**UCL EPSRC Interdisciplinary DTP Studentships**

**Referee Template.** 2021/22 call

Closing date: Midday on 18th June 2021

The UCL EPSRC DTP Governance Board invites applications for funded PhD studentships via an open competition.

1. **Summary**

The EPSRC DTP Governance Board Open Competition is intended to recruit excellent PhD students regardless of their chosen faculty. All studentship projects **must** be interdisciplinary and lie within the EPSRC remit. Studentships are expected to start on 27th September 2021 unless exceptional circumstances require an alternate start date. Three studentships are available. Successful candidates will be expected to engage with and contribute to a cross disciplinary and collaborative programme of seminars and activities for the duration of the studentship.

1. **Referee Support**

The applicant’s referee is asked to provide information in support of their application using this template. The referee **must** be related to the applicant’s most recently completed (or current if not yet completed) university programme/degree. For current students and graduates of UCL, the referee cannot be the proposed PhD supervisor. By providing this support, you confirm that it is accurate and true to the best of your knowledge. **This completed template should be sent to the proposed host department’s administration team to include in the full application**, as explained on the [website](https://www.ucl.ac.uk/epsrc-doctoral-training/prospective-students/ucl-epsrc-dtp-open-doctoral-studentships-competition).

1. **Academic track record**

Due to the varying grading systems used around the world, you are asked to provide the range/structure of possible grades for the programme/degree as well as the grade achieved by the applicant. These studentships are prestigious awards made to the most promising PhD candidates, therefore you are also asked to score the applicant’s ranking for certain attributes.

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**Referee template**

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| **Referee Title and Name:** | |  | | | | | |
| **Email address:** | |  | | | | | |
| **Institution:** | |  | | | | | |
| **Department:**  (or school/faculty/institute/etc as applicable) | |  | | | | | |
| **Position:** | |  | | | | | |
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| **Candidate name:** | |  | | | | | |
| **How long have you known the candidate?** | |  | | | | | |
| **In what capacity do you know the candidate?** | |  | | | | | |
| **Degree awarded/expected:**  Eg BA, BSc, MA, MSc, MRes, etc | |  | | | | | |
| **Subject:** | |  | | | | | |
| **Grade:** | |  | | | **Achieved / Expected**  Delete as appropriate | | |
| **Range/Structure of grades possible:**  Eg: Distinction/Pass/Fail; 1st/2:1/2:2/3rd; 1 to 4; 0 to 100%; etc | |  | | | | | |
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| **Overall Assessment:**  For each category please mark the appropriate option by typing ”X” in the box | | | | | | | |
|  | **Top 5%** | | **Top 10%** | **Top 25%** | | **Top 50%** | **Bottom 50%** |
| **Academic Performance:** |  | |  |  | |  |  |
| **Intellectual Ability:** |  | |  |  | |  |  |
| **Capacity for Original Thinking:** |  | |  |  | |  |  |
| **Motivation for Doctoral Study:** |  | |  |  | |  |  |
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| **Academic Track Record: (max 150 words)**  Comment on the academic track record of the applicant. Make reference to grades achieved; attitude/approach to study; and additional skills, prizes/awards, and experience. | | | | | | | |
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| **Suitability for Research: (max 100 words)**  Explain why this applicant is suitable for a DTP-funded PhD studentship. Make reference to their plan for interdisciplinary research; existing skills; motivation and suitability for Doctoral study and the specific programme/project applied for; and career goals and trajectory. | | |
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| **Recommendation:** Please mark the appropriate box below with “X” | | |
|  | I strongly recommend this applicant for a funded PhD studentship | |
|  | I recommend this applicant for a funded PhD studentship | |
|  | I do not recommend this applicant for a funded PhD studentship | |
|  | I prefer not to comment | |
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| **Signature** | |  |
| **Date** | |  |