Information on Postgraduate Research Scholarship - Ref: GBS-PhD-2223-03

Faculty:	Business	**School:**	BOS
Lead Supervisor:	Dr Ilaria Guandalini		
Project Title:	Digital Sustainability Transformation in Supply Chain: How to Improve Business Performance		
Project Description: (500 words)	Digitalisation and sustainability stand on top of practitioners and regulators' current agenda as they envision the major trends shaping both business and society in the coming years. The business approach to digitalisation, drastically surged in the post COVID-19 era, must be aligned with another priority, the achievement of UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). This is particularly relevant for supply chains (SC), which are under pressure to undertake a transformation process aimed to both sustainability and digitalisation. The proposed project aims to develop a roadmap towards these dual goals with the following objectives: - Identifying the stakeholders in the selected supply chains. - Understanding the role and agenda of each stakeholder. - Reviewing the potential business models and assessing the feasibility of adaptation in the selected SC. - Developing a new business model that can significantly improve SC performance. - Adopting and/or developing a highly strategical, cross-sector perspective to make results transferable to a variety of contexts and businesses.		
Duration:	3 years, Full-Time Study		

Bursary available (subject to satisfactory performance):
Year 1: £17,668 (FT); Year 2: In line with UKRI rate; Year 3: In line with UKRI rate

In addition, the successful candidate will receive a contribution to tuition fees equivalent to the university's Home rate, currently £4,596 (FT), for the duration of their scholarship. International applicants will need to pay the remainder tuition fee for the duration of their scholarship. This fee is subject to an annual increase.

Person Specification of Essential (E) or Desirable (D) requirements:

Criteria:	**E or D**
Education and Training:	
• 1st Class or 2nd class, First Division (Upper Second Class) honours degree or a taught master's degree with a minimum average of 60% in all areas of assessment (UK or UK equivalent) in a relevant area to the proposed research project	**E**

• For those whose first language is not English and/or if from a country where English is not the majority spoken language (as recognised by the UKBA), a language proficiency score of at least IELTS 6.5 (in all elements of the test) or an equivalent UK VISA and Immigration secure English Language Test is required, if your programme falls within the faculty of Engineering and Science a language proficiency score of at least IELTS 6.5 overall with a minimum of 6.0 in all elements of the test or an equivalent UK VISA and Immigration secure English Language Test is required. Unless the degree above was taught in English **and** obtained in a majority English speaking country, e.g. UK, USA, Australia, New Zealand, etc, as recognised by the UKBA.	**E**
Experience & Skills:	
• Previous experience of undertaking research (e.g. undergraduate or taught master's dissertation)	**E**
• Degree in Business/Management/Economics or related disciplines	**D**
• Knowledge of sustainability/digitalisation/digital sustainability/UN SDGs	**E**
• Academic or professional background in SC management	**D**
Personal Attributes:	
• Understands the fundamental differences between a taught degree and a research degree in terms of approach and personal discipline/motivation	**E**
• Able to, under guidance, complete independent work successfully	**E**
Other Requirements:	
• This scholarship may require Academic Technology Approval Scheme approval for the successful candidate if from outside of the EU/EEA	**E**
• The scholarship must commence before ***July 2023***	**E**
Closing date for applications:	***midnight UTC on 31/03/2023***
For further information contact:	**Dr Ilaria Guandalini i.guandalini@greenwich.ac.uk**

Making an application:

Please read this information before making an application. Information on the application process is available at: https://www.gre.ac.uk/research/study/apply/application-process. Applications need to be made online via this link. **No other form of application will be considered**.

All applications **must include** the following information. **Applications not containing these documents will not be considered.**

- **Scholarship Reference Number (Ref: GBS-PhD-2223-03)**– included in the personal statement section together with your personal statement as to why you are applying
- **a CV including 2 referees** *
- **academic qualification certificates/transcripts and IELTs/English Language certificate if you are an international applicant or if English is not your first language or you are from a country where English is not the majority spoken language as defined by the UK Border Agency** *

**upload to the qualification section of the application form. Attachments must be a PDF format.*

Before submitting your application, you are encouraged to liaise with the Lead Supervisor on the details above. Submitting a detailed research proposal along with your application will potentially increase the chance of being shortlisted.

Posts are open until 31st March but may be filled earlier if a suitable candidate is found.