

ESRC Studentships 2024: Preliminary Application Form

Preliminary application for ESRC Research Studentship: 2024 entry

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

Section One - Contact Details and Residential Information

Please ensure you provide full contact details in case we need to contact you about your application. The application system will also send you updates via email - so please use an email address that is checked regularly. Sometimes the messages may be directed to a junk folder, so ensure you check that folder too.

Contact details

First Name _____

Last name _____

Email Address _____

Correspondence Address _____

Are you applying for fees as a Home 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. Further details are on page 6 of the application guidance.

- 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)

Please provide the relevant information about your supervisor, department, programme of study and study route. When you select your principal pathway, the list on the right-hand side will only show the institutions where that pathway is available. Select a secondary pathway if applicable. For 1+3 entry, please indicate which master's level programme you will be applying for. <https://ubel-dtp.ac.uk/groups-pathways/>

Supervisor, Department and Programme

Please give the name and academic department of your proposed principal supervisor.

Title and Name _____

Department _____

 **Please indicate which study route you will undertake**

For information on study routes available at UBEL please read: <https://ubel-dtp.ac.uk/awardstructure/> PLEASE NOTE: The ESRC is introducing a new PhD model from 2024/25. Instead of the traditional three years of funding for a full-time PhD they are adding an extra three months of time (and stipend) to allow extra time for training throughout the PhD. In addition, they will be introducing a placement scheme where students who participate in a placement will receive an extra three months of time (and stipend). This extra funded time would be **in addition** to the time periods indicated below and apply to all routes (i.e. 1+3, +3, 2+3 and +4, 3.5 and 3.25). *These changes are subject to confirmation of ESRC funding for the UBEL ESRC DTP.*

- 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.**


- Birkbeck
- LSHTM
- SOAS
- UCL
- UEL
- University of Greenwich

 **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.

- Accounting and Finance: Birkbeck
- Anthropology: SOAS
- Anthropology: UCL
- Behaviour Change: UCL
- Biosocial Research: UCL
- Business Management: Birkbeck
- Ecological Study of Brain and Behaviour: UCL
- Economics: Birkbeck
- Economics: UCL
- Education: UCL
- Educational Neuroscience: UCL
- Educational Neuroscience: Birkbeck
- Educational Neuroscience: UEL
- Gender and Sexuality: Birkbeck
- Gender and Sexuality: SOAS
- Gender and Sexuality: University of Greenwich
- Gender and Sexuality: UCL
- Gender and Sexuality: UEL
- Health and Wellbeing: Birkbeck
- Health and Wellbeing: LSHTM
- Health and Wellbeing: UEL
- History and Heritage Studies: Birkbeck
- History and Heritage Studies: LSHTM
- History and Heritage Studies: UCL
- Human Geography and Sustainability: Birkbeck
- Human Geography and Sustainability: UCL


- Interdisciplinary Area Studies : UCL
- International Development : Birkbeck
- International Development : LSHTM
- International Development : SOAS
- International Development : University of Greenwich
- International Development : UEL
- International Development : UCL
- Knowledge Evidence and Policy: UCL
- Law, Socio-legal studies and Criminology: Birkbeck
- Law, Socio-legal studies and Criminology: SOAS
- Lifecourse and Social Epidemiology: UCL
- Linguistics: SOAS
- Linguistics: UCL
- Mental Health Research: UCL
- Multilingual Practices: Birkbeck
- Multilingual Practices: SOAS
- Multilingual Practices: University of Greenwich
- Politics and International Relations: Birkbeck
- Politics and International Relations: SOAS
- Politics and International Relations: UCL
- Population and Health: LSHTM
- Psychology: Birkbeck
- Psychology: UCL
- Psychology: UEL
- Psychosocial Studies & Sociology: Birkbeck
- Psychosocial Studies & Sociology: UEL
- Quantitative Social Science: LSHTM
- Quantitative Social Science: UCL
- Race and Racialisation: Birkbeck
- Race and Racialisation: UCL
- Risk, Disaster and Resilience Studies: UCL
- Risk, Disaster and Resilience Studies: SOAS
- Science, Technology, Prosperity and Innovation: UCL
- Science, Technology, Prosperity and Innovation: Birkbeck
- Urban Studies, Planning and Spatial Science: UCL
- Urban Studies, Planning and Spatial Science: Birkbeck
- Urban Studies, Planning and Spatial Science: UEL

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

optional

- Accounting and Finance: Birkbeck
- Anthropology: SOAS
- Anthropology: UCL
- Behaviour Change: UCL
- Biosocial Research: UCL
- Business Management: Birkbeck
- Ecological Study of Brain and Behaviour: UCL
- Economics: Birkbeck
- Economics: UCL
- Education: UCL
- Educational Neuroscience: UCL
- Educational Neuroscience: Birkbeck
- Educational Neuroscience: UEL
- Gender and Sexuality: Birkbeck
- Gender and Sexuality: SOAS
- Gender and Sexuality: University of Greenwich
- Gender and Sexuality: UCL

- Gender and Sexuality: UEL
- Health and Wellbeing: Birkbeck
- Health and Wellbeing: LSHTM
- Health and Wellbeing: UEL
- History and Heritage Studies: Birkbeck
- History and Heritage Studies: LSHTM
- History and Heritage Studies: UCL
- Human Geography and Sustainability: Birkbeck
- Human Geography and Sustainability: UCL
- Interdisciplinary Area Studies : UCL
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- International Development : LSHTM
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- International Development : University of Greenwich
- International Development : UEL
- International Development : UCL
- Knowledge Evidence and Policy: UCL
- Law, Socio-legal studies and Criminology: Birkbeck
- Law, Socio-legal studies and Criminology: SOAS
- Lifecourse and Social Epidemiology: UCL
- Linguistics: SOAS
- Linguistics: UCL
- Mental Health Research: UCL
- Multilingual Practices: Birkbeck
- Multilingual Practices: SOAS
- Multilingual Practices: University of Greenwich
- Politics and International Relations: Birkbeck
- Politics and International Relations: SOAS
- Politics and International Relations: UCL
- Population and Health: LSHTM
- Psychology: Birkbeck
- Psychology: UCL
- Psychology: UEL
- Psychosocial Studies & Sociology: Birkbeck
- Psychosocial Studies & Sociology: UEL
- Quantitative Social Science: LSHTM
- Quantitative Social Science: UCL
- Race and Racialisation: Birkbeck
- Race and Racialisation: UCL
- Risk, Disaster and Resilience Studies: UCL
- Risk, Disaster and Resilience Studies: SOAS
- Science, Technology, Prosperity and Innovation: UCL
- Science, Technology, Prosperity and Innovation: Birkbeck
- Urban Studies, Planning and Spatial Science: UCL
- Urban Studies, Planning and Spatial Science: Birkbeck
- Urban Studies, Planning and Spatial Science: UEL


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

The AQM enhancement is an additional stipend of £2,000 (per annum) intended to encourage students to undertake training in advanced quantitative methods and to apply this in their PhD research and beyond. This is expected to be at a level over and above the basic generic and subject-specific methods requirements and does not include qualitative methods. The enhanced AQM stipend is only available during the doctoral (+3) programme. Please indicate here that you will be submitting an AQM application with your full ESRC application form, following a successful application at the preliminary stage.

- Yes
- No

 **Section Three - Qualifications and Employment**

Please provide details about current and previously awarded qualifications at undergraduate, postgraduate and professional level, starting with the most recent. If you are awarded a studentship, you will be required to provide evidence of your qualifications when you enrol at your DTP institution. If you are currently undertaking your degree, please ensure you enter the date when your result will be known. If you are successful in your application, your studentship offer will be conditional until your degree result is confirmed.

 **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 _____

 **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 _____



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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Institution _____
Country _____
From/To (Month and Year) _____
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. If you have more employment history than space is available on form, please provide details of the most relevant employment.*

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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From/To (Month and Year) _____
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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 _____

Section Four - Your funding requirements

Mode of Attendance


Please enter your mode of attendance here.

Full time

Part time

Dates of your studentship

UBEL DTP studentships start on 1st October of every calendar year. If you need to start your studentship after this date, please consult your supervisor and ensure this information is noted below. UBEL cannot guarantee that a deferred start date will be possible, and any deferrals will need to be considered by colleagues at ESRC, after an award is made. If you are a current doctoral student and are applying for funding for your current doctoral programme, you will need to deduct any time already spent on doctoral study from the duration of the studentship award. UBEL can only offer funding for the remainder of your doctoral programme.

 **With reference to the paragraph above, please give further details if:- your total expected funding period is different to the standard three/four years full-time (five/six years part-time)- your funding start date will be after 1st October**

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

Section Five - Supervisory Arrangements and Collaboration

You will need to liaise with your supervisor(s) for this information. Applicants can email their proposed supervisor and complete the section on their behalf or can add their supervisor as a collaborator to the form. Within your application on the left side of the screen, you will be able to click the **Add Collaborators** button. You can then enter the email address of the collaborator. An automated email invitation will be sent to your collaborator. Within the email, the collaborator will be able to Join the application or Decline the invite**. **This section is not for a reference or supporting statement but rather to provide details on the suitability of the supervisor. References are not required at the preliminary application stage.** Please note that it is very important that the information about research expertise and links to the research community are completed as fully as possible. Supervisor details can be updated at the full application stage if there are any changes. ****UBEL has previously experienced difficulties within Survey Monkey Apply whereby collaborators were then not able to submit a reference at the full application stage. With this in mind, please remove the collaborator if this person is also intending to provide a recommendation, before you submit your preliminary application.**

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:- 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.- 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 _____

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 _____

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.

You need only complete this section if you are applying for +3 funding. Applications for 3.25 and 3.5 will already be on the basis of completing an additional 30 or 60 credits to provide additional training that was not available in the Masters programme. If you wish to apply for a +3 award you must normally have (or expect to achieve by 30 September 2024) a Master's degree with an appropriate level of research training. Please ensure you fully complete the +3 section of the Preliminary Application with your supervisor and consult the Postgraduate Training Guidelines for guidance about the level of previous research training required. The Guidelines are on the UBEL website and pages 7-11 inclusive provide full information. The +3 section of the Preliminary Application also provides condensed information for ease of reference. While your supervisor will be able to help provide the information required for this section, you can complete and submit this section of the form on their behalf (rather than adding your supervisor as a collaborator to

the form). **A note for 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* 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

Please complete all questions in this section as fully as possible. 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 you are not expected to submit a full research proposal at the preliminary application stage. Applicants invited to make a full application will then submit a full research proposal.

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. Please explicitly state if your research covers more than one UBEL pathway, covers a secondary or multiple disciplines or if your research straddles other research council remits.

Will your research use ESRC datasets? A list of ESRC datasets is in the 'Application Guide for 2024 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 Monday 15 January 2024 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.