

LISS DTP +3 Supervisor Statement Form 2023 Entry

Page 1: Guidance For Completing This Form

This form will close at 5pm on 27/01/2023. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Prospective supervisors should note that:

- LISS studentships are highly competitive and only excellent applications with a good chance of success in the competition should be supported.
- LISS DTP supervisors are expected to contribute to the DTP's training and events programme through participation in Pathways or contributing training.
- If the student is an international student, the LISS studentship will cover only UKRI Home Tuition Fees. The difference between the UKRI Home Tuition Fee and department's international fee will need to be found from another source, which might include the student, their home institution or department/school or another organisation.

Once you start this online form, data you enter WILL NOT be saved unless you click the 'Finish later' link at the bottom of the form page where you are working. If you click on the 'Finish later' link (at the bottom of each form page) you will be taken to a page giving the application form's closing date and a 'finish later' URL. You can use this URL to return to the application at the page on which you clicked the 'Finish later' link.

You can either bookmark the URL in your browser, or ask for the URL to be emailed to you. It is your responsibility to accurately enter your email address or bookmark the 'finish later' link to be able to resume the survey. LISS DTP cannot reunite you with your unfinished application if you have lost your 'Finish later' link.

Because of these limitations with our form, we STRONGLY recommend that you download a PDF document available [on our website](#) which lists all the questions that will be asked on the form and any character restrictions on answers. (Dividing the number of characters by 5 gives an approximation of the number of words, so 1000 characters is roughly 200 words.) We advise that you prepare you answers in advance then simply copy/paste them into the online form to minimise the risk of lost responses/forms.

Please ensure that this form is submitted by 17:00 GMT on Friday 27th January 2023.

Page 2: Applicant and Supervisor Details

1. Surname of student applicant * *Required*

1.a. First name of student applicant * *Required*

2. Institution applying through * *Required*

- King's College London
- Queen Mary University of London
- Imperial College London

3. Student's research project title * *Required*

4. First supervisor's surname * *Required*

4.a. First supervisor's first name * *Required*

5. First supervisor's email: * *Required*

6. Doctoral supervision experience (number of students supervised to completion and currently) * *Required*

6.a. If the first supervisor is inexperienced and will be supported by a second more experienced supervisor, please give their name and describe their experience.

7. Supervisors are expected to contribute to the training programme offered to all LISS DTP students. What training and development opportunities would you be able to offer LISS DTP? * *Required*



8. LISS DTP Thematic Pathway (1-13): Please choose the Pathway with which your research is most closely associated. We will ask you to review student applications in this Pathway. You can find full Pathway descriptions on the LISS DTP website here: www.liss-dtp.ac.uk/thematic-pathways * *Required*

- 1. Health Practices, Innovation & Implementation
- 2. Life Course, Psychology, & Health
- 3. Health, Biopolitics & Social Inequality
- 4. Economics, Finance & the World Economy
- 5. Work, Organisations & Business Management
- 6. Education, Mind & Society
- 7. Linguistics, Media & Culture
- 8. Urbanisation, Social Change & Urban Transformation
- 9. Political Ecology, Energy & Environmental Health
- 10. International Development, Conflict & Human Security
- 11. Global Order, Violence & Security Practice
- 12. Strategic, Regional, & Security Studies
- 13. Politics, Public Policy & Governance

Page 3: Commentary on the applicant and proposal

Applicant's academic performance to date and research capabilities

9. Please evaluate the applicant's academic background and performance to date and their future potential as a researcher. (You should review their application form documentation and transcripts to establish this if you are not already familiar with the applicant's background.) You may also comment on the applicant's research-related or relevant work experience. How would you rank this applicant relative to any other prospective/existing ESRC studentship holders who would be/have been under your supervision? * *Required*

Your answer should be no more than 1200 characters long.

Support for the research project

10. Please assess the strengths and weaknesses of the applicant's proposed project, including its importance and potential impact. * *Required*

Your answer should be no more than 1500 characters long.

10.a. Does the research project depend on access to any resources (e.g. data, individuals, locations) which may be difficult to obtain OR financial resources in excess of the usual RTSG allowance of circa £750 per year of full-time study or Overseas Fieldwork expenses of circa £5000? * *Required*

- Yes
- No

10.a.i. If yes, please say how any difficulties in access to these resources would be addressed. If the project requires substantial financial resources please say how these would be provided.

10.b. Please describe the project's fit with the supervisor(s) expertise and strategic fit with the department/division/research group/LISS DTP Pathway. * *Required*

Your answer should be no more than 1500 characters long.

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Page 4: Advanced Quantitative Methods and Interdisciplinarity

11. Advanced Quantitative Methods: Will the proposed research use quantitative methods that are regarded as advanced within the subject specialism? (Examples are below under 'info'.) AQM research goes beyond applying descriptive statistics and other basic generic (eg. simple regression) and subject specific methods. The expectation for AQM research is that the analysis will use quantitative methods that extend beyond the standard elements of quantitative research. * *Required*

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- Yes
- No

11.a. If yes, please identify the methods and their contributions to the project.

Your answer should be no more than 600 characters long.

12. Will the applicant's project involve an interdisciplinary approach? This can be interpreted as the use of more than one discipline across broader categories of knowledge such as: natural and social sciences, arts & humanities and social sciences, computing science and social sciences, medical and social sciences, engineering and physical science and social sciences etc. * *Required*

- Yes
- No

12.a. If yes, please describe how.

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Page 5: Core methods training

The applicant's existing core research methods training

The ESRC requires that funded students should receive (or already have) well-rounded research methods training that extends beyond methods that are central to their specialist doctoral project; see further details at p. 7-12 of the ESRC's Postgraduate Training & Development Guidelines (<https://www.ukri.org/publications/esrc-postgraduate-training-and-development-guidelines/>). It is impossible to provide a definitive list of social science perspectives and methods, but in order to be eligible for a LISS DTP +3 studentship an applicant would be expected to have covered many of the methods outlined below in at least two of these three broad categories of social science research perspectives and methodologies:

Social theory & epistemology– positivism, experimental approaches, interpretivism, feminism, postcolonial critique, Marxism, poststructuralism, ethnography, ethno-methodology, case study analysis, policy oriented and action research, mixed methods.

Qualitative methods– archival methods, e-resources & social media, auto/biography, interviews, focus groups, participant observation, content analysis, narrative methods, visual methods, discourse analysis, conversation analysis

Quantitative methods– quantitative research design, sampling, questionnaire design, descriptive statistics, probability, data manipulation and handling, non-parametric statistics, basic inferential statistics, analysis of variance, linear regression with continuous DV

Please detail below how the applicant has achieved training (at level 7/Masters or through work experience) in the three broad categories of social science research perspectives and methodologies listed above, noting modules from their transcripts or particular work experiences. If the applicant is missing training in ONE of these broad areas, please note this; LISS DTP will arrange a 'top-up' training option for them in their first year of study.

If the applicant is missing core training in more than one of the areas listed above, however, they should be advised to apply for a 1+3 LISS DTP studentship.

13. Social theory and epistemology training * *Required*

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- I confirm that the applicant has achieved Masters or equivalent level training as described in their application (q.32)
- The student has not achieved Masters or equivalent level training

13.a. Please add any comments to explain or qualify your answer above.

14. Qualitative methods training * *Required*

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- I confirm that the applicant has achieved Masters or equivalent level training as described in their application (q.32)
- The student has not achieved Masters or equivalent level training

14.a. Please add any comments to explain or qualify your answer above.

15. Quantitative methods training * *Required*

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- I confirm that the applicant has achieved Masters or equivalent level training as

described in their application (q.32)

- The student has not achieved Masters or equivalent level training

15.a. Please add any comments to explain or qualify your answer above.

Page 6: Ethics

16. Ethical Approval: The ESRC requires that the research and training it supports will be carried out to a high ethical standard as described in its [Framework for Research Ethics](#) . If successful, the project will have to be submitted to a relevant institutional Research Ethics Committee. It is a requirement that the project receives full and formal ethics approval. Please describe below any potential ethical issues with this project.

Page 7: Any Other Information

17. Please tell us if there is any other *specific* information not mentioned elsewhere about the applicant or the proposal about which the selection panel should be aware. This may be information that emerged during interview but is not reflected in the application, or factors affecting the student's academic outcomes. Please do not use this space to write general recommendations: these will be disregarded.

Your answer should be no more than 500 characters long.

Page 8: Supervisor's Declaration

- I have read the student's LISS DTP application.
- Where the student will not have recognised qualifying degrees, I confirm that they have the equivalent and relevant experience to undertake a PhD.
- I confirm that the information I have provided in this form is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge at this date.
- I have read and I acknowledge the [ESRC Postgraduate Funding Grant Guide](#).
- I am aware of the expectation that supervisors will contribute to the academic life of the LISS DTP by participating in training and events.
- **I am aware that for INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS that ESRC will only provide fees at the UKRI Home Fee Rate, so the difference between the UKRI Home Fee Rate (£4,596 for 2022/23) and the international rate charged by the host institution and/or department will have to be met by the student, their institution or another source.**

In the LISS DTP institutions are waiving the fee difference for **a limited number of international students**. We **cannot guarantee** that every international student offered a studentship will receive a waiver of the fee difference.

The situation regarding funding the difference between the UKRI Home Fee and International fee charged by an institution's department is currently as follows:

King's College – up to 30% of students can receive an International Doctoral Scholar Award (funded by the Centre for Doctoral Studies) which fully funds the difference between the UKRI Home Tuition Fee and International Fee.

Imperial College – the fee difference can be funded by 1) the department approves a fee waiver or 2) by the student. Students should speak with their supervisor and Department to see whether a fee waiver is available. Please note that if the host department cannot fund the difference between the UKRI Home fee (£4,596 (22/23) and the host Department's International fee, the student will be liable to fund this difference.

Queen Mary – up to 30% of students can receive an International Doctoral Scholar Award (funded by QMUL) which fully funds the difference between the UKRI Home Tuition Fee and International Fee.

- I authorise the LISS Doctoral Training Partnership to disclose to UKRI, the ESRC and other

LISS institutions information that is relevant to this application.

- I consent to LISS, ESRC and UKRI publishing information drawn from this application on their websites about supervisor names, universities and departments if a studentship is awarded for this application.

18. Please indicate your agreement to the above. * *Required*

By submitting this form I agree to the above

Page 9: The End

Thank you for completing this form. It will be matched with the student's application as part of the LISS DTP selection process.

When you have submitted the form:

- **you are offered an opportunity to download a copy (this must be done within 15 minutes of submission)**
 - **you will receive an automated email which contains your Unique Response Number (URN) for your application submission - please keep a copy of this automatic email.**
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