



The ESRC-funded SeNSS and NERC-funded ARIES Doctoral Training Partnerships are pleased to issue a call for bids for a jointly-funded PhD studentship

How does this competition work?

1. SeNSS and ARIES academics develop a doctoral research proposal which must demonstrate a genuine cross-Council and cross-disciplinary approach. The SeNSS supervisor must be based in one of the [13 SeNSS disciplinary Pathways](#), whilst the ARIES supervisor must come from one of its [University partners](#). Projects including collaborative partners are encouraged.
2. The proposal must be submitted by **23 September 2019**. This is done by completing an application using FluidReview, SeNSS's online application management system.
3. SeNSS and ARIES peer reviewers select the top three proposals. These are advertised in **November 2019** to those seeking doctoral funding across the UK. Student candidates submit applications in early **2020**.
4. A SeNSS and ARIES selection panel reviews, shortlists and interviews candidates for these three proposals, and offers a studentship to the best candidate. The successful candidate becomes a SeNSS-ARIES doctoral researcher, starting in October 2020.

Can I see examples of successful proposals from previous competitions?

Yes. Click [here](#) and scroll down the page to see the proposals advertised last year.

Which research proposals are eligible for this competition?

Your university must be a member of the [SeNSS Pathway](#) for which you wish to submit an application, and must also be based in one of the [five ARIES research themes](#).

Is there additional guidance for this competition?

Yes, please go to the [SeNSS website](#) for further details.

Who can be a collaborative partner, and how can I find one?

A collaborative partner can be any non-Higher Education Institution (e.g. business, government or a third sector organization) which makes a financial or in-kind contribution to the studentship. You could either extend an existing collaboration to include a doctoral project, or approach a new external partner to enhance the impact of your wider research. Your university's Research and Enterprise team or Knowledge Exchange team can advise you on how to get started.

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