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| **University of Strathclyde EPSRC Doctoral Prize 2019**  **APPLICATION FORM**  Submission Deadline: **5pm, 12th March 2019**  *Please read the notes at the end of this application form before completing your application* |

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| **1. APPLICANT DETAILS** | |
| **Title** |  |
| **Surname/Family Name** |  |
| **Other Names** |  |
| **E-mail address** |  |
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| **Daytime telephone number** |  |
| **Mobile telephone number** |  |
| **Nationality** |  |

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| **2. PhD DETAILS** | |
| **PhD thesis title** |  |
| **Department** |  |
| **Name of supervisor(s)** |  |
| **PhD Start Date** |  |
| **PhD first thesis submission date.**  *(actual or expected \*see notes 1 + 2)* |  |
| **PhD Award Date**  *(actual or expected \*see notes 1 + 2)* |  |
| **Source of PhD funding**  *(e.g. EPSRC project studentship, EPSRC Doctoral Training Grant, EPSRC Industrial CASE \*see note 3)* |  |

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| **3. EPSRC DOCTORAL PRIZE: PROJECT SUMMARY** | |
| **Title of proposed project:** | |
| **Name of Project Sponsor**  *(PI in whose lab you will be based \*see note 10)* |  |
| **Department** |  |
| **Requested Start Date**  *(normally up to 1st October 2019 \*see note 7)* |  |

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| **4. PROJECT PROPOSAL** | |
| **Please make your case for support in the space below, and include:**   * Your main objectives and workplan for the year. * Key publications that could result from your work. * The potential value of the research, e.g. academic significance, impact, commercialisation, and international context. * **How this research is substantively new and different from your PhD work**. * Details of any anticipated knowledge transfer activities.   ***Maximum of 750 words*** | |
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| **5. ETHICAL INFORMATION** |
| **Has consideration been given to any ethical matters raised? Please provide details**. |
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| **6. CAREER DEVELOPMENT STATEMENT** | |
| **Please give details of your aspirations in the long term, outline how you believe your career will benefit from the EPSRC Doctoral Prize, and give a clear timeline for your career plans. Typically, this should mention future applications for prestigious fellowships or for post-doctoral positions in leading research groups. *Maximum of 500 words.*** | |
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| **7. OTHER EXPENSES** |
| **In addition to staff costs, you are eligible to apply for up to £2k for travel, consumables, and outreach activities. Please state below how much you require and how it would be used.** |
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| **8. REFEREE DETAILS** |
| Please complete the contact details for your referee, who should be your principal PhD supervisor: |
| **Referee:** |
| Name (block capitals): |
| Contact telephone number: |
| Contact e-mail address: |
| Position: |
| Contact Address: |

Please ensure that you provide your named referee with a copy of your completed application form.

**In order to apply, please submit the following documents electronically by 5pm, 12th March 2019 to** [**rkes-res@strath.ac.uk**](mailto:rkes-res@strath.ac.uk)**. Please send all documents as one PDF.**

1. A completed application form.
2. A brief CV (2 page maximum: Arial font size 11 or equivalent).
3. Letters of support from the Head of the Department where you intend to conduct your research, and your proposed project sponsor. These should be signed and sent as PDF documents.
4. A reference from your principal PhD supervisor. This should be signed and sent as a PDF document.
5. An equality monitoring form. If you do not wish to complete the form, we would appreciate if you could return the form with the ‘prefer not to say’ option selected.

**Guidance Notes:**

*Eligibility*

1. Candidates must have passed their PhD viva and submitted the final (corrected and bound) version of their thesis by the start of the Doctoral Prize project.
2. The award is intended to allow promising research to develop into new directions. Consequently, the gap between the end of the PhD project and the start of the Doctoral prize project should not normally be more than 9 months.
3. Candidates must have been funded for their PhD studies by the EPSRC in the form of stipend and/or fees in order to be eligible for an EPSRC Doctoral Prize.
4. The award is for 12 months.
5. The post will be funded at Grade 7 (spinal point 29).
6. Candidates must be able to demonstrate a clear commitment to remaining in academia.
7. The Doctoral Prize project will normally be expected to begin between 1May and 1 October 2019 and no later than 5 January 2020 with good reason. Start dates must be agreed with the project sponsor and Head of Department and will be subject to approval by the EPSRC Doctoral Prize committee.
8. The closing date for applications is the **5pm, 12th March 2019**.

*Project*

1. Projects are welcomed in any area of research which comes under the [EPSRC remit](https://www.epsrc.ac.uk/funding/applicationprocess/basics/remit/).
2. The EPSRC Doctoral Prize Fellow must have a project sponsor: a PI who will support the Fellow’s research and, where appropriate, host the Fellow’s research. The EPSRC Doctoral Prize Fellow is encouraged to choose a project sponsor other than their PhD supervisor. If there are reasons why a candidate intends to choose their PhD supervisor as project sponsor they ***must*** provide a clear justification for this and demonstrate how they will deliver research outputs which are new and substantially different from the PhD research programme and at an appreciably enhanced level.
3. Proposals should explain how the candidate will manage the project and how this will be facilitated by the project sponsor with whom they are working.

*Assessment procedure*

1. Applications will be assessed and short-listed by a small committee consisting of the Deputy Associate Principal (Research and Knowledge Exchange) and the Vice Deans – Research.
2. Shortlisted candidates will be contacted by the end of March 2019 and invited to interview.
3. Interviews will take place in April 2019 with decisions communicated by the end of April 2019.
4. A report on the Doctoral Prize project and associated achievements will be required within 2 months of the completion of the project.

*Award*

1. Successful applications will be contacted to confirm their start date.
2. Once the PGR Funding Team has received confirmation that the final copy of the thesis has been submitted to SEES, an EPSRC Doctoral Prize Award letter will be issued.
3. Project sponsors are responsible for raising an ATA for the successful candidate. The appropriate budget code for the award will be provided by the PGR Funding Team. Project sponsor must make HR aware of the [terms and conditions](https://www.ukri.org/files/legacy/news/training-grants-january-2018-pdf/) of the EPSRC grant through which the Doctoral Prize is funded.