SGSAH DTP Applicant Checklist

If the candidate has not already started their PhD study, the candidate has submitted or plans to submit their PhD application to the University Portal by **12 noon on Monday 27 November 2021**.

 [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

If the candidate is a current PhD student, their must have at least 50% of their PhD programme remaining as of 30 September 2022.

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No

The candidate has submitted two recent **academic** references (at least one reference for current PhD students).

 [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

The candidate has submitted full transcripts in English (certified translation if required).

 [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

The candidate has aligned their research project to one or more strategic themes and priority areas designated by SGSAH: [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

* Modern Languages
* Celtic Languages and Studies
* Creative Industries/Economies
* Cultural and Heritage Studies
* Environmental Humanities
* Equalities, Diversity, Inclusion and Social Justice within arts and humanities contexts

The candidate has completed or is studying toward a relevant Masters qualification.

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No

: If no, the candidate has relevant professional experience equivalent to a Masters degree: [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

The candidate has a team of at least two or more supervisors (Principal/Primary plus Co-Supervisor or Principal/Primary plus Assistant or Secondary Supervisor).

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No

The Principal/Primary Supervisor is a full-time academic staff on Research & Teaching contract.

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No

At least one member of the supervisory team should have successfully supported doctoral student(s) to completion.

 [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

The candidate has a Masters level distinction with a dissertation mark of first class, A-grade or equivalent.

 [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

The candidate’s research proposal is of exceptional quality in all areas: research questions, research context, clear identification of a gap in knowledge, significant contribution to the gap, original and innovative, appropriate research methods, feasible within the FT/PT period, potential knowledge exchange, public engagement and/or impact, identifying and addressing of ethical/safety issues.

 [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

The candidate is exceptionally well-prepared for the proposed research in PhD level (previous study and/or professional experience) and has identified appropriate training requirements (including excellent use of their membership of the SGSAH AHRC DTP).

 [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

The candidate’s supervisory team represents an optimal fit with the candidate and their proposed research.

 [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

All members of the supervisory team are active researchers, demonstrating significant and ongoing expertise in the required field(s).

 [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

The research environment (the host HEI(s) and their resources) is essential to the successful completion of the PhD and will add value to the candidate’s doctoral experience.

 [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

The candidate’s research fits well with the expertise and/or priorities and/or research clusters of the supervising HEI(s).

 [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

The training needs identified by the candidate have been carefully considered, are appropriate and relevant, evidencing that the candidate will be exceptionally supported.

 [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

There is clear evidence that the future career aspirations of the candidate have been considered, that appropriate opportunities/resources have been identified, making excellent use of the resources available across the supervisory HEI(s) and the wider SGSAH.

 [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

If you have any question about the checklist, please contact the Director of Postgraduate Research (Dr Suk-Jun Kim: s.kim@abdn.ac.uk).