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](mailto:s.kim@abdn.ac.uk)).