

Scoring	Quality of Work Programme (OUT OF 10) (see Application Form, Case for Support, and, if applicable, Data Management Plan)	Impact and Outputs (OUT OF 10) (see Application Form and Case for Support)	Candidate Record (OUT OF 10) (See CV)
10	As (9) but work programme is exceptional and impressive in all elements.	As (9) but planned outputs and impact during the fellowship are exceptional and impressive.	As (9) but, taking career stage into account, an exceptionally good overall CV (e.g. awards received for work or training, previous employment history, conference papers, publications).
9	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. If applicable, data management plan and plans to address any ethical issues that may be raised by the Fellowship are excellent.	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.	As (8) but, taking career stage into account, an excellent CV with a number of clearly identifiable strengths (e.g. awards received for work or training, previous employment history, conference papers, publications).
8	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. If applicable, data management plan and plans to address any ethical issues that may be raised by the Fellowship are very good.	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.	As (7) but, taking career stage into account, a very good CV with at least one clearly identifiable strength (e.g. awards received for work or training, previous employment history, conference papers, publications).
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. If applicable, data management plan and plans to address any ethical	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.	A candidate with the achievement or expectation of a PhD meeting ESRC eligibility requirements for the PDF scheme. Taking career stage into account, a good CV with no obvious weaknesses (e.g. awards received for work or training, previous employment history, conference papers, publications).

	issues that may be raised by the Fellowship are good.		
6	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. If applicable, data management plan and plans to address any ethical issues that may be raised by the Fellowship are adequate.	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.	A candidate with the achievement or expectation of a PhD meeting ESRC eligibility requirements for the PDF scheme. Taking career stage into account, an adequate overall CV (e.g. awards received for work or training, previous employment history, conference papers, publications).
5	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. If applicable, data management plan and plans to address any ethical issues that may be raised by the Fellowship contain one identifiable minor weakness.	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.	A candidate with the achievement or expectation of a PhD meeting ESRC eligibility requirements for the PDF scheme. Taking career stage into account, a promising CV but with one identifiable minor weakness (e.g. awards received for work or training, previous employment history, conference papers, publications).
4	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. If applicable, data management plan and plans to address any ethical issues that may be raised by the Fellowship contain a small number of minor weaknesses.	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.	A candidate with the achievement or expectation of a PhD meeting ESRC eligibility requirements for the PDF scheme. Taking career stage into account, a CV that suffers from a number of minor weaknesses (e.g. awards received for work or training, previous employment history, conference papers, publications).
	A work programme that suffers from one major weakness in whether workload is clearly defined, specified objectives are achievable and realistic	Planned outputs and impact during the fellowship suffer from one major identifiable weakness in the extent to	A candidate with the achievement or expectation of a PhD meeting ESRC eligibility requirements for the PDF scheme. Taking career stage into

3	within the time available, and the proposed activities are clearly justified in terms of supporting the applicant's longer-term career aspirations. If applicable, data management plan and plans to address any ethical issues that may be raised by the Fellowship contain one major identifiable weakness.	which they are appropriate and attainable, and/or there are adequate plans to share the results and engage with academic and non-academic audiences.	account, a CV that suffers from one major weakness (e.g. awards received for work or training, previous employment history, conference papers, publications).
2	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. If applicable, data management plan and plans to address any ethical issues that may be raised by the Fellowship contain more than one major weakness.	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.	A candidate with the achievement or expectation of a PhD meeting ESRC eligibility requirements for the PDF scheme. Taking career stage into account, a CV with more than one major weakness (e.g. awards received for work or training, previous employment history, conference papers, publications).
1	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. If applicable, data management plan and plans to address any ethical issues that may be raised by the Fellowship contain numerous major and minor identifiable weaknesses.	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.	A candidate with the achievement or expectation of a PhD meeting ESRC eligibility requirements for the PDF scheme. Taking career stage into account, a very weak overall CV (e.g. awards received for work or training, previous employment history, conference papers, publications).

Research Environment and Mentoring Arrangements (OUT OF 5) (See Mentor Statement and summary CV)		Value for Money (OUT OF 5) (see Application Form and Justification of Resources)
5	Mentoring and research environment represent a near-perfect fit with the proposed work programme. Mentor has significant experience and strong track record in the applicant's field of study. Mentor has considered the applicant's needs carefully and tailored a programme of support accordingly, clearly detailing how they will ensure the PDF is kept properly active and focused throughout the year and how they will keep PDF's long-term career prospects clearly in mind.	Value for money is exceptional and impressive. Costs are very well justified as reasonable and highly appropriate for the proposed work plan.
4	Mentoring and research environment represent a very good fit with the proposed work programme. Mentor has good experience and track record in the applicant's field of study. Mentor has considered the applicant's needs and programme of support appropriately, clearly acknowledging the need to ensure the PDF is kept properly active and focused throughout the year and keep the PDF's long-term career prospects clearly in mind.	Value for money is very good. Costs are very clearly justified as reasonable and very appropriate for the proposed work plan.
3	Mentoring and research environment represent a good fit with the proposed work programme. Mentor has some experience and track record in the applicant's field of study. Mentor has given some consideration to the applicant's needs and necessary programme of support. Acknowledgement is given to how the PDF will be kept properly active and focused throughout the year and how the mentor will keep the PDF's long-term career prospects clearly in mind, but detail of this is less clear.	Value for money is adequate. Costs are justified as reasonable and appropriate for the proposed work plan.
2	It is unclear that mentoring and research environment represent a good fit with the proposed work programme. Mentor's experience and track record are tangentially aligned with the applicant's field of study. Mentor has given little consideration to the applicant's needs and necessary programme of support. Little acknowledgement is given to how the PDF will be kept properly active and focused throughout the year nor to how the mentor will keep the PDF's long-term career prospects clearly in mind.	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.
1	Mentoring and research environment do not represent a good fit with the proposed work programme. Mentor's experience and track record do not align with the applicant's field of study. Mentor has given no consideration to the applicant's needs and necessary programme of support. No acknowledgement is given to how the PDF will be kept properly active and focused throughout the year nor to how the mentor will keep the PDF's long-term career prospects clearly in mind.	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.