clear articulation of the pathways to achieving the impact. |
| (3) In relation to **knowledge exchange** proposals should include all of the following | Very clear explanation of the plans for disseminating research findings to audiences beyond academia;  Very clear explanation of the key audiences to be targeted;  Very clear account of the tools and methods that would be used to disseminate research findings beyond academia. |

**Appendix 2**: what to include in the research proposal

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| **Area to cover** | **What to include** |
| **Project excellence**: significance, originality, the contribute to knowledge, well-articulated research question/s | Very clear explanation of the originality of the project, the contribution it will make to advance knowledge, and the project’s significance  Very clear articulation of the research design, methods and data sources  Very clear consideration of any research ethics issues |
| **Remember: maximum word count:** 1500 words or 10,000 characters including spaces and returns. | |