Criteria for evaluating Doctoral Prize Fellowship applications 2019

Below is a list of criteria for evaluating Doctoral Prize Fellowship (DPF) applications and the weighting for each. These will be used by the panel of academics to decide which four applicants to award University of Sheffield EPSRC Doctoral Prize Fellowships to. Under each of the five criteria is a list of more specific qualities relating to the respective criterion.

**Quality of proposed research (30%)**
Quality of project plan, including workplan; ambition; realizability; level of detail – all for academic impact and also for impact, engagement, outreach, knowledge transfer.

**Research capacity of applicant (15%)**
Underpinning research excellence; previous success during PhD; capacity of applicant to realize project ambitions; intellectual, practical and management abilities; potential to become an inspirational researcher or team leader.

**Independence and initiative of applicant (15%)**
Strategic vision; intellectual independence; capacity for boundary crossing (between disciplines, between academia and non-academic stakeholders); adaptability; potential for applicant to become a research agenda setter.

**Communication and engagement skills of applicant (15%)**
Communication and engagement skills, including ability to develop and maintain a network of academic and non-academic contacts throughout own work area; and to present findings at conferences and conduct effective working relationships.

**Potential impact of DPF (25%)**
Potential impact of the support on the host department and the university; potential impact of the fellowship on the applicant, taking account of career ambition.