



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):	Dr Christopher McHugh	
Email:	c.mchugh@ulster.ac.uk	
Expressions of Interest must be received no later than:	4pm, 20 February, 2025	
Expressions of Interest must take the following format:		
<i>Please use this space to state the preferred format and any required accompanying documentation, e.g.</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a 500-word personal statement outlining your reasons for applying and how your academic and professional experiences relate to the advertised topic • a 750-word research proposal which explains how you will approach the advertised topic • 2-page CV • 2 x references, one of which must be academic • Academic transcripts • An approved document that provides evidence that you meet the English language requirements of Ulster University. • For UK students this will usually be a copy of your GCSE English certificate. If you require a Student Visa you should provide evidence in the form of a UK Home Office approved Secure English Language Test. Please note that a letter from your institution confirming that your degree was in English is not sufficient for Home Office purposes. 		
Interviews for shortlisted candidates are expected to take place:	Week beginning 3 March 2025	

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"> Applicants should hold, or expect to obtain, a first or upper second-class honours degree in a subject relevant to the proposed area of study. We may also consider applications from those who hold equivalent qualifications, for example, a lower second class honours degree plus a master's degree with distinction.
	Desirable Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A master's degree or equivalent professional practice in a related discipline A professional qualification in art psychotherapy
Research and Impact Experience and Training	Essential Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experience of developing public-facing or client-facing activities within a related field (workshops, exhibitions, engagement activities)
	Desirable Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experience of conducting qualitative research within a related field
Professional Practice and Job-related Experience	Essential Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A demonstrable interest in arts and health and using arts/crafts practice to engage community partners/stakeholders
	Desirable Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Related professional experience in a health or social care context, or working with vulnerable populations or arts-based psychotherapy
Interpersonal Skills	Essential Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An ability to communicate effectively to a range of stakeholders An ability to plan and deliver data gathering and engagement activities with a range of stakeholders, including medical professionals and service users
	Desirable Criteria	
Other Factors	Essential Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The successful candidate should be based in, or be prepared to relocate to, Northern Ireland. The candidate should be prepared to work with the non-academic partner, Cancer Focus NI.
	Desirable Criteria	