Please complete this form if you want to apply for the SMERC doctoral studentship. Note that applicants should be supervisors (not PhD candidates), and applications are for full-time (rather than part-time) and PhD (rather than MD) scholarships. The ceiling for funding is £70,000.

Before completing this form, please read the guidance information to applicants (including the assessment criteria). Please strictly adhere to the stipulated word limits where stated.

Once you have completed this form and have the necessary approvals and signatures, please submit this electronically to SMERC Administrator, [**smerc@abdn.ac.uk**](mailto:smerc@abdn.ac.uk), **by the closing date of Friday 9th June 2023**.

## Administering institution details:

Name of institution:

Address:

Telephone:

## Principal Supervisor from administering institution:

Name:

Position held:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

## Second supervisor from administering institution:

Name:

Position held:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

## Third supervisor (please add more if more than 3 supervisors):

Name:

Position held:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

## Title of doctoral project:

## Please indicate the relevant SMERC theme(s):

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Developing the Workforce |  |
| Developing the Clinical Learning Environment |  |

## Please list up to 5 keywords:

Refer to a common vocabulary/term list or indexing standard such as MeSH Thesaurus to ensure that the terms you have used match those used in these resources.

## Please include word counts for each section or your application will be rejected at Stage 1 (screening).

## Lay Summary

## Please summarise in plain English (avoiding both technical terms and undefined acronyms):

## Why the proposed research is important

## How and where the research would be carried out

## What outcomes would be used to assess the success of the research

## What, if any, ethical issues would be involved in this study and arrangements for handling those

## Why this team would be well placed to carry out the proposed research

## It is essential that the content of this application, and the implications of the research proposed, are understandable to lay representatives (Maximum 250 words)

## Details of proposed doctoral project

(Maximum 2000 words excluding references)

### Background to the project and critique of existing literature:

### Study aims and research questions:

### Possible methodology and methods:

### Plans for dissemination of the work:

### Benefits to policy and/or practice:

### References (excluded from the 2000 word limit):

**Brief outline of the timetable of work, start and finish dates, and key milestones**

(Maximum of 500 words plus a GANTT chart or equivalent)

## Total financial support requested from SMERC

Please outline and justify costs for student stipend, fees, and project consumables for 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025. Note that SMERC funding is available for 36 months only. SMERC will not fund an additional “writing up” period. SMERC will fund the national Minimum Doctoral Stipend, please refer to the RCUK website or seek internal advice for indicative stipends. Applications for funding over £70, 000 will not be accepted. Please explain why your proposed project offers good value for money (Maximum of 500 words)

## Has this application, or a similar application previously been submitted to this or any other funding body? If yes, please attached feedback from the funding body and explain how any issues have been addressed in the current proposal. (Maximum of 300 words)

## Outline how you will address the ethical considerations of the doctoral project

If the proposed project involves data sharing, we need to know what data sharing is required, if you have consulted your institution guidance on data sharing, and why you are sure you can share data across partners. (Maximum of 500 words)

## Provide details of the supervisors’ track records in the relevant field, including each of their top five publications in the field

Please specific each person’s specific input into the supervisory process. (Maximum of 1000 words)

## Provide evidence of successful doctoral student supervision (indicating titles of students’ theses). If this is the supervisor’s first experience of doctoral supervision, please indicate the supervisor’s experiences and competencies that would create the potential for excellence in research supervision.

*Note that at least one of the supervisors should have supervised a PhD to successful completion previously for this project to be considered for funding* (Maximum 500 words).

## Please explain how this project will facilitate collaborations within and/or beyond SMERC

(Maximum of 300 words)

## Provide details of the supportive environment that will be provided to the doctoral student including training provision

(Maximum of 500 words)

**Success criteria and barriers to proposed work**

Please set out the measurements of success you intend to use and also the key risks to delivering this research and what contingencies you will put in place to deal with them. (Maximum of 500 words)

**Provide details of the assessment and progression criteria, processes and milestones for PhD students in the host institution. Please explain the processes in place if the student has not made adequate progress.** (Maximum of 500 words)

## Please explain how you will select or recruit a PhD student for this position, drawing on your existing institutional processes and taking account of the timelines. If you already have a student in mind, please explain how this person was identified and if they contributed towards preparing the bid.

(Maximum of 300 words)

## Approvals and signatures

### The officer responsible for administering any grant awarded must complete and sign below:

Name of officer

Position held

Address

Telephone

Email

Signature

Date

### The head of department (or equivalent) in which the doctoral student will be accommodated must complete and sign below:

Name of head (or equivalent)

Position held

Address

Telephone

Email

Signature

Date

### The relevant NHS R&D director for research using NHS facilities (if relevant) must complete and sign below:

Name of Director

Position held

Address

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Signature

Date