**GUIDE TO ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS**

**Q1. [Mandatory] What is your highest academic qualification to date (UK equivalent) including: grade, degree title, institution, country, completion year (e.g. BSc Economics, UCL, UK, 2018)?**

Some schemes require that candidates have obtained certain grades in their undergraduate degrees. For this question, we need to know your grade as it would appear in the UK (First, 2:1 etc.). While there is no definitive word on equivalency, the following link includes a governmental guide on what certain grades equate to in the UK.

Please note that while this guide is not used in the academic assessments at UCL, it does provide indicative equivalencies and will give you an idea of the level of your grade: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/overseas-degree-equivalency-table-and-methodology

**Q2. If you have not yet completed your highest academic level of study to date (UK equivalent) please include: predicted grade, degree title, institution, country, completion date?**

Please complete this question if you are not able to complete Q1 and you have not yet completed your highest academic level of study. See notes for Q1 regarding UK equivalency.

**Q3. If you have any further information you would like to provide on your education to date, please do so here.**

This question is not mandatory, and is an opportunity to give any further information about your education, should you feel that the above information does not fully explain your situation. If you have no information to enter here, it can be left blank.

**Q4. In the box below, provide a 250-word statement of your interest in dementia research answering the following questions.**

Please ensure your statement covers the three questions to clearly outline your interest in dementia research including your reason for wishing to study on this programme and your future career aspirations. Only the first 250 words will be read if statements exceed the word limit.

**Q5-15. Please specify in UK £ Sterling the amount of funding you expect to have access to for use during your programme from the following sources.**

In this section of the application we are looking for an honest appraisal of your financial situation beyond what you may receive through this scholarship application. As these are partial scholarships, it is important that accurate information is provided as to how you will be intending to cover the remainder of costs while at UCL, even if you are awarded one of our scholarships.

All values should be the overall total for the academic year and will be considered to be in £ Sterling. Please use numerical values only (e.g. 1500, no commas or symbols) - if a particular funding option is not applicable or available to you, please simply enter 0.

You can find a useful currency converter at xe.com. For clarification on the types of funding details requested, see below.

*Professional and Career Development Loan (PCDL)* – any funding you intend to apply for, have applied for, or have secured from the government’s Professional and Career Development Loan scheme. More details can be found at gov.uk. Postgraduate Loans (PGL) – any funding you intend to apply for from the government’s new Postgraduate Loans scheme, which was launched in 2016/17. More details can be found at Postgraduate Loans.

*Other Loans (family, private, etc.)* – any other loans that you may be intending to take for your year of study whether from banks, family or other sources. If you are attempting to secure some other form of loan, please provide details in question 7.

*Part-time employment –* any money you hope to earn by working part-time during the duration of your programme. We are aware this is unlikely to be secured funding, but please provide an estimate based on whether you are intending to work alongside your studies, and how much you estimate you will earn from this part-time work.

*Scholarships/Awards/Bursaries –* any scholarships, awards, bursaries, or similar that you intend to apply for, have applied for, or have secured for your studies. This should not include funding that you have applied for from one of the funds listed above, but any other scholarships. If you include a number other than 0 in this field, please provide details in question 10 including the provider of the funding, and whether or not it is secured.

*Family/household contribution –* this should include any monetary support provided by your family or household for the duration of your studies. Other ‘in kind’ support such as rent-free accommodation should be highlighted in your personal statement as a reason for lower overall costs, rather than estimated here as a monetary contribution.

*Personal savings –* any personal savings you have access to for use during your studies.

*State benefits* – any state benefits you will be in continued receipt of during your studies.

*Any other funding –* this is a place to declare any other funding you may have access to for your studies which you do not feel was appropriate to include in any of the categories listed above. If you include a number other than 0 in this field, please provide details in question 15.

**Q16. [Mandatory] Please provide a figure for your household's gross annual income (you must convert this into UK £ sterling - numerical values only).**

Please indicate the gross annual income of your household for the year prior to the beginning of your course. This should include all earning members of the household whose wages go towards the general maintenance of the household, such as rent and bills. Part-time work for spending money that is not contributed to general household support should not be included. Please be aware that if you are shortlisted for a scholarship, we will require evidence of this amount in the form of bank statements, tax returns and P60s.

**Q17. If you would like to provide any additional information on your household income, please do so here (optional)**

Include here any additional details about your household income that you would like to make us aware of, or would like us to take into account when assessing your financial need, that are not immediately obvious from the numerical value above.

**Q18. If you would like to provide any additional information on exceptional household expenditure (e.g. medical bills, significant debts), please do so here (optional)**

Include here any significant and exceptional costs that impact on your household situation e.g. large medical bills, repayments on sizeable debts etc.

**Q19. [Mandatory] Please select the most appropriate employment category for your household's highest earner.**

Please delete as appropriate to select the employment category that best fits the main income earner in the household. Some examples are given in the dropdown to provide guidance as to what each category includes. Please try and pick the category you feel most closely resembles the main earner’s occupational level. We will check this with additional information provided.

**Q20. [Mandatory] Please give the occupation (or former occupation if retired) of the household's highest earner.**

Please give the occupation (i.e. Secondary School Teacher) of the highest earner indicated in question 19.

**Q21. If you would like to provide any additional information on your household employment situation, please do so here (optional)**

If there are any additional details about your household employment situation that you would like us to consider (e.g. impending redundancy, reduced shifts) please include them here.

**Q22. [Mandatory] Please specify the number of people in the household who live on the combined income stated above (include earners and/or yourself).**

This should include all members of the household who are dependent on the amount indicated in question 16. This should include the money earners themselves, and anyone else who lives in the house and is dependent on those earnings in some way. This should also include yourself.

**Q23. If you would like to provide any additional information on the number of dependants in your household, please do so here (optional)**

If you do not feel that simply noting the number of dependants in the household fairly reflects your situation, please outline additional information here (e.g. a dependent who is unable to work etc)

**Q24. [Mandatory] Are you the first member of your family to attend university?**

This should include your immediate family, including parent(s), spouse and sibling(s).

**Q25. If you have any further information that you would like to provide on your household situation, please do so here (optional)**

If you feel some factors about your household income are not captured above, please provide these here. Please note that you will have the opportunity to give further details of your situation in your Personal Statement.

**Q26. [Mandatory] Are you registered as living with a disability?**

This should be marked ‘Yes’ if you are recognized as disabled. Please note that we will need to verify this information and would expect you to register with UCL’s Disability Services department.

**Q27-28. [Mandatory] Are you a single parent? Are you from a single parent family?**

Please indicate whether you are yourself a single parent, or were raised in a single-parent family.

**Q29. [Mandatory] Have you ever lived in care?**

Please indicate if you have ever lived in care, even if you are no longer living in care.

**Q30. [Mandatory] Have you ever been homeless?**

Please indicate if you have ever been homeless, even if you are no longer homeless.

**Q31. [Mandatory] Are you currently in receipt of state benefits?**

Please indicate if you are currently in receipt of any state benefits (Housing Benefit, Jobseeker's Allowance, Child Tax Credit etc.) including any that would stop as the result of your studies. Please note that you will be asked to provide evidence of this if your application is successful.

**Data Protection and Applicant Declaration**

Please read the data protection and the applicant declaration statements and ensure you tick the two boxes. Finally, once you are happy with your application sign and date it.

Please email your completed scholarship application to ion.educationteam@ucl.ac.uk for the attention of Chris Routh.