**Turing Scheme 2023/24 Application Form – Department of Anthropology**

**Remit** - The Department of Anthropology has secured funding through the Turing Scheme to support dissertation fieldwork abroad.

**Eligibility** - In order to be eligible for funding, the fieldwork has to take place abroad and be of a minimum duration of 4 weeks and have the support of a local host institution. Local support can simply be in the form of a letter of support from a local colleague and need not be provided as part of this initial application; but it will need to be provided ahead of the start of the activity. The fieldwork can take place in a single location, e.g., a research field station, or in a number of related locations, e.g., museums with related collections.

**Selection criteria** - Applications will be screened for feasibility and will need the support of your dissertation supervisor or programme lead, as well as to comply with all the usual criteria (ethics and risk assessment); although, due to the tight schedule, formal approval of ethics and risk assessment are not required as part of this initial application. If the number of applications exceeds the available funds, UCL have committed to prioritising applications from students who qualify for one of the Widening Participation criteria. Widening Participation criteria are listed below. You are asked to self-declare against one or more of these criteria as part of this application. You do not need to specify which criteria you fall under as part of this initial application. Please note that Widening Participation applicants may also be eligible for additional support under the terms of the Turing Scheme. Details of the available levels of support are also listed below.

Beyond the Widening Participation criteria, applications will be prioritised based on standard criteria applied to grant applications: likelihood of success, quality of application, and potential for advancing the chosen field of study.

**Additional support** - For students with special educational needs and/or disabilities, the Turing Scheme will fund up to 100% of actual costs for support directly related to the additional needs. See p 59 in the [Turing Scheme Programme Guide](https://www.turing-scheme.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Turing-Scheme-Programme-Guide-2023-2024.pdf) for more information. Once your project has been selected, you will be able to discuss additional support with UCL’s Turing Scheme team.

**Submission deadlines** – Deadlines reflect the requirement to notify the Turing Scheme of student names and destinations a minimum of 2 months prior to the start of the placement.

Application deadlines for Postgraduate fieldwork:

- January 8 for fieldwork starting in April;

- February 8 for fieldwork starting in May;

- March 8 for fieldwork starting in June.

Application deadlines for Undergraduate fieldwork:

- March 8 for fieldwork starting in June;

- April 8 for fieldwork starting in July.

The scheme runs through August, so placements can only be supported until the end of August.

**Please submit your completed application to:**

[anthro-masters@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:anthro-masters@ucl.ac.uk) (for Masters students);

[public.anthro@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:public.anthro@ucl.ac.uk) (for Public Anthropology [Film] students);

[uganthro@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:uganthro@ucl.ac.uk) (for Undergraduate students);

**and copy your message to** Christophe Soligo ([c.soligo@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:c.soligo@ucl.ac.uk)).

**Widening Participation** – The following criteria have been set by UCL and agreed by the Turing Scheme:  
  
For Home fee status, UK domiciled students:  
•     Household income of £42,000 or less  
•     Receiving income-related benefits  
•     Care-experienced  
•     Caring responsibilities  
•     Estranged students  
•     Received an Access UCL offer  
•     Black African, Black Caribbean or mixed Black African/White or Black Caribbean/White  
•     Mature (defined as a student who began their first undergraduate degree aged 21 or older)  
•     Studying Part-time  
  
For international students:  
•            Household income of £25,000 or less (or the equivalent in another currency)   
•            Caring responsibility  
•            Refugees and asylum seekers  
•            Care-experienced

•            Estranged students

•   Students with special education needs and disabilities (SEND)  
•            Mature (aged 21 or older at the start of your current, undergraduate, degree)   
•            Studying Part-time

**Student grant rates** - The amount of funding depends on the country in which the fieldwork is to be carried out, with countries categorised as high, medium or low cost by the Turing Scheme (see [list of coufntries](https://www.turing-scheme.org.uk/funding-opportunities/cost-of-living-groups/)), and whether you are covered by the Widening Participation criteria.

Standard grant rates are as follows:

* High-cost countries: £545 per month (or £136.25 per week) for fieldwork of 4 to 8 weeks; £380 per month (or £95 per week) for fieldwork of over 8 weeks;
* Medium- and Low-cost countries: £480 per month (or £120 per week) for fieldwork of 4 to 8 weeks; £335 per month (or £83.75 per week) for fieldwork of over 8 weeks

Widening Participation grant rates are as follows:

* High-cost countries: £655 per month (or £163.75 per week) for fieldwork of 4 to 8 weeks; £490 per month (or £122.50 per week) for fieldwork of 9 weeks or more;
* Medium- and Low-cost countries: £590 per month (or £147.50 per week) for fieldwork of 4 to 8 weeks; £445 per month (or £111.25 per week) for fieldwork of 9 weeks or more.

If you are covered by the Widening Participation criteria, you will also be eligible for a travel grant based on the distance between UCL and the host organization or location of your fieldwork:  
        10 to 99km: £20  
        100 to 499km: £165  
        500 to 1,999km: £250  
        2,000 to 2,999km: £325  
        3,000 to 3,999km: £480  
        4,000 to 7,999km: £745  
        8,000 to 12,000km: £905  
        12,000km+: £1,360

For more information on grant rates please see the [Turing Scheme website](https://www.turing-scheme.org.uk/funding-opportunities/higher-education-funding/#parentHorizontalTab4).

**Important**: The Turing Scheme operates as a re-imbursement scheme. Unfortunately, this means that successful applicants are expected to pay for initial costs upfront. Once fieldwork/a placement has started, you will need to submit a signed form from your host to confirm the start of the activity. The process is then expected to take 1-2 weeks until funds are released.

**If this is likely to create a significant barrier to your participation, please let us know** **as soon as possible** (same contact details as above).

1. Personal Information

Name:

UCL e-mail:

Student ID Number:

Programme of study:

I fulfil one of the Widening Participation criteria: Yes/ No

2. Project Summary Information

Project title:

Starting date of fieldwork period for which funding is being sought:

Duration of fieldwork period for which funding is being sought:

*NB: Please note, we have been warned that the Turing Scheme has become extremely rigid about not changing student mobility dates once they have been submitted. Please bear this in mind when completing your application.*

Host institution and country:

Supervisor name:

Supervisor e-mail:

Supervisor Department:

3. Project Details

Background (max. 5000 characters, incl. references and spaces):

Aims and methods (max. 3000 characters, incl. references and spaces):

Anticipated outcomes and benefits to the field of study (max. 2000 characters, incl. references and spaces):

4. Student Statement

To the best of my ability and knowledge, I confirm that the information I have given is accurate and that I am committed to completing this project. I acknowledge that any inaccurate information I may have given may compromise the award of a grant.

Signature:

Name: Date:

5. Supervisor Statement

To the best of my ability and knowledge:

- I agree to act as supervisor for this project;

- I have considered the ethical and health and safety dimensions of the project and am confident that Ethics Permission and Risk Assessment for the project will be granted/approved;

- I am confident that a letter of support from a local colleague/institution and any required permits will have been secured in time for the start of the project.

Signature:

Name: Date: