**SGSAH AHRC CDA Nominated Doctoral Candidate Form**

CDA Nominated Doctoral Candidates should submit this form via the online application system. Two letters of reference and a full transcript of qualifications in English (and where necessary a certified translation should be provided) should be forwarded to the Faculty of Arts and Humanities Postgraduate Research team at: FAH-PGR@stir.ac.uk. If you were attached to original CDA application, your form should be submitted by 4pm GMT on 15 January 2026; if you were recruited for the studentship in spring 2026, your form must be submitted by 4pm GMT on 9 March 2026. If you are not sure which of these deadlines applies to you, check with your supervisor.

Late submissions will not be accepted.

Nominated Doctoral Candidate

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| Name   |
| Email   |
| Permanent Address      |
| Correspondence Address if different     |

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| 1. **Residency Eligibility**

Please check one of the following:□ I am a UK national AND will have been ordinarily resident in the UK for three years as of 1st October 2026□ I am an EU, EEA, or Swiss national resident in the UK having obtained pre-settled/settled status AND will have been ordinarily resident in the UK for three years as of 1st October 2026 (please provide immigration share code and your date of birth) □ I am a non-EU national and have settled status in the UK and will have been ordinarily resident in the UK for three years as of 1st October 2026 (please provide documentary evidence of your immigration status in the UK)□ None of the above (I am an international student) |

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| **PhD Programme of Study** Research proposal title:  Partner Organisation:  |

1. **Qualifications**

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| **University or College**  | **Dates of award**  | **Degree/Diploma**  | **Main subjects**  | **Grade, Class or GPA**  |
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**Qualifications pending**

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| 1. **Non-standard and/or unclassified qualifications**

*Lead Supervisor to confirm quality of the work by making reference to the examiner’s report. Please see application guidance.*  |

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| 1. **Relevant professional experience (300 words maximum)**

*Provide evidence that you are prepared for doctoral study only if:* * *You do not have and are not studying towards a Masters degree or equivalent*
* *or are returning to Masters study after a considerable break in higher education*
* *or gained a Masters degree more than five years previously*
* *or if your Masters degree is not in a relevant subject*
* *AND you have significant professional experience, which is relevant to your research proposal.*
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| 1. **Preparedness to Undertake Doctoral Study and Complete a PhD (300 words maximum).**

*Please explain how your academic and/or professional experience has prepared you to undertake this particular doctoral project, and to complete a project of this length within the designated time frame. You may wish to refer to:* 1. *topic(s) and length of successfully-completed dissertations and modules;*
2. *specific and appropriate methodological training and/or expertise (e.g. proficiency in a relevant language, particular IT skills etc.);*
3. *work-based learning or employment in a relevant occupation, etc.;*
4. *notable achievements, either academic (prizes, conference presentations, publications) or non-academic (professional or personal accomplishments, overcoming barriers, etc)*
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| 1. **Individual Training Allowance (ITA) and Engagement with the DLA Cohort Training (400 words)**

*All awards include a 3.5 year studentship and an additional 6 months of funding that will form an Individual Training Allowance that can be to either extend your study period/and or pursue bespoke training opportunities necessary for the completion of your research project and professional goals. In this section, we want to hear how you plan to use your ITA, and how you will engage with the cohort-wide training opportunities offered by the DLA Hub and the University.* *First, check one of the following boxes:* My project requires (Drop-down options):* A 3.5 year studentship + 6 months of additional funded research
* A 3.5 year studentship + 3 months of additional funded research + additional activity (fieldwork, internship, visiting research placement, + associated costs) equivalent to 3 months of funding
* A 3.5 year studentship + additional activity (fieldwork, internship, visiting research placement, + associated costs) equivalent to 6 months of funding
* A 3.5 year studentship + other (explain)

*Now, please tell us more about your plans.* * *Why have you chosen to use your ITA in this way? Why is your chosen combination of additional funded research time and/or additional activity necessary to the successful completion of your project and to your professional development goals? What kinds of activity will you use your funding to pursue?*
* *How will you contribute to the life of the Hub, and how will the three components of the Hub training offer be relevant to your project?*

[ tick box] My supervisor has approved my plans for the ITA and for engaging with the Hub.  |

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| **Plagiarism and Generative AI**[Tick box] This application constitutes my own original work. I understand that if any plagiarism is detected in the review process, my application may be withdrawn from consideration. [Tick box] In producing my application, I have not used generative AI[Tick box] I have used generative AI in the preparation of my proposal, but only in the terms permissible within UKRI’s [*Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence in Application Preparation and Assessment*](https://www.ukri.org/publications/generative-artificial-intelligence-in-application-and-assessment-policy/use-of-generative-artificial-intelligence-in-application-preparation-and-assessment/)policy. If you ticked the box above, please describe your use of AI below. In what sections, and for what functions, have you used it? How have you mitigated against the risks of AI use explained in the policy? [300 words maximum] |

**8.SGSAH Requirements**

*All SGSAH DLA funded doctoral researchers are required to participate in core training elements provided by SGSAH.  Key mechanisms for delivery of this training include Knowledge Exchange (KE) Hubs and the Skills Development Spokes.*

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| **You must be a member of at least one Knowledge Exchange Hub. Please indicate which KE Hub(s) you will join:** Citizenship, Culture and Ethics    □ Creative Economies    □ Heritage   □  |

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| **As a CDA doctoral researcher, you may also wish to be a member of a DLA Spoke. Please indicate which of the following three you would best fit the project:**Concepts and Critiques   □ Empirical Enquiry   □ Creation and Practice    □  |

**Data Sharing and Storage**

□ I consent to the sharing of aggregated anonymised Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) information with the Scottish Graduate School for Arts and Humanities (SGSAH)/DLA Hub to enable them to identify inequality gaps, inform strategic planning and to create an inclusive research environment. This data will not be used to identify individuals.

□ I consent to the sharing of individual details, including title, email address, and research summary, with the SGSAH/DLA Hub. This information will be used to help deliver essential services and comply with funding requirements including delivery of training, network building, and showcasing doctoral research.

Applications from nominees not in receipt of funding will be destroyed by 1st October 2026. Applications from nominees in receipt of funding will be retained for the duration of the studentship. This application may be read by up to twelve reviewers.