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

**Application for PhD (+3.5) Studentship: August 2024 Entry**

# **Important Information: please read carefully before completing your application**

* **This completed form and two references must be submitted by Sunday 2 June 2024, 23:59 BST.**
* Only **one application** for a studentship beginning August 2024 may be submitted to the Soc-B CDT. Applicants should **not** submit applications to multiple institutions.
* Your referees should email their references to [socbcdt@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:socbcdt@ucl.ac.uk) **separately to your application.**
* 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).
* Please also complete an Equal Opportunities Form as part of your application – you will be sent a link to the form on receipt of your application.

For further advice or guidance, please contact the Soc-B CDT Manager, Alissa Barette ([socbcdt@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:socbcdt@ucl.ac.uk))

# **Section One – Candidate Details**

1. **Please indicate the institution you are applying to:**

UCL

Manchester

Essex

1. **What is your fee status?**

(Fee status determines the tuition fee amount paid on your behalf by the studentship - if you are unsure of your fee status, please visit the [UK Council for International Students website](https://www.ukcisa.org.uk/Information--Advice/Fees-and-Money/England-HE-fee-status#layer-6082)).

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1. **Contact details**

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| **Title (optional) and First Name(s)** |  |
| **Last Name** |  |
| **Address line 1** |  |
| **Address line 2** |  |
| **City** |  |
| **Country** |  |
| **Postcode** |  |
| **Telephone number(s)** |  |
| **Email address** |  |

# **Section Two – Qualifications**

1. **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**  **(Name of country  if overseas)** | **Start date**  **(month & year)** | **End date (month & year)** | **Full-time  or Part-time** | **Anticipated result** | **Result due date** | **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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| **Module title** | **Result / Grade achieved** |
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1. **Qualifications and other relevant training already completed**

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

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| **Qualification and  full degree title** | **Institution**  **(Name of country  if overseas)** | **Start date**  **(month & year)** | **End date (month & 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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# **Section Three – Prizes, Awards & Publications**

1. **Please provide details of any relevant prizes or awards**

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| **Award** | **Awarded by** | **Date** | **Brief details** |
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1. **Please provide details of any publications/dissemination resulting from your work**

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# **Section Four – Your employment**

1. **Please attach your CV with details of your employment history, (including any teaching, lecturing or research work and/or any period of voluntary work), to your application.**

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.

# **Section Five – References**

1. **Your 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 **Sunday 2 June, 23:59 BST.**

**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, including comments on:

1. Your views on the candidate’s suitability for postgraduate training in general and for the particular course and research they propose 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;
5. capacity for original thought.
6. An assessment of the candidate's particular strengths and weaknesses, and if possible, further training the candidate will require to successfully complete their research. If the candidate is 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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## **Second Referee**

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| **Title and Name** |  |
| **Position** |  |
| **Institution** |  |
| **Address** |  |

# **Section Six – Your Personal Statement**

1. **Statement of Research Interests**

Please use the text box on the following page to write a **personal statement** on what aspects of biosocial research interest you and why, along with 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.

**Please write your personal statement within this text box (click a few times to type in the box) …**

# **Section Seven – Declaration to be Signed**

1. **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](https://www.ukri.org/publications/esrc-postgraduate-funding-guide/), [UKRI Training Grant Terms & Conditions and UKRI Training Grant Guidance](https://www.ukri.org/publications/terms-and-conditions-for-training-funding/).
7. I have informed both referees that this application form and references must be returned to [socbcdt@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:socbcdt@ucl.ac.uk) by **Sunday 2 June, 23:59 BST.**
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 2024**

It would be extremely helpful if you could indicate how you heard about the Soc-B studentships being offered at 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: <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/soc-b-biosocial-doctoral-training/> |  |
| UCL website: [www.ucl.ac.uk](http://www.ucl.ac.uk) |  |
| University of Manchester website: [www.manchester.ac.uk/](http://www.manchester.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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