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Collaborative Doctoral Studentships



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Northumbria University has a long tradition of engagement with external partners in the form of collaborative and external applied research.

This Collaborative Doctoral Studentship scheme seeks to develop these links further and expand the collaborative nature of postgraduate research by co-funding with outside organisations.

The scheme provides:

- Funding for a full stipend, fees, training budget and other associated costs
- An agreed research degree programme for 3 years
- The opportunity for the candidate to spend time with a partner organisation

Benefits of the Scheme

Organisation

- Work directly with Northumbria University
- Work with a dedicated PhD student on a specific research project relevant to the organisation's work
- Gain external input in to a research project via a specialist Principal Supervisor
- Get access to a range of physical and virtual resources to support the research project
- Sponsor a 'badged' research studentship for promotional purposes

Student

- Support from a dedicated Supervision Team
- An extensive and comprehensive training programme focused on providing the necessary skills to succeed
- The opportunity to participate in both academic and external organisations, affording research access or facilities otherwise unavailable

University

- Increased external funding support for postgraduate research
- Enhanced external relationships and visibility
- Growth in postgraduate research numbers
- Key evidence for support in future REF exercises
- A basis for promotion and publicity of our research

Sylvain Orenga – Microbiology R&D, bioMérieux:

"bioMérieux has had a very fruitful collaboration with the University of Northumbria for many years. The Collaborative Doctoral Awards Studentship has enabled us to enlarge the scope of our collaboration, to explore more approaches in parallel within the same academic team, which provides synergies between PhD students. As a result, we have a wider view of potential scientific solutions more rapidly, enabling us to take the right strategic decisions early, which is key to address correctly competitive markets."

Professor Glyn Howatson – Department of Sport, Exercise and Rehabilitation, Northumbria University:

"Many of these partnerships are often new and the collaborative PhD scheme run by the Graduate School allows us to demonstrate commitment to the relationship. Despite the perception of elite sport being very lucrative, the reality is that there is very little funding available to conduct detailed systematic research in the area, so the scheme allows us to conduct projects that might not have been financially viable for the partner to fund by themselves."

"Much of our current work would not be possible without the collaborative doctoral studentship awards and hence provides a valuable resource to facilitate our growing research agenda and portfolio and foster strong relationships with industry partners."

Dr Jenny Davidson – Senior Lecturer Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability, Northumbria University:

"The collaborative doctoral award has enabled us to work with Northumbrian Water, a leader in the field of sustainability and corporate sustainability and offer a compelling research project to an outstanding student. Working in partnership means that we are able to contribute to practice whilst underpinning this work with academic theory and aim to make a significant contribution to the regional, UK and international debates in this field."

Applications can be submitted throughout the year.

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