**Supermassive Games PhD Studentship Application Form**

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| **Personal details** | | | | |
| **Name** *(as recorded on your Passport)* | | | **Application number** *(if you have one)* | |
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| **Nationality** and *(if different)* **Country of Domicile** *(where you live)* | | | | |
| **Note: This studentship is open to Home (UK) and EU students.** | | | | |
| **University and Pathway to which you are applying** | | | | |
| University of Bristol, Sociology Pathway. | | | | |
| **Proposed supervisors** | | | | |
| Name of Lead Supervisor: Professor Susan Halford  School or department: SPAIS  University: University of Bristol | Name of second supervisor:  School or department:  University: | | | |
| **Previous degrees attained (Undergraduate and Masters)** | | **Date** | | **Result** |
| 1. *Please include the name of the degree and the awarding organisation:* 2. *Please also include the title(s) of any previous research dissertation(s) you have undertaken and the marks they attained:* | |  | |  |
| *We appreciate and value difference, seeking to attract, develop and retain a diverse mix of talented people that will contribute to and benefit from the South West Doctoral Training Partnership and the BDFI-Supermassive Games Studentship.*  Please provide any other information that is relevant to your application. For example, if you are returning to the education system after a period of prolonged absence, you may, if you wish, list any relevant professional experience/qualifications that you have gained. Or, if your prior attainment was affected by extenuating circumstances that you wish to share with us, please do so. This space is open for you to include any relevant information that will help us to understand your interest in the research and ability to complete it. | | | | |
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| Name of academic referee (not proposed supervisor) who you will ask to provide a reference: | | | | |
| Name and title:  Institutional address:  Contact e-mail:  How this person knows you: | | | | |
| Optional second referee (from education or other relevant experience) | | | | |
| Name and title:  Institutional address:  Contact e-mail:  How this person knows you: | | | | |

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| ***Important notes:***   1. All applications will be assessed primarily on **Your 1,300-word research proposal that should illustrate the following:**   **1.1 Research potential** – achievable within the duration of the award, understanding of the field, potential for original contribution, consideration of relevant past research and theory, and fit to strategic priorities, including   * + Bristol Digital Futures Institute: <https://www.bristol.ac.uk/bristol-digital-futures-institute/>   + Faculty of Social Science & Law/ School / Department   **1.2 Research proposal** - clear research question, clear understanding of the demands of the project, conversant in relevant/ proposed methods (or aware of methodological needs), consideration of ethical issues/constraints on the project, and the potential for impact <https://esrc.ukri.org/research/impact-toolkit/what-is-impact/>.  Note: should you be shortlisted for interview, this will also form part of the assessment of your project. All interviews will be conducted online. |

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| **Title of proposed research** |
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| **Your research proposal:** Please refer to the notes above for guidance as to what the proposal should contain. You can also look at the ‘How to Apply’ document.  **IMPORTANT: There is a strict 1300-word limit, fully inclusive of everything except references. This includes all the written text, quotes, in-line citations, section headers, captions, the contents of tables and any foot-/endnotes. Each figure/graphic should be counted as equivalent to 200 words. Tables should be counted as the number of words they contain. Proposals that are found to be overlength will be rejected.** |
| **Word count (please complete):** |
| **References (Bibliography)** (not included in your Word count) |
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| **Adapting and responding to Covid-19**  In the following section, reflect upon how your research would be affected if present circumstances were to continue (with, for example, on-going constraints on face-to-face interviewing, and so forth) and how you would adapt the research to meet those challenges. What you need to demonstrate is that you have thought through the potential issues and would still have a way of making progress to a successful PhD. (500 words maximum. Note: this is in addition to the 1,300 research proposal) |
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| Please sign or type your name below and enter the date. By doing so you are certifying that the information you have provided is correct, is subject to checking and that any evidence of falsification will lead to the application being rejected or to any funding awarding being withdrawn. You are also certifying that you are the author of the research proposal. |
| Name:  Date:  Your application form may also be shared with individuals in a third party organisations invited to participate in the section/ interview process, solely for the purpose of recruitment to the PhD studentship.  ☐ Please X to consent to the above |

(Before submitting your application, please refer to the checklist below)

**NOTE: APPLICATION DEADLINE: 1st August 2021**

**Interview date: 1st September 2021**