

# LISS DTP Application Form 2020 Entry - Open Competition 1+3

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## Guidance for completion

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.

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 program 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.

# 1+3 Studentships

The closing date for this application is **Friday, 31 January 2020 at 17:00 GMT**. Please refer to the guidance at [www.liss-dtp.ac.uk/studentships](http://www.liss-dtp.ac.uk/studentships) while completing this form.

## Your details

Your surname/family name \* *Required*

[+ More info](#)

Your first name(s) \* *Required*

[+ More info](#)

Email address \* *Required*

[+ More info](#)

Please enter a valid email address.

Please state your date of birth. \* *Required*

[+ More info](#)

Dates need to be in the format 'DD/MM/YYYY', for example 27/03/1980.



(dd/mm/yyyy)

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 \* *Required*

[+ More info](#)

King's College  
London

Queen Mary  
University of London

Imperial College  
London

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

Please list 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) and 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*

[+ More info](#)

- I have applied and been accepted
- I have applied and am awaiting an admissions decision
- I have not yet applied
- I have applied and been rejected

How will you be studying? \* *Required*

+ More info

- Full Time                       Part Time

Are you applying for a studentship as a UK resident or as an EU resident? Guidelines on residential eligibility can be found in Section 2 of the [ESRC Postgraduate Funding Guide](#) . You may also wish to refer to Annex B of the [UKRI Training Grant Guidance](#). **Please note:** we do not accept applications from students who are classed by their institution as 'international' or 'overseas' for fees purposes. Contact the Admissions team at the institution to which you have applied if you are uncertain of your status. \* *Required*

- a UK resident  
(according to ESRC  
guidelines)                       an EU resident

# 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 program such MS Word to ensure you have a correct character count. Entries over the work/character limit will be truncated.

Research Project Title \* *Required*

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

[+ More info](#)

Your answer should be no more than 1500 characters long.



Research Project Proposal \* *Required*

Your answer should be no more than 10100 characters long.

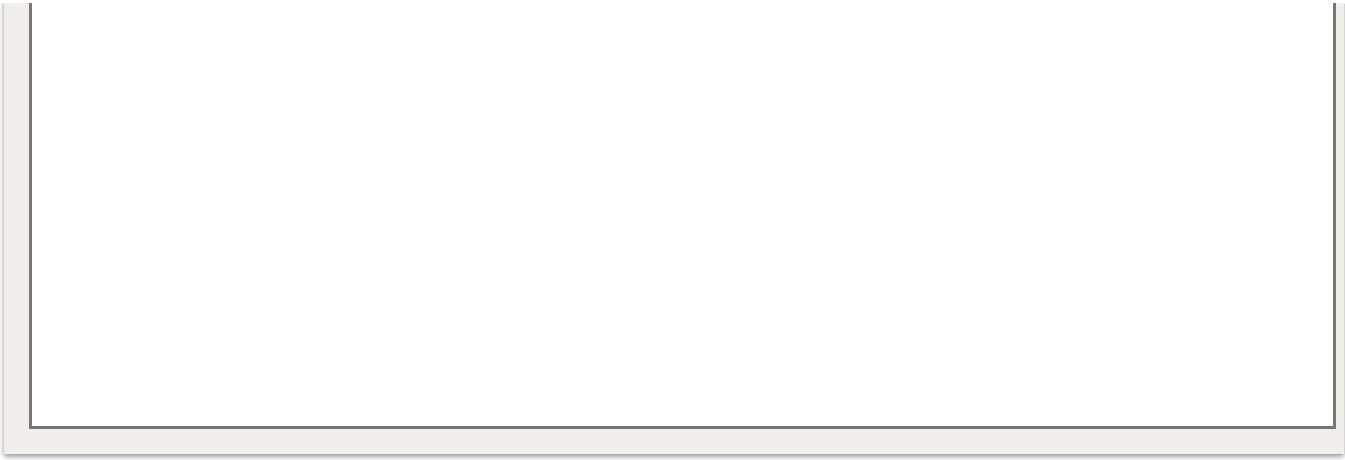




Please use this space for citations and bibliographic references associated with your research proposal .

Your answer should be no more than 5500 characters long.





# 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.

University, Degree title, Class/grade of degree, Dates of study (From-To) *Example: University of York, BA Politics, Distinction, September 2015- September 2016. \* Required*

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# 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, LoadsStuff 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.

## 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 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](http://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*

[+ 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.

# 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 on p. 43 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 if all the information below is not submitted by the deadline of 31 January 2020 17:00 GMT my application for funding will not be considered.**
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 completed and submitted online admissions application for my proposed institution supported with academic transcripts and references.
- I confirm that the information I have provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge at this date.
  - I give permission for LISS DTP to obtain copies of my academic transcripts and references from my admissions application, submitted with my admissions application.
  - I have read and I acknowledge the UKRI '[Terms and conditions of training grants](#)'.
  - 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 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

The next step is to ask your supervisor to submit a form to make a statement supporting your application. The form is available [here](#): the supervisor should select the '1+3' form.

The supervisor statement must be received by the LISS DTP team by **17:00 GMT on Friday 31 January 2020**. It is **your responsibility** to ensure it is submitted on time. LISS DTP will not remind supervisors to do so.

You should also apply for admission to your chosen University.

**Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.**

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.

***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, and the answers you give will have no bearing on the outcome of your application.

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

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

[+ More info](#)

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

Please state your gender identity \* *Required*

- Female
- Male
- Other
- Prefer not to say

## Ethnicity

Ethnicity: These categories are based on the Census 2011 categories and recommended by the Commission for Racial Equality.

Asian, Asian British, Asian English, Asian Scottish, or Asian Welsh

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

Black, Black British, Black English, Black Scottish, or Black Welsh

- African
- Caribbean
- Other Black background

White

- British
- English
- Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- Irish
- Scottish
- Welsh
- Other

Mixed

<input type="radio"/> White and Asian	<input type="radio"/> White and Black African	<input type="radio"/> White and Black Caribbean
<input type="radio"/> White and Chinese	<input type="radio"/> Other mixed background	

Other ethnic group

<input type="radio"/> Arab	<input type="radio"/> Other ethnic group
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Ethnicity disclosure

<input type="radio"/> I would prefer not to declare my ethnicity
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## 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.

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

<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Prefer not to say
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## Sexual Orientation

Please select your sexual orientation \* *Required*

- Bisexual
- Gay man
- Gay woman / lesbian
- Heterosexual / straight
- Other
- Prefer not to say

# Disqualification

Thank you for your interest in applying for a studentship with LISS DTP. Unfortunately, your answers have disqualified you from proceeding with an application for funding.

Please contact the administration team at [liss-dtp@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:liss-dtp@kcl.ac.uk) if you feel this is incorrect, or if you have any other questions.

## How did you hear about us?

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

- findaphd.com
- jobs.ac.uk
- thinkpostgrad.com
- The Big Issue
- other (please specify)

If you selected Other, please specify:

# The End

You have reached the end of the form.

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