

Project proposal template Graduate School studentships March 2015

<i>Project title</i>	Early Contractor involvement in Construction Projects
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**Project summary
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Following a call by the recent government-sponsored reports and leading researchers for earlier contractor appointments, there has been a rise in popularity of procurement routes that permit early contractor involvement (ECI) such as Design-Build within which contractors are involved early to improve supply chain integration.

The literature suggests that Novated Design-Build type is the most preferred type of Design-Build used across UK construction industry. However, the term 'novation' indicates that the initial design is carried out by the client's design team who are then transferred to the contractor prior to completion of the building design, and thus to leave large room for doubt as to the satisfactory level of involvement of the contractor in design process.

This research is therefore intended to understand a deeper appreciation of the role which contractors play within Novated Design-Build building projects, with a particular emphasis on the way in which the structural frame is selected in the four. The conclusions are expected to be drawn from selected case study building projects and an industry wide questionnaire survey.

