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| **REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO DEFER SCHOLARSHIP**   * Scholarships are intended to be held on a continuous basis without a break. However, if a Scholar has any change in circumstances that will affect their Scholarship (e.g. if a period of deferral is required due to illness or maternity leave before a Scholarship is started), the Scholar must inform and seek prior approval from the Council. In such instances, medical certificates will be required. * Scholars are advised to organise the supporting documentation and request before contacting the Council. * The Council will only consider requests made in advance of the period of deferral. * Please note that it is the Scholar’s responsibility to notify the relevant authorities in their Higher Education Institution and Enterprise/Employment Partners that the Fellowship has been deferred. * Please note that where possible the start and finish dates for the period of suspension should be the first /end of the month i.e. 1 October -31 March | | | | |
| **Section 1 – For completion by Scholar** | | | | |
| Name of Scholar:  (BLOCK CAPS) | Year of Award: | | | |
| Institution: | | | | |
| Email address: | | | | |
| *Details* | | | | |
| Reason for deferral: | Illness (√) |  | | |
| Maternity leave(√) |  | | |
| Other (√) Please specify |  | | |
| Please give a brief outline of your reasons for requesting a period of deferral before taking up your Scholarship and include medial certificates if appropriate: | | | | |
| Duration of deferral:  Dates of deferral period:  Confirmation of new start date: | | | | |
| Signature: | Date: | | | |
| **Section 2 – For completion by Academic Supervisor** | | | | |
| I hereby confirm that I support the request to defer the Scholarship as outlined above. | | | | |
| Name:  (BLOCK CAPS)  Signature: | Position:  Date: | | | |
| **Section 3 – For completion by Enterprise/Employment Mentor** | | | | |
| I hereby confirm that I support the request to defer the Scholarship as outlined above. | | | | |
| Name:  (BLOCK CAPS)  Signature: | Position:  Date: | | | |
| **Section 4 – For completion by Head of Department/ Research Office/Dean of Graduate Studies or their authorised nominee** | | | | |
| I hereby confirm that *[insert HEI name]* supports the request to defer the Fellowship as outlined above. | | | | |
| Name:  (BLOCK CAPS)  Signature: | Position:  Date: | | | |
| **Section 5 – For completion by Finance Office** | | | | |
| I hereby confirm that the Finance Office has been advised of the request to defer the scholarship as outlined above. | | | | |
| Name:  (BLOCK CAPS)  Signature: | Position:  Date: | | | |
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| Received: | Approved (√): Yes | | No | |
| Comment: | | | | |