

# LISS DTP Studentship Application Form 2024 Entry - Open Competition +3

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## Guidance for completion

**Applications close at 5pm on 26/01/2024. Late applications will not be accepted.**

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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 (please note that the length of funding is determined at the application review stage, and can be up to 1+3.5 or +3.5 years). 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.**

## +3 Studentships

The closing date for this application is **Friday, 26 January 2024 at 17:00 GMT**. Please refer to the guidance with each question and at <https://liss-dtp.ac.uk/applying-to-liss/open-competition/> 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 Number (if you are an existing student at one of the LISS DTP partner institutions (King's, QMUL or ICL) or have been allocated a number as a result of an admissions application to the institution).

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# The Degree programme for which you are applying

Please select your chosen institution \* *Required*

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King's College  
London

Queen Mary  
University of London

Imperial College  
London

Department/School to which you are applying (eg. Department of Geography in School of Economics & Finance etc.) \* *Required*

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The PhD programme title for which you are applying (refer to the online prospectus of your host institution for this title). *Optional*

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## 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 details: \* *Required*

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First supervisor - surname \* *Required*

First supervisor - first name \* *Required*

First supervisor - email address \* *Required*

Second supervisor - surname *Optional*

Second supervisor - first name *Optional*

Second supervisor - email address *Optional*

Please tell us about the status of your application for admission (to the PhD programme you are applying for) 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 the 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](mailto:lissapplications@kcl.ac.uk) by 5pm on 26/01/2024 with 'student surname\_referee surname\_reference' in the subject line.**

**Note:** LISS DTP will not contact your referee for their reference; we require your reference by the application deadline.

How will you be studying? \* *Required*

- 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*

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="radio"/> I am a Home student as defined in Annex One of the UKRI Guidance October 2020 | <input type="radio"/> I am an International student as defined in Annex One of the UKRI Guidance October 2020 |
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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 2023). 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 fee 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 (£4,712 for 2023/24) 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 (£4,712 (23/24) 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.

Have you already started studying for a PhD?

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- Yes
- No

If you have already started your PhD, please tell us: 1. the date when you started (month and year) and 2. whether you are studying full- or part-time currently.

If you are successful in this application, will you be studying

- Full-time

Part-time

# Proposed Research

It is essential that you discuss your research proposal with your prospective supervisor. You should address:

- the theoretical background to the proposed/actual research and its relationship to previous work in the relevant field(s);
- the significance (scientific, intellectual, practical, etc.) of the proposed/actual research;
- the methodological approach and why it is appropriate to the aims of the project;
- how your proposed/actual research complements your previous experience and anticipates possible future research work;
- why you feel your project fits with your proposed/chosen supervisors' research, the strengths of the centre/department/division/School and the research pathways of LISS DTP.

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*

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Your answer should be no more than 1500 characters long.

Research Project Proposal \* *Required*

Your answer should be no more than 10100 characters long.







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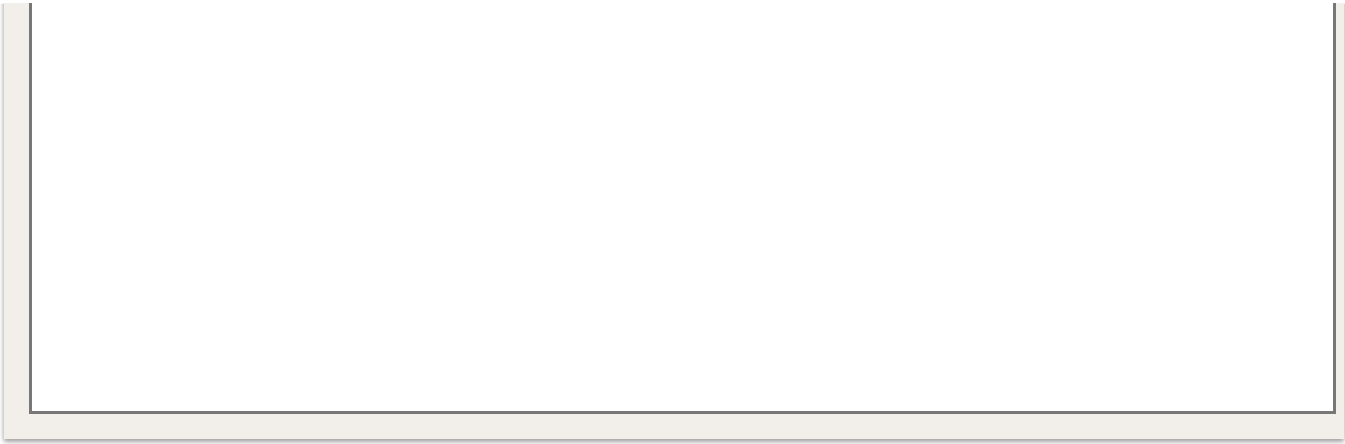
Please use this space for citations and bibliographic references associated with your research proposal or for links to your own publications if you have them.

Your answer should be no more than 5600 characters long.

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# Summary of Academic Qualifications

Please summarise the academic (university or higher education degree) qualifications you hold or are currently studying for. 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 2018 - September 2019.*

University, Degree title, Class/grade of degree, Dates of study (From-To) \* *Required*

University, Degree title, Class/grade of degree, Dates of study (From-To)

University, Degree title, Class/grade of degree, Dates of study (From-To)

University, Degree title, Class/grade of degree, Dates of study (From-To)



## 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 2020 - Dec 2020. 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.



## Research Council Eligibility

If you have previously received Research Council funding, or have already had a period of full-time postgraduate training, please explain what this was and why you wish to engage in further postgraduate study.

LISS DTP Research Area (1-6): Please choose the Research Area with which your research is most closely associated. You can find full Research Area descriptions on the LISS DTP website here: <https://liss-dtp.ac.uk/research-areas/> \* *Required*

- 1. Global Health Innovation
- 2. Business Analytics, Management, and Applied Economics
- 3. Language, Culture, and Education
- 4. Environment and Sustainability
- 5. Global Order and Security
- 6. Public Policy and Governance

ESRC Discipline Classification which best describes your research. You can see full details here: <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/esrc/what-is-social-science/social-science-disciplines/> \* *Required*

- Demography
- Area and development studies
- Economics
- Economic and social history
- Education
- Environmental planning
- Human geography
- Linguistics
- Management and business studies
- Politics and international studies
- Psychology
- Science and technology studies
- Social anthropology
- Social policy
- Social work
- Social statistics, methods, and computing
- Socio legal studies
- Sociology

# Existing Core Research Methods Training

Please confirm that you have received training in core social science research methods, either at Masters level or through work experience. \* *Required*

- I confirm that I have received core social science research methods training as specified at <https://liss-dtp.ac.uk/applying-to-liss/core-training-requirements/> at Masters Level or through work experience

For further clarification on what is meant by 'core social science research methods training', see: <https://liss-dtp.ac.uk/applying-to-liss/core-training-requirements/> If you have not already acquired at least 75% of the listed core research methods training by either of the means mentioned above you should not proceed with this application but apply for a 1+3 studentship instead.

Please provide details of all the **social theory perspectives** training that you received during postgraduate study 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.

Please provide details of all the **qualitative methods** training that you received during postgraduate study 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.

Please provide details of all the **quantitative research methods** training that you received through postgraduate study 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. How will your proposed project develop clear pathways to impact through collaboration with nonacademic partners?*(max 1500 characters)*

Your answer should be no more than 1500 characters long.













































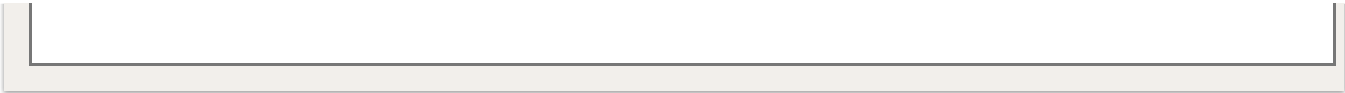












# Advanced Quantitative Methods Training

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*

[+ More info](#)

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.



## Data skills

Data skills research fully exploits the increasing volumes of large and complex data for research purposes including survey data and 'big data' (social media, administrative, transactional and geospatial data). Research can use qualitative and/or quantitative approaches. The data skills required to understand, piece together, clean and produce a robust data resource for research are varied. In addition to quantitative and/or qualitative analytics skills needed to undertake research, the researcher engineers data together from a range of sources, understands e.g. caveats such as potential biases (particularly where data are linked), checks and monitors data integrity, as well as curates data and writes efficient statistical programme code to ensure that research outcomes can be robustly peerreviewed and that these data pipelines can be shared again in the future.

Please describe: How does your proposed project draw on on existing or new databases (regardless of the methodology used).*(max 1500 characters)*

Your answer should be no more than 1500 characters long.























































Will your research use data skills that are regarded as advanced within your subject specialism? \* *Required*

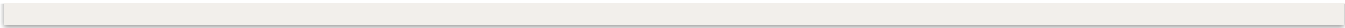
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Yes

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 and how your research plan would be amended if international travel were not possible.

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Your answer should be no more than 1500 characters long.

# Interdisciplinarity

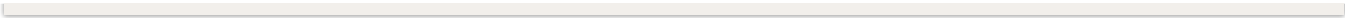
Interdisciplinarity can be interpreted as the use of more than one discipline across broad categories of knowledge such as: natural and social sciences, engineering/physical sciences and social science, computing science and social science, medical and social sciences, arts & humanities and social science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

Please describe: How does your research draw on, and combine, different research specialities across and beyond the social sciences, and contribute to interdisciplinary thinking (max 1500 characters).

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 26 January 2024 17:00 GMT.**
- **I understand that my application will not be considered for funding if my application is incomplete at 26 January 2024 17:00 GMT.**

1. This LISS DTP Studentship application form.
  2. A statement of support from my supervisor on the online form on our [Open Competition webpage](#)
  3. A reference from someone other than my supervisor emailed to [lissapplications@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:lissapplications@kcl.ac.uk)
  4. My academic transcripts emailed to [lissapplications@kcl.ac.uk](mailto: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 difference between the UKRI Home Fee and 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 will be considered as incomplete.**
- You or your referee should email your reference to [lissapplications@kcl.ac.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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 26 January 2024. Reminders will not be issued.**

Please contact [liss-dtp@kcl.ac.uk](mailto: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 transgender, or do you have a transgender 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

## Prefer not to say

- I would prefer not to specify 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 audiotically 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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