**DIFFICULT LANGUAGE TRAINING Funding Application**

This application form supersedes any previous versions.

**Please read the accompanying guidance notes carefully before completing this form.**

Applications should be made in good time **prior** to any anticipated difficult language training trip and applicants should note that funding is not guaranteed. Funding cannot be awarded retrospectively, and you must get full agreement before incurring any costs or undertaking any activity as monies will not be forthcoming if approval has not been given beforehand. You are advised to discuss the detail of any application with the SWDTP Coordinator, Joanna.Williams@bristol.ac.uk who will guide you through the application process, the detailed costings and case.

**IMPORTANT:** The requirement for Difficult Language Training **must** have been indicated on your original studentship application.

**Applications for Difficult Language Training will not be considered unless relevant prior basic language skills training has been undertaken.** Such basic training can be paid for using your RTSG. Funding for this level of language training will only be considered if the original application detailed a clear requirement, funding will not normally be considered unless this is the case, except in exceptional circumstances.

Applications will be considered in detail and funds allocated as appropriate. Once the application has been approved and funds awarded, you will be expected to manage costs within the award envelope, no further monies can be made available. If you require a small top-up as if, for example, the price of a flight has slightly increased, you can offset this against your RTSG.

Please submit completed application forms to the SWDTP Coordinator.

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| Student Surname |  |
| Student First Name |  |
| Home Institution |  |
| School / Pathway |  |
| Year of Studentship Commencement |  |
| E-mail Address |  |

**SECTIONS A – D TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT**

**A – Details of Proposed Activity**

Please start by outlining your research aims and objectives to set the context. Please clearly state the details of your proposed language training detailing how it is necessary to obtain the training in the proposed way. Highlight clear links to language needs that will have been included in the original studentship proposal (continue on a separate sheet if necessary). NOTE: This section should not normally be more than two pages in length.

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**B – Details of the Training and Costings**

1. **Duration of the Difficult Language Training**

ESRC Postgraduate Funding Guide, specifically “Annex 2: Difficult Language Training” at [ESRC postgraduate funding guide – UKRI](https://www.ukri.org/publications/esrc-postgraduate-funding-guide/) provides guidelines on how extensions for difficult language training are interpreted. Funded extension time will be calculated on actual study time, this can include for example, formal course training, language tutor training or organised conversational training. This will be discussed with the Coordinator as part of the application process.

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| Language |  |
| Nature of the training (including whether this is a formal course or one-to-one. Include any online links) |  |
| Location of training (organisation, town, country, online) |  |
| If the training is overseas: |
| Rationale as to why overseas training is required |  |
| Is a visa required? |  |
| Has the FCO advised against travel? <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice> |  |
| From (dd/mm/yyyy) – Exact dates of travel |  |
| To (dd/mm/yyyy) – Exact dates of travel |  |
| Total number of weeks |  |

1. **Direct costs of the Difficult Language Training**

These relate to the cost of a formal training course (whether in the UK or overseas).

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| Cost of Course / Tutor (include any links above) | £ |

1. **Other Costings Required**

**NOTE -** If based in the **UK**, travel & subsistence costs from your university, using the rates set by your university.

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| UK travel costs (give details including mode of transport, ticket costs / mileage rates etc. | £ |

For overseas applications, travel and subsistence costs must be estimated on the basis of real costs where possible or using [numbeo.com](http://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/) for meal costs etc. Costings must be discussed in detail with the SWDTP Coordinator to ensure they are appropriate. Use Numbeo to work out cost of living in the place you are visiting versus your home city. If living costs are higher in the place that you will be visiting, request a % difference top-up for subsistence. If cost of living is the same or lower, we would not expect to see a request for subsistence top up.

All anticipated costs which can appropriately be claimed for must be included in the application, but all such costs must be clearly and adequately justified on the form.

**NOTE:** If the DLT is to take place alongside or immediately before an Overseas Fieldwork Allowance visit (OFA) visit then we would expect to see the costs adjusted to reflect saving in travel. These cases can be discussed with the SWDTP Coordinator for detailed advice on what should be included. Please note that you may also be asked to use of RTSG to supplement the visits, where appropriate, as the SWDTP has no additional funding from the ESRC to cover these trips. Funding for overseas trips cannot be granted if FCO advice is against travel to the country in question.

**Requested Costs**

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| **Type of travel and dates** **(day/month/year)** | **Travel costs (e.g. flight, transfers, domestic internal travel, train etc.)** | **Cost breakdown, plus total cost** |
|  |  | £ |
| **Accommodation details and dates (day/month/year)** | **Accommodation costs** | **Cost breakdown, plus total cost** |
| Will you be paying accommodation costs in the UK during the period of your DLT? | **YES / NO**(delete as applicable) |
| If **YES**, please provide reasons for needing to pay for (retain) accommodation in the UK whilst travelling overseas. |
| If **NO**, please confirm:* What you would have expected to have paid in accommodation costs had you been in the UK, and how you arrived at the figure
* That you have deducted the amount in (a) from the accommodation costs that you are claiming for your period of language training
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| **\*Travel insurance type** | **Insurance costs** | **Cost breakdown, plus total cost** |
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\* travel insurance can be obtained through your home institution, there should be no or a nominal cost

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| **Visa type (if appropriate)** | **Visa costs** | **Cost breakdown, plus total cost** |
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| **\*Meal subsistence (basic rate using numbeo.com)** | **Meal subsistence costs** | **Cost breakdown, plus total cost** |
|  |  | £ |

\* request a % difference top-up if cost of living is higher than home city (note, you will continue to receive your stipend. If cost of living is the same or lower than your home city, we would not expect to see a request here)

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| **Inoculation type (if applicable)** | **Inoculation costs** | **Cost breakdown, plus total cost** |
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| **Details of Adjustment (if applicable, e.g. RTSG supplement or co-funding from external partner)** | **Saving** |
|  | -£ |

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| **GRAND TOTAL** | **£** |

**Payment notes:** Once an application has been confirmed, approved funds will be transferred to your home institution in accordance with the financial regulations set out in the SWDTP ‘Partnership Agreement’. The process for how to access these additional award monies will be provided to you by local finance / Professional Services contact.

**NOTE: If your studentship is match funded, the approval process may take an additional week.**

**C – Signature**

I confirm that I have read the accompanying Guidance Notes and I will undertake to inform my University if the language training visit is cancelled or the length of the visit is reduced. In the event of the visit being cancelled or reduced, I understand that I will be required to refund any money that has been overpaid.

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| Has School/College/Department ethics approval been confirmed? |  |
| Confirm that you are physically and emotionally able to travel and undertake work for which funds will be provided |  |
| Has the FCO advised against travel? |  |
| Signed |  | Date |  |

**NOW PASS THIS FORM AND A COPY OF THE GUIDANCE NOTES TO YOUR SUPERVISOR FOR COMPLETION**

**D – Supporting Case (to be completed by the Supervisor)**

Please state the purpose of the difficult language training and why it is essential to the student’s research (continue on a separate sheet if necessary).

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I confirm that I have read the accompanying guidance notes and that the details of the language training completed by the award holder are accurate. I undertake to inform the SWDTP if the language training visit is cancelled or the length of the visit is reduced, and I understand that, in the event of the visit being cancelled or shortened, the student will be required to refund to the University any overpayment.

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| Name |  | Position |  |
| Phone No |  | Email |  |
| Signature |  | Date |  |

**Once completed please return to the student so they can submit the final application for consideration.**

**Travel Health and Safety Checklist**

Please confirm that you have followed your institutional / school health & safety policies and procedures for travel (links below) including undertaking appropriate risk assessments, ethics approval, obtaining travel insurance and having an emergency plan in place.

[ ]  I confirm that I have completed the required institutional paperwork relating to my proposed travel.

[ ]  I confirm that I am physically and emotionally able to travel and undertake work for which funds have been provided.

Note: if you are undertaking multiple visits, you will need to complete and return this form for each visit.

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| Name |  |
| School / Institution |  |
| Pathway |  |
| E-mail Address |  |
| Phone Number |  |
| Visa Arranged? |  |
| FCO Travel Advice checked? <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice> |  |
| Flight Itinerary (attach copy) |  |
| Accommodation Details (attach copy) |  |
| In-country Embassy Details |  |
| In Case of Emergency Contact Details |  |
| Supervisor Contact Details |  |

**Bath:** <http://www.bath.ac.uk/insurance-services/travel-insurance/index.html>

**Bristol:** <http://www.bristol.ac.uk/secretary/insurance/travel-insurance/>

**Exeter:** <http://www.exeter.ac.uk/staff/internationaltravel/>

**Plymouth:** <https://www.plymouth.ac.uk/student-life/services/international-students/international-student-advice/preparing-to-travel>

**UWE:** <http://www1.uwe.ac.uk/study/studyabroad/globalstudyforuwestudents/studyorworkabroadguide.aspx>

**Bath Spa:**

pgrcurrentstudents@bathspa.ac.uk

**Bournemouth:**

Faculty of Media & Communication: <https://brightspace.bournemouth.ac.uk/d2l/le/lessons/53622/units/1644400>

Faculty of Science & Technology: <https://brightspace.bournemouth.ac.uk/d2l/le/lessons/80396/units/627850>

Bournemouth University Business School: <https://brightspace.bournemouth.ac.uk/d2l/le/lessons/266719/topics/1887466>

Faculty of Health & Social Sciences: <https://brightspace.bournemouth.ac.uk/d2l/le/lessons/63649/topics/2038494>

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Once completed, please return this form with requested attachments to Joanna.williams@bristol.ac.uk

**General advice and tips**

* Leave a copy of your travel itinerary and a photocopy of your passport with a colleague in your department or with a friend or family member.
* Leave contact details such as your mobile phone number and accommodation address with this person.
* Research the area you are travelling to before you go and make yourself aware of where to find alternative accommodation and medical facilities if necessary.  Plan your travel route to your accommodation from your arrival point in advance.
* Arrange to make regular contact with a colleague or family member in the UK so that they will investigate and make sure you are safe if you don't make contact with them.
* Keep a paper copy of your insurance documents and emergency phone numbers (the insurance company, local police, local embassy and your accommodation provider) in case you lose your mobile phone.
* Take some emergency cash with you in case your bankcard is stolen or does not work, store it separately from your bank card.
* Learn some phrases from the local language or have them written down in case you need to talk to the local police or seek medical help.
* In an unfamiliar city if you are arriving at night it is useful to pre-arrange a transfer to your accommodation.
* Familiarise yourself with local rules and customs to avoid causing offence, e.g. customs for dress.
* Put contact details inside your luggage in case it gets lost but do not use tags that show your identity or nationality to a casual observer.
* Read the details on the [Foreign and Commonwealth Office website](https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice) for the country to which you are traveling. Consider following the FCO on Twitter and Facebook to receive up to date information while you are travelling.
* **The Civil Aviation Authority has stated that airlines must continue to comply with the regulation after Brexit**, so your rights are still covered for the foreseeable future when flying to and from the United Kingdom. The Regulation EC 261/2004 has been written into UK law, meaning that even after Brexit the passenger rights remain the same. The new law is called ['The Air Passenger Rights and Air Travel Organisers’ Licensing (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019'](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2019/278/pdfs/uksi_20190278_en.pdf).