



**North West Social Science  
Doctoral Training Partnership**

### **NWSSDTP Recognition of New Programmes and Changes to Programmes**

The NWSSDTP acknowledges that master's and PhD Programme provision in the four institutions will naturally evolve over the course of the DTP, and that this needs to be recognised and captured.

When changes to master's or doctoral provision occur in any of the pathways, a report should be produced by the relevant institutional Pathway Representative and submitted to NWSSDTP for review, if they wish the course to be considered as eligible for funding from the NWSSDTP. All programmes must align with the ESRC Postgraduate Training and Development Guidelines, which can be found here: <http://www.esrc.ac.uk/files/skills-and-careers/studentships/postgraduate-training-and-development-guidelines-2015/>

Please send all documentation to the NWSSDTP Manager Hayley Meloy at [hmeloy@liv.ac.uk](mailto:hmeloy@liv.ac.uk). Please note that it may take up to four weeks to review, confirm the programmes and update our website.

***It is expected that any reports will be circulated amongst all pathway representatives within the relevant pathway for comment before submission to the NWSSDTP.***

### **Master's Programmes**

**A report should be submitted in any of the following cases:**

1. Masters programmes that were previously approved which have undergone **substantial** changes (i.e. for which the compulsory modules or research training modules have been changed).

The details provided will be used to assess whether the programme is still eligible as the '1' of a 1+3 studentship and as sufficient research training for a student applying to a +3 studentship.

Please detail all changes that have been made to previously approved programmes – detail each module that has been changed, explain the change and why this has enhanced the programme, with reference to the ESRC Postgraduate Training and Development Guidelines. Any changes to additional research training in the programme and/or the dissertation component should also be detailed.

2. New Masters programmes which have been developed since the NWSSDTP bid was submitted, which should be considered as sufficient research training for the 1 of a 1+3 ESRC funded Studentship.

The details provided will then be used to assess whether the programme is eligible as the '1' of a 1+3 studentship and as sufficient research training for a student applying to a +3 studentship.

Please give all details of each programme: the name, course structure, compulsory and optional modules and credits. Particular attention should be paid to the research training modules of the programme. Please send programme specification, and confirm that it has been through any relevant institutional programme approval processes prior to submission of this report. Explain why this course should be deemed eligible for ESRC funding, with explicit reference to the ESRC Postgraduate Training and Development Guidelines.

3. Master's programmes that have been previously approved which have now been discontinued/are no longer deemed eligible due to programme changes.

A list of discontinued programmes will suffice.

***If a pathway has several changes to report on, these can all be included in the same report, but should be under clear separate headings.***

### **PhD Programmes**

Pathways should also report on new PhD programmes which have been developed since the NWSSDTP bid was submitted, which should be considered as eligible for ESRC funding. The details provided will then be used to assess whether the programme is eligible as a +3 studentship, or the +3 element of a 1+3 studentship.

Please give full details of each programme: the name, structure and training requirements. Please send the programme specification, and confirm that it has been through any relevant institutional programme approval processes prior to submission of this report. Explain why this course should be deemed eligible, with explicit reference to the ESRC Postgraduate Training and Development Guidelines, and detail why the programme first within the ESRC remit.