**TWENTY65 – PhD Proposals (for Oct 2018 start)**

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| **PhD Title** |
| ***Can publics manage water risks? Planning for resilience under multi-stakeholder risk management*** |
| **Project Outline** (300 words maximum) |
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| **Primary supervisor** (Name, Department, TWENTY65 Theme) |
| *Liz Sharp, Urban Studies and Planning, Theme 6, Mobilisation* |
| **Other members of the supervisory team** (Name, Department, TWENTY65 Theme) |
| *Martina McGuinness, School of Management, Theme 6, Mobilisation* |
| **Please explain how the proposed project adds value to TWENTY65** (100 words max) |
| *This PhD would add value to theme 6 through providing some detailed case study material on one area of mobilisation. There is considerable flexibility about precisely which area is studied according to the students’ interests.*  *Through looking more in-depth than within the theme itself, the study would add depth, and deeper policy and ethical considerations, than is intended through the research itself.* |
| **Suggest titles and journals for two 4\* papers that you expect to arise from the project** |
| *In what follows, xxx is flood risk management, water supply management, or water quality management, according to the interests the student chooses to pursue.*  *Responsibilising publics in xxx: what works?*  *Changing methods of xxx: ethical and policy considerations.* |

Forms to be submitted to Virginia Stovin (v.stovin@sheffield.ac.uk) by **17:00 on Fri 16 Feb 2018**