



## **NORWICH UNIVERSITY OF THE ARTS**

### **UNIVERSITY POSTGRADUATE EU/UK FEES-ONLY RESEARCH DEGREE BURSARIES**

#### **ASSESSMENT CRITERIA AND GRADING SCHEME**

A PGR Bursary Awarding Panel convened by the Chair of the Research Degrees Committee will consider applications for University Postgraduate Research Degree Bursaries. The Panel will use the following assessment criteria and grading scheme to make decisions concerning the award of bursaries.

##### **Assessment Criteria**

- 1 The applicant's eligibility for a bursary.
- 2 The quality of the applicant's research proposal including:
  - The academic quality and feasibility of the proposed programme of research;
  - The currency of the proposed programme of research;
  - The potential contribution of the proposed programme of research to knowledge and/or scholarship in the subject area.
- 3 The suitability of the applicant including:
  - The applicant's academic history and their capacity, aptitude and commitment to postgraduate research degree study;
  - The applicant's preparedness for undertaking the proposed programme of research and the benefit of the bursary to their future career;
  - The applicant's capacity to complete the proposed programme of research.
- 4 The quality of support including:
  - The availability of supervision and appropriateness of the training, support and resources to be provided by the institution to facilitate the proposed programme of research;
  - Any strategic relevance and/or fit to areas of research expertise.

## Grading Scheme

Grade	Overall Description
6	An outstanding application, which meets all the assessment criteria and provides full and consistent evidence and justification for the proposal. Recommended for funding as a matter of the highest priority.
5	An excellent application, which meets all the assessment criteria and provides full and consistent evidence and justification for the proposal. Recommended for funding as a matter of priority, but does not merit the very highest priority rating.
4	A good application, which meets all the assessment criteria and provides good evidence and justification for the proposal. Recommended for funding.
3	A satisfactory application, which meets most of the assessment criteria and provides reasonable evidence and justification for the proposal, but which in a competitive context is not a priority. It is not recommended for funding.
2	An application of inconsistent quality, which has some strengths but which does not meet all the assessment criteria. It does not qualify for funding.
1	An application of an unsatisfactory quality, which does not meet the assessment criteria. It does not qualify for funding.