

## TO BE COMPLETED FOR STUDENTSHIPS

### REQUEST FOR EXCEPTIONAL CONSUMABLES (ECs)

This form should be used where a studentship proposal is submitted for the Open CASE competition or other Directed Studentship calls. This exceptional consumables (ECs) form should be attached to the Je-S studentship proposal.

**No subsequent requests may be submitted.**

- ◆ NERC provides limited funding for exceptional consumables (NOT equipment) required for particularly costly laboratory or other work, **up to a maximum of £3,000 over the period of the studentship** - in addition to the Research Training Support Grant (RTSG £5,500) – refer to section D of the Studentship Handbook.
- ◆ Before any ECs funding is agreed, there must be an explanation of how the RTSG will be used. This should show the RTSG is insufficient to fund the research project costs. Costs for fieldwork should have been claimed under fieldwork, if trying to justify ECs funding. If the justification for the RTSG includes more than £1000 for conferences and non-specialist training, requested funding for ECs will be reduced accordingly, as there are other sources of funding for conference attendance for students (Learned Societies etc).
- ◆ For CASE awards, it is expected that the CASE partner will contribute to any exceptional costs; however NERC will consider applications for funds to match the CASE partner's contribution.
- ◆ Funding is available only for consumables. Requests for costs for equipment, clothing, medical expenses etc. will not be approved. Safety equipment, beyond basic safety provision, will be considered as an exceptional consumable, as long as it is justified with a complete risk assessment of the project.
- ◆ Notification of the amounts approved will be provided to the applicant/supervisor by email. **No assumptions of approval or the availability of funding for specific projects should be made until such notification is received. Approved funds will be added to the Doctoral Training Grant (DTG)**

### IF THE RTSG IS NOT SUFFICIENTLY JUSTIFIED, NERC WILL NOT PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR EXCEPTIONAL CONSUMABLES

#### 1. APPLICANT/SUPERVISOR DETAILS

Title:	Initials:	Surname:	
Tel:	Fax:		E-mail:
Organisation:			Department:

#### 2. CASE FOR SUPPORT

<b>Case for Support – Please complete the table below</b>
Please provide an explanation of how the RTSG is to be used.
Amount (£) and the Description of expenditure
Contributions from other sources – including from CASE partner(s)
Contributor, Amount (£) and the Description of expenditure

Full justification of all costs requested in excess of the RTSG.

Amount (£) and the Description of expenditure

**Total amount of funding requested from NERC for exceptional consumable costs  
(equals total required minus contribution from other sources (including CASE  
partner))**

**Cost £**