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# Social Science Research Event Call for Applications



**3<sup>rd</sup> May 2025**

Join us for the inaugural student-led Social Science Research Showcase at the University of Nottingham, backed by Cascade Funding.

We are looking for enthusiastic students who are willing to **present their independent research projects** at the event. You can either present your work through an oral presentation or academic poster.

Open to students from the following schools:

- ❖ School of Politics and International Relations
- ❖ School of Sociology and Social Policy
- ❖ School of Economics
- ❖ School of Geography

*Get crucial insights into the life of a researcher – from submitting abstracts and applications to presenting at academic conferences.*

# Research Project Criteria

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*We expect applicants to demonstrate a clear passion for their chosen research topic, a strong engagement with relevant academic or societal challenges, and the ability to present well-structured, feasible, and impactful research proposals that contribute meaningfully to the field of social sciences.*

*The Criteria below indicates the specifics that potential applicants should consider:*

## Originality & Relevance

- Does the project address a meaningful issue in the social sciences, demonstrating clear passion and interest?
- Is the approach or perspective of the project innovative, offering something distinct from conventional scholarship?
- Does the project engage with current discourse on the chosen field of study, incorporating/evaluating prevailing methodologies and debates?
- Does the project provide value to contemporary debates and academic discussions within the field of social science?


## Engagement & Potential

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## Real World Impact

- Does the project address challenges or phenomena that have tangible implications for society?
- Is there potential for findings from the project to inform policy, practice, or public understanding?
- Does the project consider how its outcomes could contribute to solving real-world problems or advancing critical discussions?
- Does the project propose actionable insights or strategies for addressing the identified challenges or phenomena in their field of study?

## Clarity & Focus

- Is the research realistic within the time and resource constraints of the event?
  - Is the research aim or question clearly and succinctly articulated?
  - Are the objectives and outcomes developed substantively throughout the project with effective planning?
  - Does the project demonstrate a clear and logical structure for the research?
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# Application Process

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To apply, you will need to complete the following **MS Form by 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025.**

All applications will be reviewed by the SSRE Committee. If you are successful, you will be contacted by the Committee regarding the next steps.

Please ensure that you indicate the method of presenting your project by ticking either “Oral Presentation” or “Academic Poster”

Please note that the SSRE Committee reserve the right to change a participant’s mode of presentation.

## Get in Touch

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If you have any questions, please contact the SSRE Committee via:



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**The SSRE Committee looks forward to receiving your applications!**



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Student Research**