



CANDIDATE SPECIFICATION

Successful projects will be advertised on the Northern Bridge Consortium website to aid recruitment:
<http://www.northernbridge.ac.uk/applyforstudentship/cda/>

Please therefore complete the following Candidate Specification so that advertising can begin as soon as possible following the outcome of the competition:

For further information about this Collaborative Doctoral Award and to submit an Expression of Interest, please contact:

Lead Supervisor (or Alternative Contact):

Daniel Harrison

Email:

daniel.b.p.harrison@northumbria.ac.uk

Expressions of Interest must be received no later than:

EOD 26th February 2025, though please get in touch with the lead supervisor as soon as possible.

Expressions of Interest must take the following format:

We strongly encourage prospective candidates to contact the lead supervisor, Daniel Harrison (daniel.b.p.harrison@northumbria.ac.uk), at an early stage to discuss the project.

To apply for the studentship:

1. **Initial contact:** Contact the lead supervisor (daniel.b.p.harrison@northumbria.ac.uk) with an expression of interest to receive guidance on completing the application form.
2. **Application Submission:** Complete Northumbria's online [postgraduate application form](#) by the deadline of the CDA to which you are applying.
3. **Application Details:** On the application form under 'Studentship / Partnership Reference' and 'Who is your sponsor / funding body?', include the code "NBC25/Harrison".

Your application should comprise:

- A short (approx. 500-word) personal statement, detailing your interest in the project, relevant skills, personal contributions, and methods you might employ.
- An example of your academic writing (e.g. a thesis, or single-author paper).
- An academic CV.
- Two references.

Interviews for shortlisted candidates are expected to occur virtually over Microsoft Teams during the week commencing 10th March. Please reserve this time in your calendar. The studentship is set to commence in October 2025.

For any questions, please contact the project supervisor.

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CANDIDATE CRITERIA

Candidates must also meet the criteria for acceptance on a doctoral programme as set out by the host institution's Postgraduate Admissions Service. The successful candidate will be required to submit a postgraduate application to their host institution following notification that they are to be awarded a conditional CDA studentship, and meet the conditions of the offer of a place on the doctoral programme.

Education and Professional Qualifications	Essential Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A good undergraduate degree in a relevant subject (e.g., design, human-computer interaction (HCI), psychology, computer science, sports science, or social sciences).
	Desirable Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A good master's degree in a relevant subject (e.g., digital design, HCI, public health).
Research and Impact Experience and Training	Essential Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience with qualitative research methods such as ethnography, interviews, or focus groups.
	Desirable Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrated ability to conduct interdisciplinary research. • Experience in user-centred or participatory design projects.
Professional Practice and Job-related Experience	Essential Criteria	
	Desirable Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Familiarity with digital tools and technologies used in sports or physical activity contexts. • Experience in community engagement or working with underrepresented groups. • Experience working in community sports settings or with non-profit organisations focused on physical activity.
Interpersonal Skills	Essential Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to manage own workload. • Ability to work collaboratively within a multidisciplinary team. • Strong communication skills for interacting with diverse stakeholders.
	Desirable Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proven ability to lead workshops or group activities.
Other Factors	Essential Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A strong interest in promoting equality, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) in sports and physical activity. • Commitment to ethical research practices and community engagement.
	Desirable Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A passion for digital design and its potential to drive social impact.