



National Security and Cyber Valley: Growth, Innovation and Competitiveness - ESRC DTP Industrial Strategy Collaborative Studentship in the Midlands Graduate School

University of Birmingham and UK Cyber Security Forum

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The University of Birmingham as part of Midlands Graduate School is now inviting applications for an ESRC Industrial Strategy Doctoral Studentship in association with our collaborative partner UK Cyber Security Forum to commence in January 2018.

The Business School has been awarded an ESRC Doctoral Training Partnership Collaborative Studentship to work on the competitiveness of firms involved in the provision of cyber security in the UK. The studentship is a partnership between the University and the UK Cyber Security Forum. The UK Cyber Security Forum plays a central role in co-ordinating the cyber security industry in Cyber Valley and across the UK. The project aims to understand the characteristics and drivers behind the formation of Cyber Valley, a concentration of cyber security firms around Worcestershire and Gloucestershire, with a focus on firm formation, company-level characteristics, innovation processes and career histories. The emphasis is on understanding competitive and innovative strategies, the development of project teams between firms and the identification of constraints imposed on firm behaviour by planning and local labour markets.

Applicants should have a good first degree in a relevant subject (Economic Geography, Business and Management, Economic Sociology, etc.) and preferably, an ESRC accredited research PGT. Applicants must also meet the ESRC's eligibility criteria for Studentship awards which can be viewed on the [Midlands Graduate School ESRC DTP website](#), and in more detail on the [ESRC's website](#).

Application Process

To be considered for this PhD, please complete the Collaborative Studentship application form available online here www.mgsdtp.ac.uk/collaborativeandjoint/industrialstrategy/, include a cover letter and along with two references email this to studentships@contacts.bham.ac.uk.

Application deadline: Monday 4th December

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Informal enquiries about the research or the City-Region Economic Development Institute (City-REDI), Birmingham Business School prior to application can be directed to Prof John Bryson, 0121 4145549, j.r.bryson@bham.ac.uk.