**Template for SGSAH ARCS Application 2026**

Please note that applications will be made online.

**Partnership Information**

**Lead-HEI** (higher education institution at which the PhD student will be registered):

**Collaborating HEI** (this is a requirement of the scheme)**:**

**Partner organisation** (Where there is more than one collaborating partner, please provide additional details):

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| 1. **Partner Organisations (300 words)**

*Summary of Partner Organisation(s) core activity/ business and capacity to undertake this partnership/ host a PhD student for the length of the project.* |

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| 1. **Title of Doctoral Project**
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| 1. **Research Summary (100 words)**

*Summary of the proposed research project that will be comprehensible to non-specialists and suitable for PR and communication channels.* |

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| 1. **Research Proposal (1,000 words)**

*Summary of:** *Research question(s)/ problem*
* *Research context, methods and sources, originality/ innovation and contribution to knowledge*
* *Knowledge Exchange, Public Engagement and Impact*
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| 1. **Benefits to partner (200 words)**

*ARCS must demonstrate clear benefits to the partner.**Summary of:** *How the research project as conceived contributes to delivery of the partner organisation’s strategic goals*
* *How the project fits with the partners priorities and needs*
* *How the project will benefit the partner*
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| 1. **Benefits to HEIs (200 words)**

*Summary of:** *Strategic alignment between partners*
* *Added value to the HEIs research environment and partnership opportunities*
* *Benefits and potential further developments*
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| **7**.**Alignment to Scottish Government and SFC Drivers** (200 words).   Which of the following Scottish Government National Performance Framework National Outcomes does the project most closely align with? (Applicants can align with more than one).The outcomes are that we:  * Grow up loved, safe and respected so that we realise our full potential (**Children**);
* Live in communities that are inclusive, empowered, resilient and safe (**Communities**);
* Are creative and our vibrant and diverse cultures are expressed and enjoyed widely (**Culture**);
* Have a globally competitive, entrepreneurial, inclusive and sustainable economy (**Economy**);
* Are well educated, skilled and able to contribute to society (**Education**);
* Value, enjoy, protect and enhance our environment (**Environment**);
* Have thriving and innovative businesses, with quality jobs and fair work for everyone (**Fair Work & Business**);
* Are healthy and active (**Health**);
* Respect, protect and fulfil human rights and live free from discrimination (**Human Rights**);
* Are open, connected and make a positive contribution internationally (**International**);
* Tackle poverty by sharing opportunities, wealth and power more equally (**Poverty**).
* None of the above.

  *Summary of:* *-Strategic alignment to Scottish Government National Performance Framework Outcomes as detailed in tick box above.* *(Please note that the National Outcomes are taken from* [https://www.gov.scot/publications/national-outcomes-review-2023-consultation-information-pack/pages/4/](https://www.gov.scot/publications/national-outcomes-review-2023-consultation-information-pack/pages/4/%22%20/t%20%22_blank)*, with the understanding that these are currently under review by the Scottish Government.) (200 words)*    |

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| **8. Supervision Arrangements** *Each proposal must be supported by at least two academic supervisors designated as Primary/Lead Supervisor, Co-supervisors and/or Secondary Supervisor. Please add all members of proposed supervisory team.*  **Lead Supervisor (must come from the lead-HEI)** Name:             Institution:     Email:             Discipline:                                     ECR (within six years of their first academic appointment): Yes/No  Supervision allocation (please indicate) 75% 󠆸 □ 60%  □  50%  □  Total number of doctoral researchers supervising currently (as FTE):  Up to six most relevant research outputs:      |
| **Academic Supervisor 2** Name:          Institution:        Email:             Discipline:                                                                         ECR (within six years of their first academic appointment): Yes/No  Supervision allocation (please indicate) 25%  □ 40%  □ 50%  □   Total Number of students supervising currently (as FTE):  Up to six most relevant research outputs:           |
| **Partner Supervisor**  Name:     Email: Organisation:                                           Position: Relevant experience:    |

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| * 1. **Supervisory expertise, research training environment and benefits to student (800 words)**

*Summary of:** *Strengths of the supervisory team for this project.*
* *Value of the partnership*
* *Research environment and partnership and how it will support doctoral researcher and the project*
* *Training and skills development*
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| * 1. **Project Management (300 words)**

*Project plan including summary of:** *How the project and supervisory team will be managed and supported*
* *Measures and milestones*
* *Management and contingency planning*
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| * 1. **Partnership Agreement (200 words)**

*Summary of:** *Processes by which a formal partnership agreement will be put in place*
* *Anticipated key elements of the agreement*
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| * 1. **Ethics and Research Integrity (300 words)**

*Summary of:** *Any identified ethical or safety issues attached to this research project and/or its impact plans and how these will be addressed. Please add a link to your HEI’s Ethics and/ or Research Integrity policy.*
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| * 1. **Studentship Recruitment (200 words)**

*Summary of:** *Assessment of the likely pool of applicants for this project and how you intend to reach it.*
* *How you will advertise the studentship and recruit the student to ensure the best doctoral candidate nomination is made*
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| * 1. **Confirmation of supervisory requirements**

One of the proposed academic supervisors has previously supervised at least one doctoral candidate to successful completion [ ]All academic supervisors have completed supervisory training for new supervisors before commencement of the studentship [ ]All academic supervisors have completed an Updating Workshop/ Briefing session in the past four years [ ]SGSAH Supervisors Induction: All supervisors must attend a SGSAH Supervisors Workshop. SGSAH will contact successful teams with the dates in due course. |