**UCL EPSRC DTP Studentships**

**Governance Board Open Competition**

**Application form – to be completed by student**

(2020/21 call — Closing date: 17:00 on 18-Mar-2020)

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

1. **Summary**

The EPSRC DTP (Doctoral Training Partnership) Governance Board Open Competition is intended to recruit excellent PhD students regardless of their chosen faculty. All studentship projects **must** lie within the EPSRC remit. Studentships are expected to start on 28-Sep-2020 unless exceptional circumstances require an alternate start date.

1. **Funding**

Studentships provide 4 years fees (UK/EU rate) and maintenance stipend (for eligible students) at the minimum UCL rate (£17,009 in 2019/20, rises with inflation each year). Studentships are automatically renewed each year provided that sufficient academic progress is made. Students also receive an RTSG (Research Training Support Grant) of £4,800 to cover additional costs of training eg courses, project costs, conferences, travel. Students are expected to submit their thesis within the 4 year funded period and the project should be designed and supervised to facilitate this. Thesis submission before 4 years is possible if all academic requirements are met.

1. **Student Eligibility**

Applicants must fulfil the academic entry requirements for the programme they are applying to. They must have a minimum of a class 2:1 undergraduate degree (or equivalent) in a relevant subject. Further eligibility criteria are based on nationality and residence. These studentships are offered with open eligibility. UK nationals are generally automatically eligible. EU (non-UK) nationals are eligible for a full award if they have been resident in the UK for at least 3 years immediately before the PhD start date, otherwise they are eligible for a fees-only award. EU (non-UK) nationals who don’t meet the residency criteria and non-EU nationals may be eligible if they also receive an ODA (Overseas Doctoral Award). If an ODA is required, the department you are applying to will need to submit an ODA application form as part of this application.

1. **Project Eligibility**

The research project can be in any UCL Faculty but **must** lie within the EPSRC remit — the EPSRC’s website provides information on the [Themes](https://epsrc.ukri.org/research/ourportfolio/themes/) and [Research Areas](https://epsrc.ukri.org/research/ourportfolio/researchareas/) within their remit. The proposed project supervisor **must** agree to support your application. You can apply for MRes/PhD, MPhil/PhD, or EngD programmes. **These studentships may not be used to apply to EPSRC and UKRI CDTs (Centres for Doctoral Training)**.

1. **How to apply**

To apply for a funded studentship you will need to apply via the department in which you wish to study. All application documents **must** be submitted to the department by **17:00 on** **18-mar-2020**. A complete application consists of:

1. This application form (ask the department for the correct degree programme and route code)
2. Full grade transcript for all degree(s) already obtained, and for all completed modules of currently in progress degrees. (Make sure the transcript gives details of the scale/structure of all grades possible for the degree)
3. An academic reference
4. A reference from the DGT (Department Graduate Tutor) of the department you are applying to
5. A project summary from the supervisor of the programme/project you are applying for
6. If required, an ODA application form (for students who do not meet the residential eligibility criteria)

**This completed form (item a) and the transcripts (item b) should be emailed to the department’s administration team**, as explained on the [website](https://www.ucl.ac.uk/epsrc-doctoral-training/prospective-students/ucl-epsrc-dtp-open-doctoral-studentships-competition).

All forms must be completed using the relevant template and submitted in pdf format.

The academic reference (item c) should be completed by a member of academic staff at the institute of your current (if applicable) or most recent degree. You should send them a copy of the referee template and the email address of the UCL staff member they should submit their reference to (ask the department you are applying to for this address). For current students and graduates of UCL, the referee cannot be the proposed PhD supervisor. If the department decides to support this application, it will complete items d and e (and f, if required) and submit the complete application to the selection panel.

All templates are available to download from the [website](https://www.ucl.ac.uk/epsrc-doctoral-training/prospective-students/ucl-epsrc-dtp-open-doctoral-studentships-competition).

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| **Surname (last/family name):** | | |  | | | | |
| **Email address:** | | |  | | | | |
| **Nationality:** | | |  | | | | |
| **Country of residence:** | | |  | | | | |
| **UCL Department applied to:** | | |  | | | | |
| **Degree programme and route code applied for** (from department)**:** | | |  | | | | |
| **Proposed Supervisor Name:** | | |  | | | | |
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| **Current/Previous study:**  Starting with your current or most recent qualifications please enter details of all degree level qualifications | | | | | | | |
| **Name of university / institution / awarding body** | **Start date (month / year)** | **End date (month / year)** | | **Qualification (eg BA, BSc, MA, MSc, MRes, etc)** | **Subject** | **Completed (Y/N)** | **Overall class / grade / GPA**  (if not yet known, give result to date) |
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| **Personal Statement: (max 200 words)**  Please explain why you are suitable for an EPSRC DTP-funded PhD studentship at UCL. Make reference to your academic achievements and skills; additional prizes/awards, skills, and experience; motivation and suitability for Doctoral study and the specific programme/project applied for; and your future career goals. | | | | | | | |
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