



Economic and Social Research Council
North West Social Science Doctoral Training Partnership



NWSSDTP Pathway Events Fund

Pathway Representatives and Leads can apply for funding from the NWSSDTP for the organisation of pathway events and training. The NWSSDTP encourages each pathway to hold at least one event a year for its students, either solo or jointly with other pathways.

Applications should be sent to nwssdtp@liv.ac.uk. Please be aware that it may take up to three weeks after submission for your application to be considered by the NWSSDTP Manager and the decision communicated to applicants.

Those who are awarded funded will be asked to submit an event report and attendance list, no more than six weeks after the event. The event report template can be found [here](#).

How much can be claimed?

A solo pathway can apply for up to £500 towards an event. The NWSSDTP encourages cross-pathway events, so an event which incorporates two pathways (in the organisation and in attendance at the event) can apply for up to £750, and three or more can claim for £1000.

The NWSSDTP also encourages the involvement of non-HEI Partners in training and events, so any event which incorporates a non-HEI Partner in the delivery can apply for an additional £250 on top of the standard maximum claim amount.

	Maximum Claim Amount	Maximum Claim Amount with Non-HEI Partner Included
Solo Pathway Event	£500	£750
Pathway Event between two pathways	£750	£1000
Pathway Event with three or more pathways	£1000	£1250

What costs are eligible?

Eligible Costs:

- Speakers costs (travel and accommodation)
- Refreshments
- Stationery costs (flip charts, pens etc)
- Student travel costs for non-NWSSDTP Students

Ineligible Costs:

- Room hire (It is expected that institutions will arrange rooms on a reciprocal basis)
- Administrative costs (It is expected that institutions will utilise their administrative staff support on a reciprocal basis, or enlist the help of students for administrative tasks)

Structure of Events

Who can attend these events?

Pathway events (solo or joint) should incorporate students from across the consortium. Pathway events can be opened to students who are not funded by the NWSSDTP, as long as NWSSDTP-funded students are also in attendance.

Supervisors and other staff can be invited to attend. Organisers may choose to aim the event at just students or at students and staff.

How should these events be organised?

The NWSSDTP will not be able to offer administrative support to organise events, beyond advertising the event to NWSSDTP students. Students can be involved in the organisation of these events, but should not be solely responsible. At least one Institutional Pathway Representative should be involved in the organisation, and the application for funds should come from an institutional pathway lead.

What format should these events take?

This is at the discretion of the organisers. You may opt to arrange a conference, or to run something more informal or interactive. Speakers can be academic staff or students, or a mix of both. The choice of speakers is at the discretion of the organisers. Staff from institutions outside of the North West can be brought in to speak, and their costs may be funded from the NWSSDTP events fund.

Form Guidance

Date and Time: If the exact date and time is not yet known, please give an indication of when the event will take place (e.g. the month or the term).

Key Contact: this will be the lead academic organising the event.

Pathway(s): Please list all the pathways who will be involved in organising this event and who will have students in attendance.

Location: If the exact location is not yet known, please at least indicate the institution at which the event will be based.

Type of Event: Please detail here the structure the event will take, who the speakers will be (if known), a preliminary schedule (if known), if staff/students outside the NWSSDTP will be invited, if this fits into a wider programme of pathway events.

Estimated number of students: Please detail the number of students who are expected to attend. Please indicate the breakdown between NWSSDTP Students and non-NWSSDTP Students.

Amount claimed for: Please see 'How much can be claimed?' above.

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