



# Co(I)laboratory Research Hub

## Co(I)laboratory Leicestershire PhD Project Proposal Form 2025 - Round 1

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# Submit a PhD Research Project Proposal: Co(I)laboratory Leicestershire 2025 - Round 1

This form is for project teams who wish to submit a PhD project proposal for consideration for Co(I)laboratory Leicestershire's 2024-25 funding round.

It is essential that all project supervisory team members named on an proposal have read the "Guidance for PhD Project Teams" document available from our website, [here](#).

- Proposals must adhere to the word limits provided. Word limits include citations.
- All project proposals, whether for PhD or Research Placement projects, **MUST** be submitted via one of our online forms. We cannot accept proposal submissions by email or any other form.
- **Deadline for submissions: 11:59pm on Sunday 18 May 2025**

If you have any questions about this form or Co(I)laboratory's project development process, please contact the team at [collaboratory@universitiesfornottingham.ac.uk](mailto:collaboratory@universitiesfornottingham.ac.uk)

# Project Details

This section asks you for details about your project proposal. Please refer to the "Guidance for PhD Project Teams" document for support.

## 1. Project Title

*Please provide a provisional title for this project. Project titles should be concise, descriptive, and where possible, avoid unnecessary jargon or niche terminology. Amendments may be made by the Co(I)laboratory team before advertising, if the proposal is successful.*

Word limit: 20 words max \*

## 2. Project Summary

*Please provide a summary of the proposed research project. The summary should be written in accessible language, avoiding unnecessarily complex terms, where possible. If successful, this will be used as the basis for creating a project advert. Please see our existing project profiles on our website for examples.*

Word Limit: min 150- max 400 words \*

## 3. Potential for Impact: How will this work make a positive impact on communities in Leicestershire and/or Rutland.

*What change does this research seek to make with/for one or more defined communities in Leicestershire and/or Rutland? What potential do the anticipated outputs of this research have to affect this change? Does the proposed research have relevance to the needs or work of other local civic/community organisations/network/mechanisms?*

Word limit: 500 words max \*

## 4. Community Basis: What local community need(s) does this research intend to address?

*Please detail the community need which underpins the proposed research. Research must seek to address challenge(s) which are grounded in and informed by the genuine need(s) of Leicestershire and/or Rutland? communities. This community basis must draw on evidence which illustrates the scope of the issue, the extent of the local knowledge gap, etc.*

Word limit: 500 words max \*

## 5. Academic Basis: What is the academic justification for this research?

*Please detail the academic basis for this proposed research project. Research must seek to make a novel contribution to one or more academic specialisms and must demonstrate a strong justification for the work based on existing academic literature and/or broader sources of evidence.*

Word limit: 500 words max \*

## 6. Research Aims

*Please detail the aims of this research project. This should be a short list of concise, researchable aims. If successful, these aims will be included in the project advert description. For examples, please see profiles of our existing research projects on our website.*

Word limit: 150 words \*

## 7. Research Methods

*Please describe the anticipated methods by which the research aims would be addressed. Where relevant, please include details of specific methodologies, analyses, and participatory and community engagement approaches.*

Word limit: 500 max \*

## 8. Additional Funding Requirements

*If this research proposal would require additional funding beyond what is provided by a Co(l)laboratory PhD Studentship, please provide brief details of these costs and how you intend to cover them/secure addition funds. For a breakdown of our studentship funding, please refer to the "Guidance for PhD Project Teams" document.*

## 9. Supporting References

*Please provide a list of full references for all sources cited in this section of the proposal form.*

# Details to Support Candidate Recruitment

This section asks for details which would be used by the Co(l)laboratory team to create a project advert, if your proposal were to be successful.

As part of Co(l)laboratory's work to create more inclusive and accessible routes into doctoral research, all our PhD and Research Placement opportunities are advertised in a typical job advert-style format. This will include a list of essential and desired competencies, plus a reading list. This enables high quality candidates to better identify their suitability for any given research project.

- Project-specific competencies should be those which the ideal candidate should possess that will enable them to rise to the challenges of the research project.
- Essential and desirable competency lists should NOT require candidates to already possess knowledge or experience of specific research techniques or methodologies that they would reasonably be able to learn in the role.

For details of the core competencies used in our recruitment, and examples of project-specific essential and desired competencies, please see the "Guidance for PhD Project Teams" document.

## 10. Project-Specific Essential Competencies

*Please detail up to 6 competencies based on transferable skills, knowledge and experience that both community and academic members of the named supervisory team feel would be essential for a candidate to possess in order to be successful on this project. Essential competencies should include broader skills and experiences which applicants could provide evidence against in a variety of ways. Essential competencies should NOT require direct previous experience of academic research. \**

## 11. Project-Specific Desirable Competencies

*Please detail up to 6 desirable competencies based on transferable skills, knowledge and experience that both community and academic members of the named supervisory team feel would be desirable for a successful candidate to possess. Desirable competencies may include more nuanced skills or experience that would give the candidate an advantage in the role, but which are not crucial the success of the project. \**

## 12. Recommended Reading List

*Please provide a list of up to 10 sources, including links which would enable prospective candidates to obtain a moderately more in-depth understanding of some of the core elements that underpin this project. These **MUST** be open access (for academic literature) or free to access for anyone without university or organisation-specific affiliations. \**

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# Supervisory Team - Lead Academic Supervisor

This section asks you for details of the lead academic supervisor who would take on the role of Director of Studies/Primary Supervisor for the candidate, if the proposal is successful.

## Important Note!

The answers submitted in this section will be checked with the named individual's local PGR lead and line manager. If this information is found to be incorrect, i.e., if the named person will not be in compliance with local supervision regulations by 28th September 2025, the proposal will be rejected and cannot be considered.

### 13. Full Name \*

### 14. University Email Address \*

### 15. Institution

At which university is this person employed? \*

- De Montfort University
- Loughborough University
- University of Leicester

### 16. How many PGRs has this person supervised to timely completion?

*Please differentiate between PGRs supported in a leading or co-supervisory capacity. Timely completion is classed as submission within four years or less, for a full-time PGR. \**

**17. How many PGRs does this person currently supervise?**

*Please differentiate between PGRs supported in a leading or co-supervisory capacity. \**

**18. Supervisor Justification**

*Please provide a brief justification detailing how this supervisory partner's work and wider experience makes them a suitable partner for the proposed research. Please include details of any previous work in the area of, or contributions to, civically- or community-engaged research.*

Word limit: 400 words \*

**19. Has this person obtained approval from their line manager to take on this supervisory role, should your proposal be successful? \***

Yes

No

**20. Line Manager's Contact Email \***

**21. Line Manger's Name \***

**22. Supervisory Regulations**

*Is or will this person be eligible to take on the role of lead supervisor of a PhD candidate from 28th September 2025, according to their institutional and local departmental/school regulations?*

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Yes

Not at present, but will be eligible as of 1st April 2025

No



# Supervisory Team - Academic Co-supervisors

This section asks you for details of academic co-supervisors who would support supervision of the candidate, if the proposal is successful.

## Important Note!

The answers submitted in this section will be checked with the named individual's local PGR lead and line manager. If this information is found to be incorrect, i.e., if the named person will not meet local supervision regulations by 28th September 2025, the proposal will be rejected and cannot be considered.

### 23. Full Name \*

### 24. University Email Address \*

### 25. Institution

*At which university is this person employed? \**

- De Montfort University
- Loughborough University
- University of Leicester

### 26. Supervisor Justification

*Please provide a brief justification detailing how this supervisory partner's work and wider experience makes them a suitable partner for the proposed research. Please include details of any previous work in the area of, or contributions to, civically- or community-engaged research.*

Word limit: 400 words \*

**27. How many PGRs has this person supervised to timely completion?**

*Please differentiate between PGRs supported in a leading or co-supervisory capacity. Timely completion is classed as submission within four years or less, for a full-time PGR. \**

**28. How many PGRs does this person currently supervise?**

*Please differentiate between PGRs supported in a leading or co-supervisory capacity. \**

**29. Has this person obtained approval from their line manager to take on this supervisory role, should the proposal be successful? \***

Yes

No

**30. Line Manager's Name \***

**31. Line Manager's Contact Email Address \***

**32. Supervisory Regulations**

*Is or will this person be eligible to take on leading supervision of a PhD candidate from 28th September 2025, according to their institutional and local departmental/school regulations? \**

Yes

No at present, but will be eligible as of 1st April 2025

No

**33. Do you wish to add details of another co-supervisor? \***

Yes

No

**34. Full Name - A2 \***

**35. University Email Address - A2 \***

**36. Institution - A2**

*At which university is this person employed? \**

De Montfort University

Loughborough University

University of Leicester

**37. Supervisor Justification - A2**

*Please provide a brief justification detailing how this supervisory partner's work and wider experience makes them a suitable partner for the proposed research. Please include details of any previous work in the area of, or contributions to, civically- or community-engaged research.*

Word limit: 400 words \*

**38. How many PGRs has this person supervised to timely completion? - A2**

*Please differentiate between PGRs supported in a leading or co-supervisory capacity. Timely completion is classed as submission within four years or less, for a full-time PGR. \**

39. How many PGRs does this person currently supervise? - A2

*Please differentiate between PGRs supported in a leading or co-supervisory capacity. \**

40. Has this person obtained approval from their line manager to take on this supervisory role, should the proposal be successful? - A2 \*

Yes

No

41. Line Manager's Name - A2 \*

42. Line Manager's Contact Email Address - A2 \*

43. Supervisory Regulations - A2

*Is or will this person be eligible to take on leading supervision of a PhD candidate from 28th September 2025, according to their institutional and local departmental/school regulations? \**

Yes

No at present, but will be eligible as of 1st April 2025

No

# Supervisory Team - Community Supervisor

This section asks your for details of the community partner who supported the development of this proposal, and who would take on the role of Community Supervisor, if the proposal is successful.

## 44. Full Name \*

## 45. Contact Email Address \*

## 46. Name of Organisation

*This should be the organisation with which the named person above is affiliated. \**

## 47. Organisation Website \*

## 48. Organisational Role

*What is the named Community Supervisor's role in the above named organisation? \**

## 49. Nature of the Organisation's Work

*Please briefly describe the nature of the work carried out by the named Community Supervisor's organisation.*

Word limit: 150 words max \*

**50. Supervisor Justification**

Please provide a brief justification detailing how this named Community Supervisor and their organisation are a suitable partner for the proposed research project.

Word limit: 300 \*

**51. Additional Support Needs**

Would this named Community Supervisor require any specific support, advice, training, adjustments, access, etc., to facilitate their full participation in this research project ? \*

Yes

No

**52. Please briefly describe these additional support needs \***

**53. Do you wish to add details of another Community Supervisor? \***

Yes

No

**54. Full Name - C2**

**55. Contact Email Address - C2**

**56. Name of Organisation - C2**

*This should be the organisation with which the named person above is affiliated.*

57. Organisation Website - C2

58. Organisational Role - C2

*What is the named Community Supervisor's role in the above named organisation?*

59. Nature of the Organisation's Work - C2

*Please briefly describe the nature of the work carried out by the named Community Supervisor's organisation.*

Word limit: 150 words max \*

60. Supervisor Justification - C2

Please provide a brief justification detailing how this named Community Supervisor and their organisation are a suitable partner for the proposed research project.

Word limit: 300 \*

61. Additional Support Needs - C2

Would this named Community Supervisor require any specific support, advice, training, adjustments, access, etc., to facilitate their full participation in this research project ? \*

Yes

No

62. Please briefly describe these additional support needs - C2

# Peer Reviews

Each PhD project proposal will require 2 complete peer reviews. Please use this section to provide details of 2 named peer reviewers.

Due to the time constraints of Round 1 of Co(l)laboratory Leics, peer reviews will be sought after the proposal submission deadline. Peer reviewers will be contacted if the project is successful in being selected for funding. Successful projects will be expected to incorporate any changes recommended by funders before the project commences.

Peer reviewers must be academic colleagues from any higher education institution with relevant subject expertise. We strongly recommended that colleagues from Leicestershire partner universities are approached in the first instance as they will likely be more familiar with local community contexts.

**63. Reviewer 1: Full Name \***

**64. Reviewer 1: Job Role \***

**65. Reviewer 1: Contact Email \***

**66. Reviewer 2: Full Name \***

**67. Reviewer 2: Job Role \***



**68. Reviewer 2: Contact Email \***