EPSRC Doctoral Training Partnership Application Form – Research Summary

You should provide a summary of an area of proposed research for your PhD study, and name potential supervisor(s), having first considered which of the thematic areas align most closely to your interests.

The thematic areas mirror those of the [EPSRC](https://www.ukri.org/councils/epsrc/remit-programmes-and-priorities/our-research-portfolio-and-priorities/), and are listed on our dedicated [DTP website](https://www.exeter.ac.uk/study/pg-research/funding/phdfunding/fundedcentres/epsrcdtp/), with links to University of Exeter’s relevant research groups, and to the academic staff within those groups. Each member of academic staff has a profile page that details their individual specialisms and interests, often including previous and current projects and ideas for future work. You are encouraged to consider this information and contact these staff as potential supervisors as part of the application process; they are expecting to hear from you!

Important:

* It is recognised that across the pool of applications that we expect to receive, applicants will complete this form with a widely varying degree of familiarity of the proposed area, and differing degrees of advice and guidance from supervisors. Therefore, in detailing the proposed research, we ask you to specifically highlight your own contribution to the project description.
* The shortlisting panel will not expect a fully mapped out or finalised research proposal or project plan; this will be co-developed by you and your supervisors should you be successful in your application. However, this document will form the basis of the discussions in the interview, should you be successful at the shortlisting stage.
* This form is one part of your application documentation. Please review the [application process](https://www.exeter.ac.uk/study/pg-research/funding/phdfunding/epsrc-dtp-studentships/important_information_epsrcdtp/) carefully as applications that are incomplete or do not follow the required guidelines will normally be rejected.

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| **Nationality** and *(if different)* **Country of Domicile** *(where you live)* | **Date of Birth** |
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| **Theme to which you are applying.** Where projects span themes, please provide brief details. |
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| **Proposed research-project title** |
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| **Name(s) of proposed supervisor(s)** |
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| **Full time or part-time study?** |
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| **Title** that summarises your proposedarea of PhD research |
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| **Proposed Research - 1000 words maximum** The proposal should include (i) a brief introduction to the research area and context of the proposed study, (ii) relevant background science / engineering, the significance of the proposed work and its alignment to the theme, (iii) the project’s objectives, and (iv) a summary of the methods/general approaches. Please include figures where appropriate. General advice for writing a research proposal is given [here](https://www.exeter.ac.uk/study/pg-research/apply/researchproposal/#:~:text=A%20good%20research%20proposal%20is,5%2C000%20words%20likely%20too%20much.), but please consider the ‘important notes’ on the first page of this form. |
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| **References** (not included in your wordcount) |
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| **Please provide a statement to describe your contribution in defining the project, and that from others (including your proposed supervisors)** |
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| **Please briefly describe your motivation to undertake the proposed research and any relevant experience that you have** |
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