

HSS studentships: specification for candidate suitability

The following specification outlines the minimum requirement for candidates to be considered worthy of consideration for the studentships:

- *Quality of proposal* – A very good proposal in terms of the significance and originality of the proposed research; its underpinning ideas, aims, and research questions; the research design, methodology, and/or sources; the suitability of the proposal for doctoral research; and opportunities identified for dissemination and potential impact. Possible ethical considerations will have been identified.
- *Preparedness of applicant* – A student whose previous academic achievements and/or relevant professional/practitioner experience, and relevant knowledge, skills and/or training, make them well-prepared to complete the proposed research.
- *Feasibility of project* – Good evidence provided for likely completion within the timeframe; identification of training needs; justification of fieldwork and study visits; and fit with the expertise and interests of the two named supervisors.
- *Specific points in Statement of Purpose (for SHF/HSS candidates only)* – Good level of clarity and persuasiveness in demonstrating the appropriateness of this award for the candidate's planned doctoral research; good ability to contextualise the project within Stuart Hall's intellectual and cultural legacy.

If two or more candidates are equally ranked, preference will be given to the candidate scoring more highly on the following criteria: quality of proposal; if still equal, preparedness of applicant; if still equal, feasibility of project.