

LISS DTP Studentship Application Form 2023 Entry - Open Competition 1+3

Guidance for completion

Applications close at 5pm on 27/01/2023. Late applications will not be accepted.

Please refer to <https://liss-dtp.ac.uk/applying-to-liss/open-competition/> when completing this form for further guidance.

Please note that **the form is not saved automatically if you navigate away from it.**

You need to click on 'Finish later' at the bottom of the form page on which you are working and then use the 'finish later' URL provided to return to the form. Be careful to accurately enter your email address or bookmark the 'finish later' link to be able to resume the form.

NOTE: We cannot reunite you with your unfinished form if you have lost your 'finish later' link.

We recommend that you prepare your longer answers in a programme such as MS Word and then paste them into this online form. This will enable you to check character counts where questions have a maximum number of characters. (As a rough guide, 1000 characters is about 200 words.)

As per the instructions and criteria on our website- <https://liss-dtp.ac.uk/studentships/core-training-requirements/> you should apply for EITHER a 1+3 OR a +3 studentship. Applying for both studentship formats may result in neither of your applications receiving consideration.

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.

1+3 Studentships

The closing date for this application is **27th January 2023** at **17:00 GMT**. Please refer to the guidance at <https://liss-dtp.ac.uk/applying-to-liss/open-competition/> and read the information given for each question while completing this form.

Your details

Your surname/family name * *Required*

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Your first name(s) * *Required*

[+ More info](#)

Email address * *Required*

[+ More info](#)

Please enter a valid email address.

Student ID number (if you are an existing student at one of our partner institutions or have been allocated a number as a result of an admissions application).

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The Degree programme for which you are applying

Please select your chosen institution for your PhD * *Required*

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King's College
London

Queen Mary
University of London

Imperial College
London

Department / division to which you are applying for your PhD (eg. Department of Geography, School of Economics & Finance etc.) * *Required*

Please state the institution and the title of the Masters degree programme for which you are applying. (Please copy this directly from the programme website to ensure accuracy). * *Required*

Supervisor details:

- Please insert the name and email address of your prospective first supervisor below (required)
- Please insert the name and email address of your second supervisor if known.

First supervisor - surname * *Required*

First supervisor - first name * *Required*

First supervisor - email address * *Required*

Second supervisor - surname *Optional*

Second supervisor - first name

Second supervisor - email address

Please tell us about the status of your application for admission to a LISS DTP institution.

* *Required*

- I have applied and been accepted
- I have applied and am awaiting an admissions decision

You must apply to your preferred institution prior to submitting your LISS DTP application but it is not necessary to have been offered a place at point of applying for LISS DTP funding.

Name of your referee. * *Required*

Your reference must be from someone **other than your proposed PhD supervisor** who can comment on your potential for doctoral study. Please tell us the name of the person providing the reference.

The reference for your application must be emailed to lissapplications@kcl.ac.uk by 5pm on 27/01/2023 with 'student surname_referee surname_reference' in the subject line.

Note: LISS DTP will not contact your referee for their reference; we require the reference by the application deadline (submitted by the applying student or by the referee).

How will you be studying? * *Required*

[+ More info](#)

- Full Time Part Time

Part-time must be 50%. No other percentages are allowed.

Are you applying for a studentship as a UK Home student or as an International (including EU)? * *Required*

- I am a Home student as defined in Annex One of the UKRI Guidance October 2020 I am an International student as defined in Annex One of the UKRI Guidance October 2020

Nationality and residency requirements for both Home and International students can be found in [Annex One of the UKRI Guidance issued in October 2020](#) (updated March 2021). Please read this document to determine whether you will be classed as a Home or International student.

Contact the Admissions team at the institution to which you have applied if you are uncertain of your status. LISS DTP is unable to advise on complex cases and will abide by your institution's assessment of your status.

Home students

To be classed as a home student, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a UK National (meeting residency requirements), or
- Have settled status, or
- Have pre-settled status (meeting residency requirements), or
- Have indefinite leave to remain or enter

If you do not meet the above criteria you are classed as an International student, For further details please refer to [Annex One of the UKRI Guidance issued in October 2020](#)

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Following a UKRI announcement on the 20th August 2020, international students (including EU students) will be eligible for studentship awards from October 2021 onwards. **Applicants should note however that the 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 your 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.

Proposed Research

Please describe the research topic that you would like to pursue for your PhD, and explain why you are interested in this area of research. As your research interests will develop over the year of your Masters training, we are not looking for a full research proposal at this stage, only an outline of your probable PhD research area. It is essential that you discuss your topic with your prospective supervisor or the department/division where you will be undertaking your Masters when drafting this section of the application.

With regard to your chosen Masters degree, please explain how your intended degree programme will prepare you for doctoral study. As far as possible, include details of the modules/training you intend to pursue and their potential contribution to your likely doctoral project.

We recommend you draft your Project Proposal in a programme such MS Word to ensure you have a correct character count (max, 10,000 characters including spaces). Entries over the work/character limit will be truncated.

Research Project Title * *Required*

Research Project Summary suitable for a general audience. * *Required*

Your answer should be no more than 1500 characters long.

If you are successful, this summary will appear on the LISS DTP website and elsewhere.

Research Project Proposal * *Required*

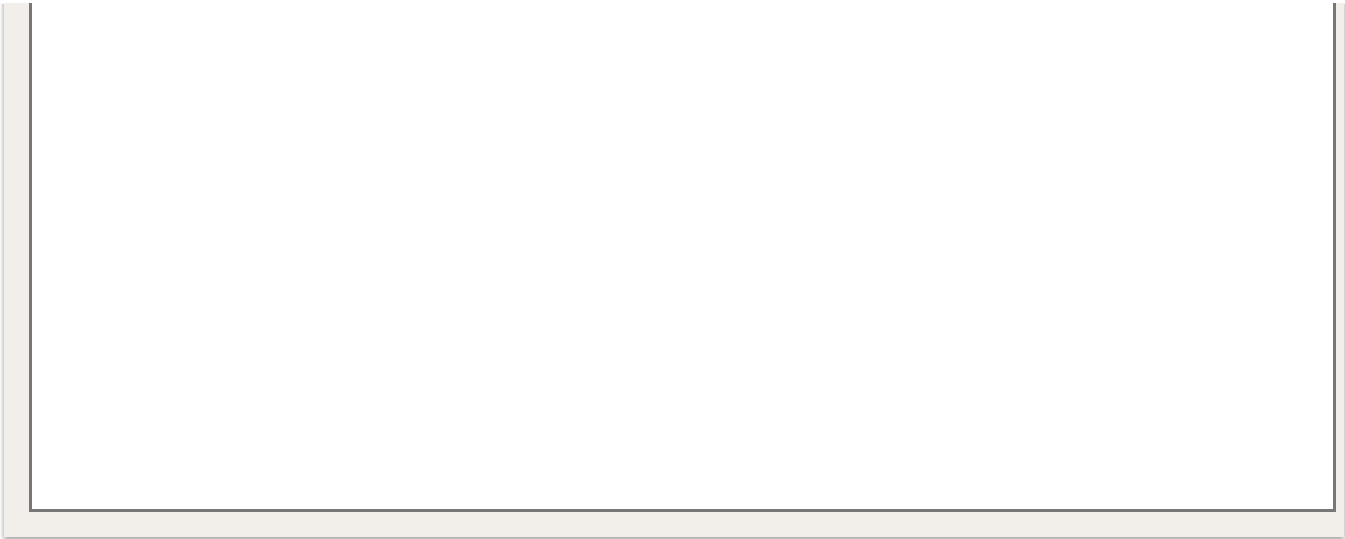
Your answer should be no more than 10000 characters long.

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Please use this space for citations and bibliographic references associated with your research proposal .

Your answer should be no more than 5600 characters long.

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Summary of Academic Qualifications

Please summarise the most recent academic qualifications you hold or are currently studying for. If this is a higher education qualification you should include the university, degree title, class/grade, and dates of study. Type only **one** qualification into each of the boxes below. There are four boxes so you can enter up to four qualifications.

Example: University of XYZ, MA Politics, Distinction, September 2015- September 2016.

Academic qualification 1 * *Required*

Academic qualification 2

Academic qualification 3

Academic qualification 4



Other awards, prizes, achievements and/or professional qualifications

Please summarise any academic or professional awards, prizes or achievements.

Academic or professional award, prize or achievement, with dates. *Optional*

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Prior Experience

Please include details of any relevant previous or current work experience that is relevant to your research project or your abilities as a researcher. Use one box per entry and mention: job title, organisation, start and finish dates (month and year), description of the role in up to three sentences.

Example: Assistant Researcher, XYZ plc, Sept 2018-Dec 2018. I analysed customer data from across multiple countries and outlets and prepared summary reports for the senior sales team.

Job title, organisation, start and finish dates (month and year), description of the role in up to three sentences.

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Personal Statement

Please describe: Your reasons for applying; how the studentship relates to your career goals; how your previous study and/or experience has prepared you; why you deserve a studentship. * *Required*

Your answer should be no more than 3000 characters long.

Previous postgraduate level study

If you have previously received Research Council funding, or have already had a period of postgraduate training, please explain what this was and why you wish to engage in further postgraduate study. If you already hold a postgraduate qualification, please explain why you are applying for a LISS DTP 1+3 studentship rather than a +3 studentship.

LISS DTP Thematic Pathway (1-13): Please choose the Pathway with which your research is most closely associated. 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

ESRC Discipline Classification which best describes your research. You can see full details here: <http://www.esrc.ac.uk/funding/guidance-for-applicants/is-my-research-suitable-for-esrc-funding/discipline-classifications/> * *Required*

- Demography and/or human geography
- Development studies (area and development studies)
- Economics
- Economic history and/or social history
- Education
- Environmental planning
- Linguistics (applied linguistics, computational/corpus linguistics, psycholinguistics, sociolinguistics, languages & linguistics)
- Management & business studies
- Political science & international studies
- Psychology
- Social anthropology
- Social policy
- Social work
- Sociology (can include science & technology studies)
- Law & legal studies (including socio-legal studies)
- Tools, technologies & methods (social statistics, methods & computing)

Existing Core Research Methods Training

Do you already hold a Masters degree or have equivalent professional experience/qualifications that has entailed learning/using **qualitative methods, quantitative methods** or **social theory perspectives**? To better understand what is meant by this, see this webpage- <https://liss-dtp.ac.uk/studentships/core-training-requirements/> **Please note:** we do not require or expect candidates for 1+3 awards to have such prior knowledge/experience or an existing Masters degree. * *Required*

Yes

No

If yes, please provide details of all the **social theory perspectives** training that you received during this degree or through work experience in the box below. Please provide module names/topics covered/number of course hours in the case of formal training. Please answer 'none' in this field if you do not have this kind of training/experience.

If yes, please provide details of all the **qualitative methods** training that you received during this degree or through work experience in the box below. Please provide module names/topics covered/number of course hours in the case of formal training. Please answer 'none' in this field if you do not have this kind of training/experience.

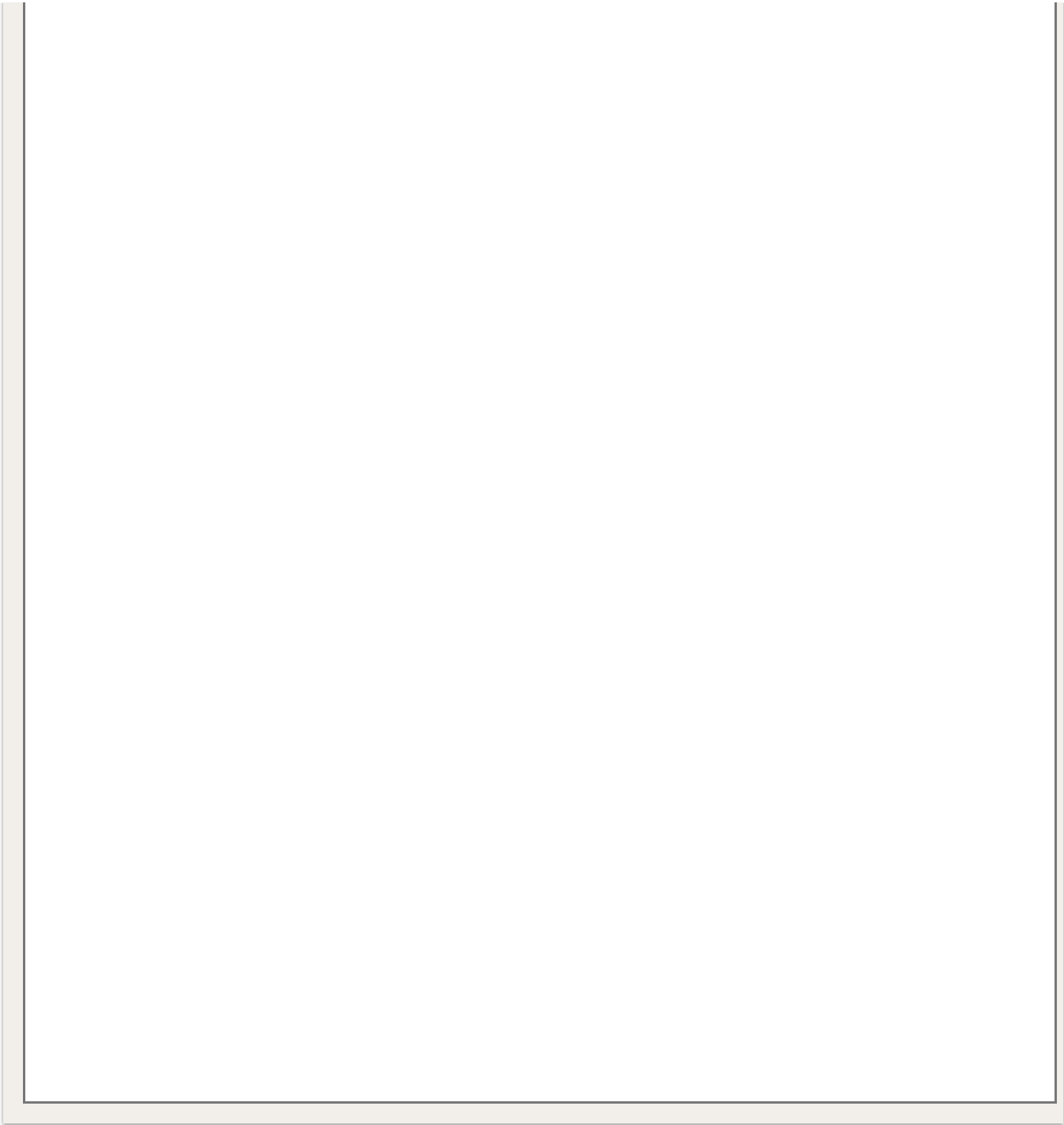
If yes, please provide details of all the **quantitative research methods** training that you

received during this degree or through work experience in the box below. Please provide module names/topics covered/number of course hours in the case of formal training. Please answer 'none' in this field if you do not have this kind of training/experience.

Potential for collaboration with non-academic organisations

If you think that your research could be relevant beyond higher education, please describe the ways in which it might engage with non-academic organisations. You may leave this section blank if you have not yet had a chance to consider external collaboration, or do not believe this to be applicable to your proposed research (*max 1500 characters*)

Your answer should be no more than 1500 characters long.



Advanced Quantitative Methods Training

AQM research goes beyond applying descriptive statistics and other basic generic (eg simple regression) and subject specific methods. The expectation for an AQM award is that the analysis will use quantitative methods that extend beyond the standard elements of quantitative research. The following is a non-exhaustive list of methods that could be considered AQM:

- multi-variate analysis using advanced regression techniques including for example tobit, multinomial, proportional hazards regression, Heckman selection models etc
- multi-leveilling modelling (equivalent to a random effects panel model)
- latent variable models, latent trait analysis
- structural equation modelling, path analysis
- factor analysis, components analysis, longitudinal or panel analysis, including fixed effects and random effects panel models, event history, duration modelling, survival analysis/hazard modelling (proportional hazards models)
- statistical techniques including for example weighting, imputation, complex sampling, bootstrapping, Bayesian MCMC estimation
- identification strategies for causal effects such as instrumental variable approaches, propensity score matching, regression discontinuity
- experimental approaches
- calibration and modelling techniques to do counterfactual analysis and test structural models.
- vector autoregressive modelling.
- simulation
- item response theory
- meta-analysis
- Markov switching models
- smooth transition autoregressive (STAR) and threshold autoregressive (TAR) models
- DSGE models

Will your research use quantitative methods that are regarded as advanced within your subject specialism? * *Required*

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Yes

No

If 'yes', please identify the methods and their contribution to your project (max 700 characters).

Your answer should be no more than 700 characters long.

Linguistic Proficiency

Will your research require proficiency in another language? * *Required*

Yes

No

If yes, please state what the language is, outline your existing competency and identify any training needs (max 700 characters). Please also read the ESRC's language groupings in Annex 2 of their Funding Guide- <http://www.esrc.ac.uk/files/skills-and-careers/studentships/postgraduate-funding-guide/> - and identify the grouping into which your language fits.

Your answer should be no more than 700 characters long.

Overseas Fieldwork

Will your research likely involve international travel (outside the UK) for fieldwork? *
Required

Yes

No

If yes, please outline where you will likely undertake fieldwork and for how long. *We understand at this point this may be only indicative. (max 1500 characters)* Please also confirm whether you are eligible for a visa to travel to this country.

[+ More info](#)

Your answer should be no more than 1500 characters long.

Interdisciplinarity

Interdisciplinarity can be interpreted as the use of more than one discipline across broad categories of knowledge such as: natural and social sciences, engineering/physical sciences and social science, computing science and social science, medical and social sciences, arts & humanities and social science etc.

If your project involves an interdisciplinary approach, please describe this (max 1500 characters).

[+ More info](#)

Your answer should be no more than 1500 characters long.

If you are applying through a LISS DTP university to another Doctoral Training Partnership funded by one of the other (non-ESRC) UKRI Research Councils, (for example the AHRC, BBSRC or NERC), please say which Research Council and DTP. This information will not prejudice your LISS DTP application in any way, but if you are successful it will enable us to explore joint-funding arrangements with another DTP.

[+ More info](#)



Declaration

- I understand that my application is only considered complete, and will only be considered for funding, if all the information below is submitted by the deadline of **27 January 2023 17:00 GMT**.
- I understand that my application will not be considered for funding if my application is incomplete at **27 January 2023 17:00 GMT**.

1. This LISS DTP Studentship application form.
2. A statement of support from my supervisor on the online form on our [Studentships webpage](#)
3. A reference from someone other than my supervisor emailed to lissapplications@kcl.ac.uk
4. My academic transcripts emailed to lissapplications@kcl.ac.uk

- I have submitted an online admissions application for my proposed institution
- I confirm that the information I have provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge at this date.
- I have read and I acknowledge the the [UKRI Guidance October 2020 on eligibility](#).
- I have read and acknowledge the UKRI Training Grant Terms and Conditions and eligibility requirements available [here](#).
- I have read and acknowledge the ESRC Postgraduate Funding Guide which can be found [here](#).
- I understand that any award given is conditional on the proposal receiving any necessary ethical approval from the University to which I have applied.
- I understand that I am not guaranteed to receive funding for the research resources I am currently planning to use.
- I understand that if I am an International student, any ESRC award will not cover the full International fee charged by my institution.
- I authorise the LISS DTP to disclose to the UKRI and other LISS institutions any information that is relevant to my application.
- I consent to LISS DTP using the email address I have supplied to send me information.
- I consent to LISS DTP, UKRI and my University publishing information drawn from this application on their websites about myself, my research project and my supervisors if I am awarded a studentship.
- I agree that LISS DTP and its member institutions can process my information and keep a copy of my application to collect statistics and detect and prevent fraud. The Data Protection Act allows you to ask us for a copy of all the information we have about your application.

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

By submitting this form I agree to the above

Next steps

- As the next step, you must ask your supervisor to submit the form to make a statement supporting your application: <https://liss-dtp.ac.uk/applying-to-liss/open-competition/> - **applications without a Supervisor Supporting Statement are considered as incomplete.**
- You or your referee should email your reference to lissapplications@kcl.ac.uk with the following in the subject line: applicant name_referee name_reference
- You should email your academic transcripts to lissapplications@kcl.ac.uk with the following in the subject line: applicant name_transcripts
- You must also complete your admissions application to the university of your choice.

These steps must be completed by **17:00 GMT on Friday 27 January 2023**. **Reminders will not be issued.**

Please contact liss-dtp@kcl.ac.uk if you have any questions about the form or any part of this application process that are not covered by the guidance here or on the [LISS web pages](#).

You will now be taken to the Equality & Diversity section of this application. You must complete this section in order to submit your application, but you are offered the opportunity to 'opt out' of answering each question and all answers to these questions will be kept anonymous and are not shared with reviewers.

Diversity Monitoring Form

LISS DTP and the ESRC are committed to equality of opportunity in our studentship selection processes. In order to evaluate our progress, we need to collect monitoring data.

The information you supply on this form will be kept confidential. The monitoring portion of this form will not be sent to reviewing panel members.

Please note: each question has the option to opt out of giving an answer.

Please say which age range applies to you. * *Required*

- 0 - 24
- 25 - 29
- 30 - 34
- 35 - 39
- 40 - 44
- 45 - 49
- 50 - 54
- 55 - 59
- 60 - 64
- 65 +
- Prefer not to say

What is your gender? * *Required*

- Female
- Male
- Non-binary
- Other

Prefer not to say

Are you trans or do you have a trans history? * *Required*

- Yes
- No
- I don't know
- I prefer not to say

Please select your sexual orientation * *Required*

- Asexual
- Bi/Bisexual
- Gay/ lesbian
- Heterosexual / straight
- Queer
- Other
- Prefer not to say

Do you have any caring responsibilities? Tick all which apply. * *Required*

- None
- Primary carer of a child or children (under 18 years)
- Primary carer of a disabled child or children
- Primary carer or assistant for a disabled adult (18 years and over)
- Primary carer or assistant for an older person or people (65 years and over)
- Secondary carer (another person carries out the main caring role)

Prefer not to say

Ethnicity

The questions about ethnic group refer to the group to which you perceive yourself to belong.

Asian

- Bangladeshi British
- Chinese British
- Indian British
- Pakistani British
- Other British Asian background
- Bangladeshi
- Chinese
- Indian
- Pakistani
- Other Asian background

Black

- African British
- Caribbean British
- Other Black British background
- African
- Caribbean
- Other Black background

White

- English, Scottish, Welsh, Northern Irish or British
- Irish
- Gypsy or Traveller
- Polish
- Other White background

Mixed

- Mixed or multiple ethnic background

Other ethnic group

- Other ethnic group

I prefer not to say

- I would prefer not to declare my ethnicity

Disability

The Equality Act 2010 defines a disabled person as someone who has a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse affect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities. 'Substantial is defined by the Act as 'more than minor or trivial'. An impairment is considered to have a long term effect if: it has lasted for at least 12 months, it is likely to last for at least 12 months, or it is likely to last for the rest

of the life of the person.

The use of 'D/deaf' incorporates those who identify as audiotogically deaf and those who are deaf and identify as part of a social and cultural community of deaf people.

Do you consider yourself to be disabled? * *Required*

- No known impairment, health condition or learning difference
- A long standing illness or health condition such as cancer, HIV, diabetes, chronic heart disease, or epilepsy
- A mental health difficulty, such as depression, schizophrenia or anxiety disorder
- A physical impairment or mobility issues, such as difficulty using your arms or using a wheelchair or crutches
- A social/communication impairment such as a speech and language impairment or Asperger's syndrome/other autistic spectrum disorder
- A specific learning difficulty such as dyslexia, dyspraxia or AD(H)D
- Blind or have a visual impairment uncorrected by glasses
- D/deaf or have a hearing impairment
- An impairment, health condition or learning difference that is not listed above
- Prefer not to say

Social Background

Did your parent/s or carer/s attend university?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure
- Prefer not to say

What type of school(s) did you mainly attend between the ages of 11 and 18 years old?

- State-run or state-funded school in the UK, which was selective on academic, faith, or other grounds
- State-run or state-funded school in the UK, which was non-selective
- Independent or fee-paying school in the UK
- School outside of the UK
- I don't know
- I prefer not to say

How did you hear about us?

Please tell us where you heard about LISS DTP. * *Required*

- findaphd.com
- jobs.ac.uk
- thinkpostgrad.com
- The Voice
- Word of Mouth
- Other (please specify)

If you selected Other, please specify:

The End

You have reached the end of the form. Please note that because of the volume of applications we receive and process, LISS DTP regrets that it is not able to offer detailed feedback on applications submitted for shortlisting.

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