

ESRC Studentships 2023: Preliminary Application Form

Preliminary application for ESRC Research Studentship: 2023 entry

1+3, +3, 2+3 and +4, 3.5 and 3.25 applicants

Section One - Contact Details and Residential Information

Contact details

First Name _____

Last name _____

Email Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Correspondence Address _____

Are you applying for fees as a Home, EU or international student?

Please refer to guidance document for more information or get in touch with ubel-dtp@ucl.ac.uk For international fees paying candidates, please note that the ESRC studentship only covers Home fees. The fees difference will be covered either by the department/university (with the Head of Department's/Institution's approval) or an alternative source, not by the student themselves. Please discuss with your supervisor and ask them to confirm how the fees difference will be covered.

- Home
- Settled Status
- International
- Pre-Settled Status
- Indefinite leave to remain



Place of birth (town and country) _____

Nationality _____

Country in which you are ordinarily resident _____

Have you lived in the United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland) all of your life? Yes
 No

If No, please give the last date you entered the UK (excluding holidays) and state the reason. _____

Please give any other relevant information about your residential status that may be relevant to your application _____

Section Two - Programme of Study and Pathway(s)

Supervisor, Department and Programme

Please give the name and academic department of your proposed principal supervisor, who should help you complete Section Seven of this form

Title and Name _____

Department _____

Programme of Study _____

Please indicate which study route you will undertake

- 1+3 (MRes/MSc followed by MPhil/PhD)

- +3 (MPhil/PhD)
- 2+3 (specialist MRes/MSc followed by MPhil/PhD)
- +4 (MPhil/PhD integrated with research modules from a related MRes or MSc)
- 3.5 award (MPhil/PhD integrated with 60 credits from a related MRes or MSc)
- 3.25 award (MPhil/PhD integrated with 30 credits from a related MRes or MSc)

 **If you are applying for a 1+3 or 2+3 studentship, please indicate which masters level programme you intend to apply for.**

Programme _____

Institution

- UCL
- Birkbeck
- SOAS
- LSHTM
- UEL

 **Your principal pathway and institution at the UBEL DTP**

Please select your principal pathway from the left-hand list and your chosen UBEL institution from the right-hand list. Note that institutions are only listed if the chosen pathway is offered at that institution. Applicants should refer to the list of pathways available on the UBEL website.

- Human Geography: University College London
- International Development: London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
- International Development: SOAS University of London
- International Development: University College London
- International Development: University of East London
- Social and Policy Studies of Energy and the Environment: University College London
- Urban Planning and Project Management: University College London
- Urban Studies, Transport and Architectural Space: University College London
- Urban Studies, Transport and Architectural Space:
- Psychology: Birkbeck University of London
- Psychology: University College London
- Psychology: University of East London
- Anthropology: SOAS University of London
- Anthropology: University College London
- Archaeology and Heritage Studies: Birkbeck University of London
- Archaeology and Heritage Studies: University College London
- Economic and Social History: Birkbeck University of London
- Economic and Social History: University College London
- Economics: Birkbeck University of London
- Economics: University College London
- Quantitative Social Science: London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
- Quantitative Social Science: University College London
- Demography: London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
- Health and Wellbeing: Birkbeck University of London
- Health and Wellbeing: London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
- Lifecourse and Social Epidemiology: University College London
- Mental Health and Mental Healthcare: University College London
- Interdisciplinary Area Studies: University College London
- Law, Socio-Legal Studies and Criminology: Birkbeck University of London
- Law, Socio-Legal Studies and Criminology: SOAS University of London
- Politics and International Relations: Birkbeck University of London
- Politics and International Relations: SOAS University of London
- Politics and International Relations: University College London
- Education: University College London
- Gender and Sexuality: Birkbeck University of London
- Gender and Sexuality: SOAS University of London
- Gender and Sexuality: University College London
- Gender and Sexuality: University of East London

- Psychosocial Studies: Birkbeck University of London
- Science and Technology Studies: University College London
- Social Policy: University College London
- Sociology: Birkbeck University of London
- Sociology: University of East London
- Linguistics: Birkbeck University of London
- Linguistics: SOAS University of London
- Linguistics: University College London
- Prosperity, Innovation, Technology and Policy: University College London

 **Your secondary pathway (if applicable)**

- Human Geography: University College London
- International Development: London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
- International Development: SOAS University of London
- International Development: University College London
- International Development: University of East London
- Social and Policy Studies of Energy and the Environment: University College London
- Urban Planning and Project Management: University College London
- Urban Studies, Transport and Architectural Space: University College London
- Urban Studies, Transport and Architectural Space:
- Psychology: Birkbeck University of London
- Psychology: University College London
- Psychology: University of East London
- Anthropology: SOAS University of London
- Anthropology: University College London
- Archaeology and Heritage Studies: Birkbeck University of London
- Archaeology and Heritage Studies: University College London
- Economic and Social History: Birkbeck University of London
- Economic and Social History: University College London
- Economics: Birkbeck University of London
- Economics: University College London
- Quantitative Social Science: London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
- Quantitative Social Science: University College London
- Demography: London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
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- Politics and International Relations: Birkbeck University of London
- Politics and International Relations: SOAS University of London
- Politics and International Relations: University College London
- Education: University College London
- Gender and Sexuality: Birkbeck University of London
- Gender and Sexuality: SOAS University of London
- Gender and Sexuality: University College London
- Gender and Sexuality: University of East London
- Psychosocial Studies: Birkbeck University of London
- Science and Technology Studies: University College London
- Social Policy: University College London
- Sociology: Birkbeck University of London
- Sociology: University of East London
- Linguistics: Birkbeck University of London
- Linguistics: SOAS University of London
- Linguistics: University College London

Prosperity, Innovation, Technology and Policy: University College London


 **Please indicate if you intend to apply for training in Advanced Quantitative Methods (AQM) during the +3 period of your PhD studies**

If YES, you will need to submit the *Application for Advanced Quantitative Methods (AQM) Training* form with the Full ESRC funding application, if you are successful at this Preliminary stage.

Yes

No

 **Section Three - Qualifications and Employment**

 **Qualification for which you are currently studying**

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

Qualification and full degree title _____

Institution _____

Country _____

From/To (Month and Year) _____

Full-time or Part-time _____

Source of Funding _____

Anticipated result and date due _____

 **If your current programme is at Postgraduate level, modules undertaken (with results where available)**

 **Qualifications 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 result.



Qualification and full degree title _____

Institution _____


Country _____

From/To (Month and Year) _____

Full-time or Part-time _____

Degree Result _____

Source of Funding _____

 **If this programme is at Postgraduate level, modules undertaken (with results where available)**



Qualification and full degree title _____
Institution _____
Country _____
From/To (Month and Year) _____
Full-time or Part-time _____
Degree Result _____
Source of Funding _____



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Full-time or Part-time _____
Degree Result _____
Source of Funding _____

Your Employment

Please provide details of work history for the **last three years** including all periods of employment and unemployment.

Employer _____
Country _____
Post held _____
Responsibilities (briefly) _____
From/To (Month and Year) _____
Full-time or Part-time _____



Employer _____
Country _____
Post held _____
Responsibilities (briefly) _____
From/To (Month and Year) _____
Full-time or Part-time _____



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Responsibilities (briefly) _____
From/To (Month and Year) _____
Full-time or Part-time _____



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From/To (Month and Year) _____
Full-time or Part-time _____

Section Four - Your funding requirements

Mode of Attendance

- Full time
 Part time

Proposed start date of your studentship

UBEL DTP studentships usually start on 1st October of every calendar year.

____/____/____(YYYY/MM/DD)

Proposed end date of your studentship

____/____/____(YYYY/MM/DD)

 **If your total expected funding period is different to the standard three/four years full-time (five/six years part-time), please give further details here.**

Please note this also includes candidates that have already started their research programme.

Section Five - Supervisory Arrangements and Collaboration

You will need to consult your proposed supervisor(s) to complete this section. Please note that individuals invited to make a full application can reconfirm their supervisor arrangements if they change.

Supervisors' details

Please give the names of all those who are/will be involved in supervising you (please list principal supervisor first). For each supervisor, please give:

- i) Details of the supervisor's research experience and how this fits with your proposed thesis topic. Your principal supervisor should also provide a clear statement as to how your proposed research links with their own and that of their immediate research community, and indicate what the potential significance/impact of the proposed work is likely to be.
- ii) Details, where appropriate, of up to three doctoral students currently or recently supervised. Please give the date, thesis title and whether full-time or part-time. Supervisors with less experience should mention any support provided for them by their department or faculty.

Principal Supervisor

Title _____

First and last names _____

Department _____

Email address _____

Research Expertise _____

Doctoral Student Supervision _____

Please state how your research links with your principal supervisor's research and immediate research community _____

Secondary Supervisor (Co-Supervisor or Associate Supervisor)

Title _____

First and last names _____

Department _____

Email address _____

Research expertise _____

Doctoral Student Supervision _____

Please outline how the supervision duties will be shared between supervisors _____

External Collaborations

Please provide information about any external collaborations you will be involved in during the period of your funding (such as co-funding, internships, placements or other joint activity). Seek advice from your supervisor if you are unsure about this question. The DTP anticipates each funded student will take part in **at least one placement** of some form. *Please note that while applicants are required to answer this question, the DTP understand that applicants may have not made arrangements for external collaboration at this early stage. If this applies, please state this in the box below. This will not impact the outcome of your application.*

 **Section Six - Students applying for a +3 studentship based on previous research methods training.**

Your proposed supervisor will need to provide information to help you complete this section. Supervisors

The information provided about the candidate's previous research training is critical to the success of the case being made for +3 eligibility. The ESRC audits selected +3 studentship awards to ensure that UBEL DTP is meeting the requirements for +3 entry based on research methods training in the social sciences.

Please describe what social science research methods training the candidate has undertaken that maps on to the requirements listed below: Learning Outcomes Principles of Research Design Data Collection, Analysis and Management Core Subject Specific Training The information should include any Masters training (modules completed and training courses attended) **including Masters programmes that form part of an ESRC DTP training pathway. Please note that full information from the *Postgraduate Training and Development Guidelines (Second Edition 2015)* is available on the UBEL website. This information has been condensed into the questions below to assist both supervisors and students in completing this section.**



 **Masters Degree**

Title of Masters Degree _____
Institution where obtained _____
ESRC DTP within which programme was located _____

 **1. Learning Outcomes**

Please describe the training received in the following areas: research design and strategy applying a range of research methods and use of appropriate software development of advanced research skills data management and disseminating research appropriate analytical techniques scientific method and reflexivity good ethical practice

 **2. Principles of Research Design**

Please describe the training received that enables the student to: define and formulate research questions understand the rationale for using particular qualitative and quantitative research methods understand different forms of sampling and sampling error understand and apply the concepts of generalisability, validity, reliability and replicability understand the complementary nature of the relationship between methods in mixed methods research designs

 **3. Data Collection, Analysis and Management**

Please describe the training received in the following areas: different purposes and approaches to interviewing (individuals/groups, structured etc) diverse approaches to data collection (longitudinal, experimental etc) ethnographic and case study research designs (participatory, methods of observation etc) combining different methods of data collection and analysis (such as mixed-methods research) sampling accessing secondary data (and awareness of the UK Data Service) distinctions in various forms of data random and systematic measurement error thematic analysis and methods for ethnographic analysis hypothesis testing, inferential methods and measuring causality

 **4. Core Subject-Specific Training**

This refers to compulsory training within a subject area and remains a fundamental element of training for social science researchers. Please describe how the substantive content of this training has prepared the student to develop in areas relevant to the demands of the discipline or substantive research field.

5. Study undertaken more than five years ago

If the Masters was taken more than five years ago, please describe any further research training, qualifications and/or experience which has been gained since the Masters.

Section Seven - Your Proposed Research

Your proposed supervisor may need to provide information to help you complete this section.

Please summarise your track record and competencies (300 words maximum)

Please summarise the proposed project and its relevance to ESRC remit (300 words maximum)

Please note: a full research proposal will be expected at the full application stage.

Will your research be interdisciplinary?

If yes, please answer the question below.

- Yes
- No

Please indicate if your research is interdisciplinary (ie. covers some areas outside of social sciences, such as humanities, biological sciences, engineering and physical sciences, medicine, natural environment or science and technology). Your application will not be disadvantaged if this is the case: the DTP is keen to see more applications covering interdisciplinary areas.

Will your research use ESRC datasets? A list of ESRC datasets is in the 'Application Guide for 2023 Entry'.

If yes, please answer the question below.

- Yes
- No

If you answered yes to the question above, please select which ESRC dataset your research will use.

If you intend on using more than one dataset, please state below.

- British Household Panel Survey
- Understanding Society
- 1958 National Child Development Survey
- British Cohort Study 1970
- Next Steps (Longitudinal Study of Young Persons in England)
- Millennium Cohort Study

- UK Census Longitudinal Studies
- English Longitudinal Study of Ageing
- Understanding Society Biosocial Sweep
- 1958 National Child Development Study Biosocial Sweep
- ... 18 additional choices hidden ...
- British National Corpus
- British Sign Language Corpus
- Timescapes
- Poverty and Social Exclusion Qualitative Surveys
- Ritual, Community and Conflict Ethnographic Dataset on Ritual
- Access Research Knowledge Qualitative Archives on Ageism and Conflict
- Poverty and Social Exclusion in the UK: Research Surveys 2012
- Northern Ireland Life and Times
- Kids' Life and Times
- Young Life and Times Survey

 **If your research will use one or more of the ESRC's datasets, please give more details below.**

Please clearly provide the full name of each dataset that applies to your research. (E.g. **Business and Local Government Data Research Centre**)

Submitting your Preliminary application form

When you have completed this form, please ensure you press Mark As Complete.

When you return to the tasks page, you must also complete the Equal Opportunities form and the Additional Information form before you can submit your Preliminary Application.

When all tasks are complete, the green SUBMIT button will become active and you may submit your Preliminary application.

Please note that the closing date is Wednesday 30 November 2023 at 23:59 (GMT) and you will not be able to submit this Preliminary application form after the closing date. If you have issues with submitting the preliminary application form, please get in touch via ubel-dtp@ucl.ac.uk.

Confirmation that we've received your Preliminary application form

You will receive an email confirmation a short while after submission (please check any junk or spam mail in case the message goes to these folders).

If you do not receive a confirmation email within a few hours, please contact ubel-dtp@ucl.ac.uk and we will check your application status for you.