Please use this form to indicate which research topics you would be interested in researching for your thesis, based on the research topics staff are offering for supervision. (But see also the optional form on the next page).

We will use this information to allocate you to a research supervisor. It is important that you list topics offered by *at least three different members of staff offering supervision* in order to give us flexibility in the allocation process.

Once allocated you will normally remain with this supervisor throughout your time on the programme.

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**Optional trainee project idea**

You may, if you wish, use the form below to give details of a project idea of your own that you would like to be considered *as one of your five choices*. This could be a specific project idea linked to a topic area being proposed by a member of staff or it could be a project idea in a different area. If you are going to propose an idea of your own, you are strongly encouraged to contact a member of staff offering research supervision to find out if they are willing, in principle, to supervise the project. Please be aware that we cannot guarantee that you will be allocated to the project you propose or to a specific supervisor.

When describing your project idea, you are encouraged to include some supporting evidence that helps to establish the rationale for the project (e.g. policy guidance or previous research highlighting a gap in knowledge). Please note, we’re not expecting a long list of references, just one or two key references that show that you’ve scoped out the topic sufficiently to convince us that the project would be worth supporting.

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| **Project title** |  |
| **Brief (100-200 words) description of project idea.** |  |
| **Potential research supervisor(s) (course)** |  |
| **Has a staff member indicated willingness to supervise?** |  |
| **Possible methods** |  |
| **Potential field supervisors (external collaborators) (optional)** |  |