

**Mentor Support Form**

This form should be completed by the Project Mentor and be included with the candidate’s completed application. The form should be signed by both project and mentor and the mentor’s head of school/director of institute and included as a PDF document.

The EPSRC require each successful Doctoral Prize holder to be assigned a Project Mentor, who is **not** their PhD supervisor, to provide ongoing guidance and support the transition to an independent researcher. It is the applicant’s responsibility to obtain the support of a Project Mentor, who must be willing to agree the project focus, provide support and guidance, and host the applicant in his/her research facilities, where required.

***For any enquiries about this form or the application process, please contact:***

[***stem-research-student-support@open.ac.uk***](mailto:stem-research-student-support@open.ac.uk)

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| **OU EPSRC DOCTORAL PRIZE FELLOWSHIP 2024 ENTRY**  **PROJECT MENTOR SUPPORT FORM** | | |
| **Full name of proposed Fellow** | |  |
| **Name of Nominating Project Mentor** | |  |
| **School/Institute** | |  |
| **Project outline:** | | |
| Please explain why you support the candidate in their application for the EPSRC Doctoral Prize Fellowship | | |
| What makes the nominated Fellow exceptional? | | |
| How would the nominated Fellow’s research fit with the school’s or institute’s research profile? | | |
| How would the school or institute seek to integrate the Fellow into the School’s research culture? *Include frequency and duration of meetings you will have with the Fellow as their Mentor.* | | |
| How would the school or institute benefit from hosting the Fellow? | | |
| Confirmation that the applicant’s proposed research is within the remit of the EPSRC, specifically in at least one of the following areas: Physics, General Engineering, Mathematical Sciences and IT, Systems Sciences and Software Engineering.  Please indicate the area and why the research fits this area. | | |
| **DECLARATION OF SUPPORT BY PROJECT MENTOR**  I support the nomination of this candidate. | | |
| **Name** |  | |
| **Signature** |  | |
| **Date** |  | |
| **DECLARATION OF SUPPORT BY MENTOR’S HEAD OF SCHOOL / INSTITUTE DIRECTOR**  I support the nomination of this candidate. | | |
| **Name** |  | |
| **Signature** |  | |
| **Date** |  | |