



Leverhulme Doctoral Scholarships 2020

Guidelines for UCL Internal Selection Process

In January 2020, the Leverhulme Trust will open its 3rd call for Doctoral Scholarships. As per previous call, only **one (1)** bid is permitted per UK University. In this regard, UCL is implementing an internal selection process of applications overseen by Vice Deans and Vice Provost for Research. Interested applicants across UCL are invited to submit their application as per timelines below.

Important dates:

UCL internal deadlines	
UCL deadline for submitting internal application	27th January 2020 (10:00 am)
Internal Panel review meeting	11th February 2020
Funder's deadline	
Call opens	January 2020
Call closes	End of May 2020
Results announced	October 2020

Overview of the scheme:

Scope: Scheme will grant 10 awards for £1.35 million each to UK universities and each award will fund 15 Doctoral Scholarships (4 years in duration each) at that institution, with 5 scholarships to be offered in each year for the first 3 years of the award. Each award will run over a period of 6 years.

Budget: Each scholarship is for a fixed sum of £90,000 for each student over 48 months of full-time doctoral study, covering maintenance and tuition fees.

Remit: The awards are offered in a subject or thematic area that applicant universities have identified as priority. The chosen area should be broad enough to sustain 15 doctoral students over the period of the award but it should also have a clear and coherent overarching thematic identity. Leverhulme Trust supports fundamental research from all disciplines and encourages cross-disciplinary proposals.

Ineligible research areas are:

- studies of disease, illness and disabilities in humans and animals
- research that is intended to inform clinical practice or the development of medical applications
- research areas currently identified as a priority by the research councils or other significant public funders
- policy-driven research where the principal objective is to assemble an evidence base for immediate policy initiatives
- research where advocacy is an explicit component
- research aimed principally at an immediate commercial application
- proposals in which the balance between assembling a data bank or database and the related subsequent research is heavily inclined to the former

Scheme's detailed information: see [Leverhulme Doctoral Scholarships](#)

Instructions for internal applications:

- Carefully review the [call's online information](#) before applying.
- Submit your internal application to slms.facilitators@ucl.ac.uk with “**LH Doctoral Scholarships 2020**” in the subject line followed by the **applicant's name** by **Monday 27th January 2020**. Application needs to be **max 4 A4 pages** and to include:
 1. Names of PI (including name of her/his division), CIs
 2. Title of the suggested programme and a brief summary of the research area
 3. the rationale behind the choice of research subject area for doctoral scholarships
 4. the relationship between the proposed Doctoral Scholarships and any current doctoral training awards in the chosen research subject area or related disciplines
 5. how the proposed Doctoral Scholarships would add value in the chosen research subject area and to the university
 6. the legacy that will be delivered for the university's research in the chosen research subject area and details of how the university intends to sustain this beyond the duration of the Leverhulme award
 7. details of any relevant additional financial or other support or resources to be provided by the university during the award
 8. relevant information about key academic staff likely to be involved (e.g. the number of their doctoral supervisees) and about general research capacity in this area
 9. the proposed mode of selecting the Doctoral Scholars to ensure that those candidates chosen have an outstanding academic record and the potential to complete their doctoral studies successfully
 10. When you email your application to slms.facilitators@ucl.ac.uk , please also ***attach an email endorsement of your proposed programme from your Divisional / Institutional Director***. Applications without clear evidence of Institutional support will not be processed.

Questions? Please refer to the [call's online information](#). If you can't find the answer to your question, please contact slms.facilitators@ucl.ac.uk