

SGSSS-DTP ESRC PDF Marking Framework: Assessment Criteria (see Application Form, Case for Support, Justification of Resources, List of Publications)

SCORING SECTION 1: Assessment Criteria		Quality of Work Programme (OUT OF 10)	Value for Money (OUT OF 10)	Impact and Outputs (OUT OF 10)	Consideration of Ethical Issues (OUT OF 10)
Marking Criteria					
10	A good proposal scoring well in terms of both cogency and originality. Quality of work programme, value for money, impact and outputs and consideration of ethical issues are strong.	As (9) but work programme is exceptional and impressive in all elements.	As (9) but value for money is exceptional and impressive.	As (9) but planned outputs and impact during the fellowship are exceptional and impressive.	As (9) but awareness of any ethical issues that may be raised by the Fellowship and how these might be addressed is exceptional and impressive.
9	Specified objectives are achievable and realistic within the time available. Proposed activities support the applicant's longer-term career. Costs are fully justified as reasonable and appropriate for the proposed work plan.	An excellent work programme in all elements. Workload is highly defined, specified objectives are achievable and realistic within the time available, and the proposed activities are very clearly justified in terms of supporting the applicant's longer-term career aspirations.	Value for money is excellent. Costs are very well justified as reasonable and highly appropriate for the proposed work plan.	Planned outputs and impact during the fellowship are excellent, appropriate and attainable, and there are excellent plans to share the results and engage with academic and non-academic audiences.	Proposal shows excellent awareness of any ethical issues that may be raised by the Fellowship and how these might be addressed.
8	Planned outputs and impact during the Fellowship are appropriate and attainable, and there are adequate plans to share the results and engage with academic and non-academic audiences. Proposal shows sufficient awareness of any ethical issues that may be raised by the Fellowship and how these might be addressed	A very good work programme in all elements. Workload is very clearly defined, specified objectives are achievable and realistic within the time available, and the proposed activities are very clearly justified in terms of supporting the applicant's longer-term career aspirations.	Value for money is very good. Costs are very clearly justified as reasonable and very appropriate for the proposed work plan.	Planned outputs and impact during the fellowship are very good, appropriate and attainable, and there are very good plans to share the results and engage with academic and non-academic audiences.	Proposal shows very good awareness of any ethical issues that may be raised by the Fellowship and how these might be addressed
7		A good work programme in all elements. Workload is clearly defined, specified objectives are achievable and realistic within the time available, and the proposed activities are clearly justified in terms of supporting the applicant's longer-term career aspirations.	Value for money is good. Costs are clearly justified as reasonable and appropriate for the proposed work plan.	Planned outputs and impact during the fellowship are good, appropriate and attainable, and there are good plans to share the results and engage with academic and non-academic audiences.	Proposal shows good awareness of any ethical issues that may be raised by the Fellowship and how these might be addressed.
6	An adequate proposal, or one with minor identifiable weaknesses. One or more of quality of work programme, value for money, impact and outputs, ethical issues, achievable and realistic objectives and/or fit with applicant's career are somewhat problematic, ill-expressed, or show a lack of knowledge.	An adequate work programme in all elements. Workload is defined, specified objectives are achievable and realistic within the time available, and the proposed activities are justified in terms of supporting the applicant's longer-term career aspirations.	Value for money is adequate. Costs are justified as reasonable and appropriate for the proposed work plan.	Planned outputs and impact during the fellowship are adequate, appropriate and attainable, and there are adequate plans to share the results and engage with academic and non-academic audiences.	Proposal shows adequate awareness of any ethical issues that may be raised by the Fellowship and how these might be addressed
5	Certain weaknesses are evident in the way that costs are justified as reasonable and appropriate for the proposed work plan, the extent to which planned outputs and impact during the Fellowship are appropriate and attainable, and/or whether there are adequate plans to share the results and engage with academic and non-academic audiences.	An appropriate work programme that nevertheless suffers from one identifiable minor weakness in whether workload is clearly defined, specified objectives are achievable and realistic within the time available, and the proposed activities are clearly justified in terms of supporting the applicant's longer-term career aspirations.	Proposal offers appropriate value for money but suffers from one identifiable minor weakness in its justification of costs as reasonable and appropriate for the proposed work plan.	Planned outputs and impact during the fellowship are generally appropriate and attainable, and there are adequate plans to share the results and engage with academic and non-academic audiences, but with one identifiable minor weakness	Proposal generally shows sufficient awareness of any ethical issues that may be raised by the Fellowship and how these might be addressed, but with one identifiable minor weakness.
4	Certain weaknesses are evident in the awareness of any ethical issues that may be raised by the Fellowship and how these might be addressed.	A promising work programme that nevertheless suffers from a number of minor weaknesses in whether workload is clearly defined, specified objectives are achievable and realistic within the time available, and the proposed activities are clearly justified in terms of supporting the applicant's longer-term career aspirations.	Proposal promises value for money but suffers from a small number of minor weaknesses in its justification of costs as reasonable and appropriate for the proposed work plan.	Planned outputs and impact during the fellowship are generally appropriate and attainable, and there are generally adequate plans to share the results and engage with academic and non-academic audiences, but with a small number of minor weaknesses	Proposal generally shows awareness of ethical issues that may be raised by the Fellowship and how these might be addressed, but with a small number of minor weaknesses.
3	A proposal with significant identifiable weaknesses. One or more of quality of work programme, value for money, impact and outputs, ethical issues, achievable and realistic objectives and/or fit with applicant's career are clearly problematic, ill-expressed, or show a lack of knowledge.	A work programme that suffers from one major weakness in whether workload is clearly defined, specified objectives are achievable and realistic within the time available, and the proposed activities are clearly justified in terms of supporting the applicant's longer-term career aspirations.	Assessment of value for money suffers from one identifiable major weaknesses in its justification of costs as reasonable and appropriate for the proposed work plan.	Planned outputs and impact during the fellowship suffer from one major identifiable weakness in the extent to which they are appropriate and attainable, and/or there are adequate plans to share the results and engage with academic and non-academic audiences	Proposal suffers from one major identifiable weakness in the awareness of ethical issues that may be raised by the Fellowship and how these might be addressed.
2	Significant weaknesses are evident in the way that costs are justified as reasonable and appropriate for the proposed work plan, the extent to which planned outputs and impact during the Fellowship are appropriate and attainable, and/or whether there are adequate plans to share the results and engage with academic and non-academic audiences.	A work programme that suffers from more than one major weakness in whether workload is clearly defined, specified objectives are achievable and realistic within the time available, and the proposed activities are clearly justified in terms of supporting the applicant's longer-term career aspirations.	Assessment of value for money suffers from more than one major weakness in its justification of costs as reasonable and appropriate for the proposed work plan.	Planned outputs and impact during the fellowship suffer from more than one major weakness in the extent to which they are appropriate and attainable, and/or there are adequate plans to share the results and engage with academic and non-academic audiences.	Proposal suffers from more than one major weakness in the awareness of ethical issues that may be raised by the Fellowship and how these might be addressed.
1	Significant weaknesses are evident in the awareness of any ethical issues that may be raised by the Fellowship and how these might be addressed.	A work programme that suffers from numerous major and minor weaknesses in whether workload is clearly defined, specified objectives are achievable and realistic within the time available, and the proposed activities are clearly justified in terms of supporting the applicant's longer-term career aspirations.	Assessment of value for money suffers from numerous major and minor weaknesses in its justification of costs as reasonable and appropriate for the proposed work plan.	Planned outputs and impact during the fellowship suffer from numerous major and minor weaknesses in the extent to which they are appropriate and attainable, and/or there are adequate plans to share the results and engage with academic and non-academic audiences.	Proposal suffers from numerous major and minor identifiable weaknesses in the awareness of ethical issues that may be raised by the Fellowship and how these might be addressed.

Please note, as part of the Stage 2 application assessment process, the additional supporting documentation required (Candidate CV, Referee Statement, Head of Department Statement, Mentor Statement and summary CV) will also be reviewed to better understand a candidate's record, the research environment and the mentoring arrangements.