**Soc-B Centre for Doctoral Training in Biosocial Research**

**Application for PhD (+4) Studentship: 2020 entry**

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| **This completed form and two references must be submitted by 18th November 2019** Electronic submissions are required, in the form of **one** pdf. You must email your completed form to [socbcdt@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:socbcdt@ucl.ac.uk) |
| Only ONE application for a studentship beginning in January 2020 may be submitted to the Soc-B CDT. Applicants should not submit applications to multiple institutions.  For further advice or guidance please contact one of the Soc-B CDT Director: Professor Yvonne Kelly (y.kelly@ucl.ac.uk). |

**Section One – Candidate Details and References**  
  
**1. Contact details**

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| Title and First name(s) |  |
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| Correspondence  address |  |
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| Telephone number(s) |  |
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**2. Qualification for which you are currently studying**

Please provide details of the course or degree which you **are currently undertaking**, if applicable.

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| Qualification and  full degree title | Institution attended  Name of country  if overseas | FROM  month and year | TO month and year | Full-time  or Part-time | Anticipated result | Due date of result | Source of funding Self/grant, etc |
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If you are currently studying for an MSc, please list below the modules you have taken and grades received

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**3. Qualifications and other relevant training? Which you have already completed**

Please provide details of any study (undergraduate, postgraduate and professional) for which you **have already been awarded**, starting with the most recent. Also include relevant training you have completed.

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| Qualification and  full degree title | Institution attended Name of country  if overseas | FROM month and year | TO month and year | Full-time or Part-time | Result (pass/fail) Please also indicate class, division or percentage | Source of funding self/grant, etc |
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**4. Details of any relevant prizes or awards**

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**5. Details of any publications/dissemination resulting from your work**

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**6. Your employment**

Please provide details of employment that may be relevant to the area of your application, including any teaching, lecturing or research work and/or any relevant professional experience (including any period of voluntary work). Please do not attach a CV as this cannot be considered.

*If you have not lived in the United Kingdom since birth, please give details of any work history for the last three years, including all periods of employment and unemployment.*

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**7. Residential details**  
Please read the *Residential Guidelines* document on the Soc-B CDT website before completing this section:

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| Place of birth (town and country) |  |
| Country in which you are ordinarily resident |  |
| Have you lived in the United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland) all of your life? |  |
| If NO, please give the last date you entered the UK  (excluding holidays) and state the reason |  |
| Please give any other information about your residential status that you feel is relevant to your application |  |

**8. References**   
  
Your application must be supported by two references from people able to comment authoritatively on your academic performance and suitability for doctoral study. These should normally be from someone who has direct knowledge of your academic work and/or academic potential in this subject area.

You are encouraged to communicate with your referees as early as possible in the application process. It is your responsibility to ensure that your references are returned to [socbcdt@ucl.ac.uk](file:///C:\Users\qtnvtap\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Outlook\MFAZ1T3K\socbcdt@ucl.ac.uk) by the closing date of **Monday 18th November 2019**.

**Your referees should complete the reference on headed paper using the criteria below:**

Please comment **as fully as possible** (in 300 – 400 words) on the candidate’s suitability for an award. Please include comments on the following:

1. Your views on the candidate’s suitability for postgraduate training in general and for the particular course and research he/she proposes to undertake.
2. Information on how, and to what extent, the candidate has shown academic ability in terms of:
3. ability to grasp concepts and reason analytically;
4. motivation and perseverance in achieving objectives; and,
5. capacity for original thought.
6. An assessment of the candidate's particular strengths and weaknesses, and of possible further training the candidate will require to successfully complete their research. If a current undergraduate student, please indicate where the candidate ranks in their cohort.
7. If you have known the candidate as a tutor or course director, please comment on grades achieved on specific modules.
8. Please indicate how long you have known the candidate and in what capacity.

Please give the names and details below of each of your referees:

FIRST REFEREE

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| Title and Name |  |
| Position |  |
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SECOND REFEREE

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**Section Two – Your Personal Statement**  
  
 **9. Statement of Research Interests**

Please attach a personal statement on what aspects of biosocial research interest you and why, and also how your research experience is relevant to your interest in biosocial research.

Your statement should be a maximum of 750 words; anything longer will not be considered. Do not attach any other additional material as this will not be considered.

**10. Declaration to be signed by the candidate**

Please read these conditions carefully and sign the Declaration.

1. I wish to apply for an ESRC-BBSRC award for postgraduate training in biosocial research. In the event of an ESRC-BBSRC studentship being awarded to me a) for full-time study: I undertake to commit myself on a full time basis to this training under the direction of my supervisors, or b) for part-time study: I undertake to devote the full amount of time deemed necessary and appropriate for part-time study by this institution under the direction of my supervisors.
2. I undertake to inform the relevant CDT partner institution **immediately** of any change in the information I have given in this application form.
3. I undertake to supply any additional information considered necessary for ESRC, BBSRC or CDT purposes and to inform the relevant CDT partner institution immediately of any alteration in these particulars. I understand that if, because of an alteration, it transpires that excess grant has been paid, the amount of the excess will be refunded by me to the CDT partner institution.
4. I understand that if I have not yet made a formal application for a doctoral programme of study, that I will be required to do so if this Soc-B funding application is successful.
5. I understand that the giving of any false information or withholding of relevant information may lead to the termination of any allowance granted and the institution of proceedings for the recovery of any amounts paid.
6. I have read and I agree to abide by the conditions set out in the [ESRC Postgraduate Funding Guide](http://www.esrc.ac.uk/files/skills-and-careers/studentships/postgraduate-funding-guide/)
7. I have informed both referees that this application form and references must be returned to socbcdt@ucl.ac.uk **18th November 2019**.
8. I declare that to the best of my knowledge the information given above is correct.

**This Declaration must be signed by hand. Typed signatures are not acceptable.**

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| Signed |  |
| Date |  |

**Advertising of Soc-B CDT ESRC-BBSRC Studentships 2020**

It would be very helpful if you could indicate how you heard about the Soc-B studentships being offered in the UCL, University of Manchester and University of Essex so that we can ensure we publicise them as widely as possible.

Please tick as many options as relevant.

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| Soc-B CDT website: www.socbcdt.wordpress.com |  |
| UCL website: [www.ucl.ac.uk](http://www.ucl.ac.uk) |  |
| University of Manchester website: [www.man.ac.uk](http://www.man.ac.uk) |  |
| University of Essex website: [www.essex.ac.uk](http://www.essex.ac.uk) |  |
| Online advert: FindaPhD.com |  |
| Online advert: jobs.ac.uk |  |
| Internal advertising: a noticeboard in your college |  |
| Word of mouth |  |
| Other (please specify) |  |

Which other websites and publications did you use to search for postgraduate funding?

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