Announcement of UCL IRDR Motorola Solutions Foundation Scholarships

The IRDR are delighted to announce two scholarship opportunities through the Motorola Solutions Foundation. These are to assist high-level academic study of risk, disasters and resilience from a cross-disciplinary perspective with students from a wide variety of backgrounds in terms of discipline, experience and location.

Details of the Scholarships

Two scholarships are available for students on the one year full time MSc Risk, Disaster and Resilience programme for the academic year 2017-2018.

Scholarship 1: US$20,000 towards tuition fees for non UK/EU students (excluding students from North America)
Scholarship 2: US$5,000 towards tuition fees for UK/EU students

The scholarships are open to public safety professionals or family members of fallen responders.*

* The Motorola Solutions Foundation considers first responders to include national and local law enforcement, professional and volunteer fire service personnel, emergency medical personnel and disaster response professionals.

Application deadline is 16:00 19th April 2017.

Scholarship applicants must ensure they have sufficient funds to pay the remaining fees in excess of the scholarship and to cover living costs. The scholarship must be used for the academic year 2017-2018 and it cannot be deferred. The successful applicants will be announced on 24th May 2017. Please note the names of the scholarship winners will be announced in the press and the successful students' grades will be shared with Motorola during the programme

Guidelines for the Scholarship Application

The application should be completed on A4 size pages, with minimum margins of 2cm and written in Arial font size 11, comprising:

• A one page CV, which should include information pertinent to the application. Please include details of your education and grades, any relevant work experience and any relevant publications or outputs.
• A one page personal statement, which should include a summary of why you think that you should be considered for the scholarship and how you will benefit from receiving it. The IRDR promotes students becoming leaders in knowledge exchange so that they can share their knowledge within their sectors and with stakeholders. Therefore, your personal statement should further include a statement of how you intend to use the degree in your future career.
The following declarations must also be included in the one page personal statement page:

- I am applying for Scholarship [please specify 1 or 2].
- If I receive the scholarship, I have existing funds in place to cover the remaining fees not covered by the scholarship and my living costs.
- I will write a report summarizing how the MSc programme has enriched my career within four weeks following the final deadline of the independent research project.
- I fulfill the eligibility requirements through [please specify here how you fulfill the requirement of being a public safety professional or a family member of a fallen responder*].

No additional materials should be submitted with the scholarship application.

Applications should be sent to irdr-enquiries@ucl.ac.uk and must have the exact email subject title of “Motorola Scholarship Application”. Failure to comply with this will likely mean your application will not be considered.

MSc Risk, Disaster and Resilience Application

Please note students applying for this scholarship also need to apply for a place on the MSc through the UCL application process before the scholarship deadline. For details on the MSc Programme and how to apply to UCL please see: https://www.ucl.ac.uk/rdr/teaching/graduate. Note it is the candidate’s responsibility to ensure referees for their UCL application are ready to promptly supply references on request from UCL to ensure no delays with their application. Please also pay attention to the English language requirements.

Motorola Solutions Foundation

The Motorola Solutions Foundation is the charitable arm of Motorola Solutions, which seeks to benefit the communities where it operates. The foundation achieves this by making strategic grants, forging strong community partnerships and fostering innovation. The Motorola Solutions Foundation focuses its funding on public safety, disaster relief, employee programs and education, especially science, technology, engineering and math programming.

The Motorola Solutions Foundation International grant program targets programs that support students’ skills in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) through hands-on activities or provide safety education and training programs to first responders, their families and the general public outside of North America.