# Doctorate Extension Scheme (DES) Expression of Interest

This document is for Postgraduate Research students who wish to be considered for Tier 4 sponsorship under the Doctorate Extension Scheme (DES). You must complete this form and send it to [immigrationadvice@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:immigrationadvice@uwe.ac.uk).

Before submitting an expression of interest form, you are required to read the DES application guidance notes and conditions. These are available from the Visa Hub or our webpages: <http://www1.uwe.ac.uk/study/internationalstudents/visasandimmigration/workingintheuk/workingafteryourstudies/doctorateextensionscheme.aspx>

You are advised to have at least a provisional date for your Viva confirmed by the Graduate School before submitting this form. Your expected end date for Tier 4 DES is expected to be following confirmation that you are able to submit your thesis on the repository.

This will be calculated via the Immigration Team and Graduate School. The date you apply for your DES application must be before the expiration of your current Tier 4 leave and within 60 days of the Research Degree Award Board (RDAB) date, which confirms your award.

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| Full Name |  |
| UWE Student ID |  |
| Current Visa Type and Expiry Date |  |
| Have you submitted your thesis? |  |
| Date of Viva (and result if known) |  |
| When is the result of your Viva expected to go to award board (RDAB)? |  |
| Did you require ATAS for your research degree? |  |
| Do you have a financial sponsor?  If yes your sponsor must confirm that you have permission (letter from your financial sponsor) to remain in the UK following completion of your studies for the purpose of work |  |

If given sponsorship for Tier 4 DES by the university, how do you intend to use the extension? What are your general plans whilst in the UK? Please use additional pages as necessary and include any additional evidence such as job offers, evidence of funding etc.

Signed………………………………………………….

Date………………………….