



MRC London Intercollegiate Doctoral Training Partnership Studentship Terms & Conditions

ADMISSION

By submitting an application for funding:

- the applicant is confirming that the information provided on their studentship application, and all supporting documents, is true and accurate, and
- the applicant consents to their funding application documents, including uploaded supporting documents and references, being released to their proposed supervisors and the studentship panel/s, and
- the applicant commits on a full-time or part-time basis to the training/study under the direction of their supervisor(s). Applicants undertaking study on a part-time basis agree to devoting the full amount of time deemed necessary and appropriate to their research (as determined by their primary institution), and
- the applicant agrees to informing the MRC LID administration team immediately of any change in information provided in the application form.

This funding is subject to compliance with all terms and conditions set out in

- the [MRC LID DTP2 Studentship Handbook](#) and
- the [UKRI Training grant Terms & Conditions and accompanying Guidance](#), and
- partner institutions' student regulations.

Where these contradict each other funding applicants and awardees should seek the advice of the MRC LID Admin team, who will confirm which regulation/deadline should be followed.

By applying to this studentship, the applicant has read and agreed to abide by these conditions.

FUNDING OFFER

The successful applicant(s) will be sent a funding offer by e-mail. The studentship funding is intended for the programme of study and route outlined in the offer only. Any requests for an alteration to this must be made via MRC LID, and will require formal MRC LID Board consideration.

To accept the offer of funding the successful applicant must email the MRC LID Administration team via mrclid@lshtm.ac.uk as soon as possible, and by the deadline date stated on the email at the latest. If the MRC LID Administration team does not receive a response from the award recipient by this date, we will assume the nominated candidate is declining this award. Therefore, we will retract our funding offer and make an offer for the same award to the next ranked reserve candidate.

Accepting an MRC LID Studentship award constitutes a legal signature that the award recipient acknowledges and agrees to the declarations, and terms and conditions set out by

1. their primary institution, and
2. MRC LID (the Doctoral Training Partnership), and
3. UKRI and/or MRC.

(Links to requirements for these are found in this document and/or in the offer of award email and accompanying letter.)

An MRC LID studentship offer is conditional on the successful applicant submitting further documentation for admission to their primary institution where required.

- Awardees primarily based at St George's, University of London (SGUL) will be advised of any actions and/or documents required by the Programme Manager (Research Degrees) at SGUL.
- Awardees primarily based at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) are required to submit a relevant application for study/admission to LSHTM
 - for 1+4 awardees this will initially be for their funded Master's programme, followed by a research degree application the following spring;
 - for +4 year awardees this will be for the appropriate Faculty's research degree.

The studentship offer is conditional upon the applicant

- being assessed as having the same fee status as the MRC LID Studentship award offer, and
- receiving confirmation of an offer of admission (if applicable), and
- satisfying all of the conditions stipulated in their formal offer of admission letter and/or any accompanying information (or alternative paperwork from their primary institution), and
- registration for the programme of study outlined in the formal MRC LID Award letter (both initially and annually thereafter for the duration of the funding).

The studentship funding offer is for the duration specified on the award letter only. This is subject to the award recipient re-enrolling with both partner institutions on an annual basis.

The award must commence during the academic year noted on the award offer letter. The studentship cannot be deferred to start in a later academic session, nor can it be transferred to another institution.

International awardees are expected to follow institutional processes to secure a suitable student visa and for support with any [UK ATAS requirements](#). MRC LID encourages applicants to start these processes early so as to avoid any delays, and to liaise with the Registry and Student Visa teams at their primary institutions if they have any concerns or queries.

This award may not normally be held alongside any other studentships or awards except where it is jointly funded or agreed – in advance – by MRC LID. Awardees are obliged to inform MRC LID and their primary institution Registry of any other funding they are receiving. Failure to do so may result in the withdrawal or termination of the award.

Funding cannot be applied retrospectively and will only be effective from a studentship recipient's first day of enrolment in the academic session noted on their studentship award letter (assuming they have completed institutional registration requirements at that time).

INDUCTION & TRAINING

MRC LID awardees are required to attend the MRC LID Induction in September 2023. Before the initial start/registration date and induction awardees will receive an email from MRC LID, which will provide information about

- registration at both institutions,
- MRC LID induction,
- stipend payments, and
- general details about their award.

In this communication awardees will also receive a bank account details form. The award recipient must complete the separate UK bank account details form and return this as per instructions in the email. MRC LID expects bank details for all students to have been provided within 2 weeks of initial registration day at the latest, to ensure that stipend payments can be made in a timely manner.

MRC LID will arrange cohort training at intervals over the year. Students will be advised as to when they are expected to attend training events (as opposed to those training programmes and events which are voluntary).

There are other events offered over the academic year which students are encouraged to attend as part of their DTP funding.

GENERAL

MRC LID expects students to adhere to the behavioural guidelines and regulations of their primary institution and – where applicable/appropriate – of the secondary institution. By accepting an award, students confirm that they accept and will adhere to these. Funded students who do not do so may be at risk of losing their funding. For further information on these guidelines and regulations, please read through the following:

- London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine
<https://www.lshtm.ac.uk/study/new-students/starting-your-course-london/regulations-policies-and-procedures>
- St George's, University of London
<https://www.sgul.ac.uk/about/governance/policies/general-regulations-for-students-and-programmes-of-study>

Funded students must maintain satisfactory academic progress at their primary institution and a good standing towards degree requirements for the duration of their enrolment.

The following conditions apply where SGUL is an awardee's primary institution:

- The maximum period of registration for a full-time PhD student is 48 months, comprising 36 months registration, with a further 12 months 'writing up'. Progression into a fourth 'writing up' year is not automatic and is conditional on satisfactory academic progress.
- Students are expected to have completed their degree (including examination) within the 48 months.
- Students will be expected to register for the degree of MPhil in the first instance and, subject to satisfactory academic progress, to transfer to PhD status after one year of study.
- Students accept SGUL's General Terms and Conditions for all students. Acceptance of the studentship will be construed as acceptance of the detailed terms as set out in that document.

(LSHTM students should check LSHTM Research Degree requirements for equivalent details.)

The award recipient must inform the MRC LID Administration team of any proposed changes to their programme of study, mode of attendance, enrolment status, or research project from what was outlined in their MRC LID offer and subsequently on their Je-S student abstract, as this may affect their entitlement to the studentship funding. Where applicable, this information will be passed to the MRC LID Board (for review – to ensure it is within the remit of our DTP and skills training, and studentship regulations). Only once the full process has been followed and agreed will the necessary amendments be made on the funding records.

The award recipient must inform the MRC LID Administration team (via mrclid@lshtm.ac.uk) and their primary institution immediately of any changes to their personal circumstances and/or funding and/or employment status during the period of support which could affect the award. If an alteration in circumstances occurs and it transpires that excess grant funding has been paid, the award recipient agrees to refund the excess to the DTP.

Students are required to undertake a 3-month (FTE) placement not related to their research studies. This placement should be outside of their primary institution. (The MRC LID Board is unlikely to approve placements at either partner institution, other than in very exceptional circumstances.) By accepting an offer of an MRC LID Studentship students agree to engage with the process of arranging their own placements, with the support of their supervisory team, and getting MRC LID Board approval for these prior to the start of the placement.

All MRC-funded students at either institution may apply for additional funding towards their research, training and travel costs. Details about the application process for this competitive fund can be found in the MRC LID Studentship Handbook and on the MRC LID 'Current Students' webpages.

Funds paid to the award recipient once the award has been terminated, or paid in error, or inappropriately, will be reclaimed. This includes claims for expenditure after the end of funding date. Where a student takes an Interruption of Studies (IoS) repayment may be via means of adjusting, withholding, or cancelling future stipend payments. Awards recipients must advise MRC LID where they believe they have been mis-paid.

The award recipient will be advised

- (a) the expected submission date set by their primary institution, and
- (b) the MRC LID maximum expected submission date (the same as the MRC LID End of Funding date).

Students must submit their thesis by no later than whichever of the two dates comes first chronologically.

Award recipients agree to write a student profile for use in institution publications and on the MRC LID and/or partner institutions' websites. They also give consent to the MRC LID and partnership institutions to announce their name and funding award and to use photographic images of the award recipient/s in their publications and on the websites.

Award recipients agree to acknowledge the funding body providing the funds for their research in all publications (including posters) and other forms of media communication, including media appearances, press releases and conferences. Information on what information to include in acknowledgements can be found via the UKRI website. Award recipients should contact the MRC LID Admin team to get confirmation of their Training Grant reference number if/where appropriate.

The award recipient must respond promptly to any requests for information from UKRI/MRC or either MRC LID partner institution.

The award recipient agrees to sharing of information with UKRI/MRC and the UKRI use of information, including via

- UKRI and Council websites
- Je-S (the UKRI/MRC's web-based data collection system)
- ResearchFish

by MRC LID, the awardee themselves, and their supervisory teams. The accuracy of the information provided is extremely important as it is used by the Research Councils to gather information about the studentships funded by their training grants, and by the DTP (and partner institutions) to review our policies and processes within the scope of the funding.

The award recipient must understand that the giving of any false information or withholding of relevant information may lead to the termination of the award and of any allowance granted. It may also lead to the institution of proceedings for the recovery of any amounts paid by MRC LID.

Further information about UKRI's 'Use of grant proposal & training grant information' is available on their website: [Terms & Conditions for training funding](#).

Students should be aware that in addition to the details set out on the MRC LID and UKRI Je-S websites their data may be used as follows:

- Added to mailing lists for the purpose of invitations to training, events, or conferences that UKRI/MRC fund.
- Their primary institution and/or the DTP may provide any such information requested on the Research Council's behalf to the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) or any other organisation or agency empowered to act on the UKRI/MRC's behalf or on behalf of the UKRI/MRC, including UK Shared Business Services (SBS) Ltd.
- The UKRI/MRC or a third party on behalf of the UKRI/MRC, will also contact award recipients, as studentship holders, beyond the life of their studentship for evaluation purposes.

The award recipient agrees to submit research outputs and outcomes using their ResearchFish account during the ResearchFish submission window (when required to do so, including beyond the duration of the studentship funding) and to keep their contact email address with MRC LID updated for this purpose. For more general information about using ResearchFish please refer to the UKRI website.

The Gateway to Research has been designed to enable users to search and analyse information about publicly funded research. Research Councils have a responsibility to demonstrate the value and impact of research supported through public funding and therefore research outputs reported to them, via systems such as Researchfish, are made publicly accessible on the Gateway to Research.

For additional T&Cs information please also see [MRC LID Studentship Handbook](#).

REFERENCING FUNDING

Publications and other forms of media communication, including media appearances, press releases and conferences, must acknowledge the support received from MRC, quoting the Training Grant reference number if appropriate. Journal publications should acknowledge the funding source using the standard format agreed by funders and publishers. The grant reference for an MRC LID Studentship award can be found on the studentship funding offer letter and in the Handbook.

PRIVACY STATEMENT

How we use your personal data

In awarding this grant, MRC London Intercollegiate DTP (MRC LID), the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) and St George's, University of London (SGUL) have collected and recorded data about you in connection with administering your application and awarding your studentship.

The legal basis on which we collect and process your data is that you have either provided your consent, it is necessary for us to comply with a legal obligation or to perform our responsibilities under an agreement with you, or there is a legitimate interest in us doing so. We have a legitimate interest in administering and delivering our studentship awards, and the organisation and management of our MRC cohort work, and to that extent collect and process personal data of our awardees.

We will process your personal data in the future to administer your studentship and for managing the MRC LID current and future activities. This includes monitoring your studentship, making relevant payments, contacting you about the progress and status of the studentship and carrying out historical analysis of our studentship process. We will share your data between partner institutions and with the MRC and UKRI as part of managing your studentship. We will keep your data secure and retain it for no longer than is necessary for the purposes for which it is processed.

The retention period for UKRI studentship grants is 7 years from the end of grant date.

Our Data Protection Policy and your rights

The MRC LID grant is administered through LSHTM. Therefore, for more information about the way in which the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine processes personal data and your rights please see the [LSHTM Data Protection Policy](#) or contact the [Data Protection Officer](#).

If you are unhappy with the way in which we have handled your personal data, please contact us using the details above. You are also entitled to make a complaint to the Information Commissioners Office in the UK.

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