A**dvancing Research and Innovation at Coventry University**

**Calls for Investment 2022 - 2023**

**Overview**

The Research Enriched Learning (REL) Strategy is integral to the 2030 Coventry University Research Strategy. The REL strategy aims to exploit the university’s world class research for the benefit of our students, inspiring a passion to learn to critically engage with ways of understanding real world and emerging global challenges through further study or employment. We consider that REL has potential to encourage a greater number of students at all levels, and of increased diversity, to consider a research career.

Alongside gaining oversight and expanding on existing REL activities, and formalising systems for staff development and recognition for REL, the Doctoral College and Centre for Research Capability and Development are funding two PhD studentships to provide depth of analysis of the impact of the REL Strategy.

The studentships will focus on the two broad areas:

1. Best Practice in REL
2. REL benefits / impact.

Both are expected to take in a local and sector wide perspective. This call is for cross research institutes to put forward a proposal in one of the two broad areas above.

**The funding application consists of the following components:**

1. An application detailing: supervisory team, research excellence, training excellence, outcomes and impact and the project plan and additional budget.
2. The Institute Director of each Institute represented in the application complete the declaration at the end of the application and **nominate one peer reviewer each.**

**Eligibility**

Applications should be from supervisory teams that consist of members from more than one Research Institute. The Director of Studies is required to be a member or associate member of a Coventry University Research Centre or Institute. The supervisory team must have the required number of completions.

 From academic year 2020/21:

* A Director of Studies who has not supervised a doctoral candidate to completion will be expected to complete C1 and C2 prior to the enrolment of the candidate and C3-C6 within 12 months of the candidate enrolling.
* A Co-supervisor who has not supervised to completion will be expected to complete C1 and C2 within 12 months of the candidate enrolling. C3-C6 are recommended.
* An experienced Director of Studies or Co-supervisor who has not supervised to completion at Coventry University will be expected to complete C1 within 12 months of the candidate enrolling.

The Coventry University Research Supervision programme, co-ordinated by the Centre for Research Capability and Development (<http://recap.coventry.domains/dsp/>), promotes the development of supervisors' skills and competencies that will lead to enhanced support for doctoral researchers, enabling them to successfully complete their studies and become independent researchers.

**Recruitment and Advertising**

These studentships will be advertised together as part of a competitive campaign**. Pre-selecting candidates is not permitted.**

Start date is anticipated to be **September 2022.** Clear information on research areas and profiles of potential academic supervisors will be required, alongside good copy and strong images. Studentships should be advertised using multiple channels, taking advantage of academic networks and learned societies.

**Costs and Activities**

* Applications are for full single studentships for Home and International applicants, which includes tuition fees and living expenses for a doctoral candidate over 3.5 years. Stipend rates will be equivalent to those set by UKRI and will rise annually with a projected average increase of 1.25% per year. CU fees are adjusted yearly in line with the rates set by UKRI;
* Additional travel, conference costs, consumables, and/or bench fees are not funded as part of this scheme. **Funding for activities, equipment and consumables must be payable by the Host Institute and must not exceed £4,500.**

**Project Plan**

Key milestones for doctoral researchers at CU are outlined in the PhD framework:  
<https://livecoventryac.sharepoint.com/sites/students-doctoralcollege/SitePages/Frameworks(1).aspx>

**Assessment Process and Criteria**

One application per Institute must be selected by the Institute Director to go forward for Peer Review. Applications will be peer-reviewed with each application given an overall score out of 6.

Following eligibility checking, applications will be assessed against the following:

* ***Research Excellence:*** the originality, quality and significance of the proposed research in addressing the problem being addressed; the quality of the research design and methodology; the suitability of the researchers to realise the research objectives; the extent to which the proposal meets the aims of the scheme;
* ***Training Excellence:*** the training opportunities in technical and transferable skills for the doctoral researcher, the quality of the research environment for the doctoral researcher; commitment to professional development by the Director of Studies and the supervisory team;
* ***Outcomes and Impact:***the extent to which the learning and outcomes of the research will be highly valued and widely exploited, leading to disciplinary transformation, both within the Coventry University research community and in wider disciplinary contexts; the significance of the proposed area of research for the Host Centre/Institute (s) and delivering the aims of UN SDGs;
* ***Project Plan and Budget:*** the extent to which the project plan is well planned and can be delivered on time; and the extent to which the likely outcome of the activities will represent value for money in terms of the relationship between the funds that are sought and the significance and quality of the programme of research;

**Submission and Outcomes**

Research Institutes may put forward one application only. Applications must be submitted to the **Institute Director**

The following file format should be used:

REL\_2022 [RESEARCH Institute ACRONYM]\_[SURNAME]\_[FIRSTNAME].docx

Closing date: Friday 4th February 2022

Awards announced: w/c 28th February 2022

**Deadlines and timelines cannot be changed.**

**Queries** Please direct any queries to Katie.Choudhry@coventry.ac.uk

**Appeals and Complaints**

Queries or concerns regarding any element of the selection process should be sent directly to Carolyn Wynne, Director of the Doctoral College & Centre for Research Capability and Development.

# **Proposal Form: Research Enriched Learning Studentship 2022 / 2023**

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| **Proposal Title** |  |

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| **Project summary**  **(max 200 words)**  *Summarise the research proposal in language appropriate for a general audience.* | Word count = |

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| **Director of Studies** | |
| Title and Name |  |
| Research Centre |  |
| Research Institute |  |
| Email |  |
| CU Employment Grade |  |
| Pure Portal Link  *A* [*Pure Portal link*](https://share.coventry.ac.uk/staff/ps/research_office/pure/_layouts/15/WopiFrame2.aspx?sourcedoc=/staff/ps/research_office/pure/Frequently%20asked%20Questions/PURE%20FAQs.docx&action=default&DefaultItemOpen=1) *must be provided for the application to be considered eligible* |  |
| No. of successful Postgraduate Research Degree supervisions  *Please state research degree type (e.g. PhD, MRes) and awarding institution (e.g. Coventry University, UK)* |  |
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| **Co-supervisor** |  |
| Title and Name |  |
| Research Centre |  |
| Research Institute |  |
| Email |  |
| Pure Portal Link  *A* [*Pure Portal link*](https://share.coventry.ac.uk/staff/ps/research_office/pure/_layouts/15/WopiFrame2.aspx?sourcedoc=/staff/ps/research_office/pure/Frequently%20asked%20Questions/PURE%20FAQs.docx&action=default&DefaultItemOpen=1) *must be provided for the application to be considered eligible* |  |
| No. of successful Postgraduate Research Degree supervisions  *Please state research degree type (e.g. PhD, MRes) and awarding institution (e.g. Coventry University, UK)* |  |
| ***Please add additional Co-supervisors as required*** | |

**Research Excellence**

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| **Vision and Objectives (max 300 words)**  The overall vision and objectives of the proposal. This should include an overview of the problem being addressed, the strategy to address the problem, and the expected outcomes of the research. |
| Word count = |
| **Research Project (max. 500 words)**  Outline the background/context, research design, methods/methodologies and the programme of work. |
| Word count = |
| **Research Experience and Esteem (max. 1000 words)**  For each member of the supervisory team: list relevant publications (max. six), grants (max. four), research esteem indicators e.g. editorships, professional memberships and proposed contribution to the project. |
| Word count = |

**Training Excellence**

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| **Professional development – Doctoral researcher (max. 300 words)**  All doctoral researchers have access to the Doctoral College & Centre for Research Capability and Development PGR Welcome and Development programme (<https://recap.coventry.domains/>).  Outline the additional personal/professional/career learning and development that the doctoral researcher will be encouraged to access via e.g. Research Centre/Institute, professional bodies. |
| Word count = |
| **Research environment – Doctoral researcher (max. 300 words)**  An effective research environment is one which supports the behaviours and practices that are expected in leading research environments.  Outline how the doctoral researcher will be encouraged to engage with the research environment within Research Centre/Institute, Coventry University and beyond. |
| Word count = |
| **Professional development – Director of Studies and supervisory team (max. 300 words)**  This should include: 1) CU mandated supervisor professional development - please refer to the guidance on ‘Supervisory team development’ and 2) plans for members of the supervisory team to develop their supervisory expertise |
| Word count = |

**Outcomes and Impact**

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| **Outcomes and Impact (max. 200 words).**  Detail potential outcomes and how the proposed plan above will enable impact with reference to methods, techniques, disciplinary communities, and/or fields of knowledge/work. |
| Word count = |

**Project Plan and Budget**

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| **Project Plan (max. 400 words).**  Outline the project plan including the research plan and key progression milestones for the doctoral researcher, referencing the CU PhD framework:  <https://livecoventryac.sharepoint.com/sites/students-doctoralcollege/SitePages/Frameworks(1).aspx>  A Gantt chart may accompany this section and be inserted here. |
| Word count = |
| **Additional Budget**  Provide a list of additional costs, including developmental activities, conferences and events, as well as bench fees (consumables, equipment, maintenance). **These costs are to be payable by the host Institute and must not exceed £4,500. Please indicate which Institute is responsible for each of the costs.** There is no need to list below the costs of the studentship (fees and living allowance). |
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| **Declaration and signature of Director of Studies:** | |
| **I confirm I am a permanent member of staff and the information in this application form is correct and I have devised and developed the above research project myself:** | |
|  | **Name:** |
| **Declaration and signature of Co-Supervisor:** | |
| I confirm that the information in this application is correct | |
|  | **Name:** |

***Please add additional Co-supervisors as required***

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| **Declaration, peer review nomination and signature of Institute Director:** | |
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| I confirm that:  1) I strongly support this application for a Research Enriched Learning Studentship;  2) This project supports transformative research and the Research Centre strategy.  3) Any additional costs associated with the studentship will be payable by host Research Institute and does not exceed £4,500. | |
|  | **Name:** |
| Nomination Peer Reviewer 1: Subject specialist | |
| **Name:** | |

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| **Declaration, peer review nomination and signature of Institute Director:** | |
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| I confirm that:  1) I strongly support this application for a Research Enriched Learning Studentship;  2) This project supports transformative research and the Research Centre strategy. | |
|  | **Name:** |
| Nomination Peer Reviewer 2: Subject specialist | |
| **Name:** | |