



# London Interdisciplinary Doctoral Programme

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## LIDo Application Guidelines

### **Completing the application form**

For reliable functionality, we recommend using **Adobe Acrobat Reader** to complete the application forms. You can download it for free here: <https://get.adobe.com/uk/reader/>. LIDo cannot accept responsibility for application errors created with alternative programmes.

You may contact the programme to request a copy of the application documents in Word. If you wish to use these documents, you must only complete them using Microsoft Office and they must be saved as a PDF before submitting. Applications received in any format other than PDF will not be accepted, and the applicant will not be contacted by the programme regarding their submission.

### **Application Route**

In Section A, please select if you are applying for a DTP studentship, or an iCASE project. It is possible to apply for both if you wish, as well as multiple iCASE projects. If you are applying for an iCASE project, please make sure to also complete and return the iCASE form indicating which projects you are interested in.

Students on the DTP route will undertake two lab rotations in their first year, and then choose their PhD project from the portfolio of 200+ projects provided. They will undertake a 3-month internship which is unrelated to their research during their PhD.

Students on the iCASE route will apply directly to a named project, and begin on that research from their start on the programme. iCASE students will have an industry partner, and will spend 3-18 months at the partner site.

### **Funding**

UK students, and EU students who meet the UKRI eligibility criteria are entitled to full BBSRC studentship funding, covering tuition fees and paying a tax-free stipend.

LIDo also offers a limited number of institutionally funded studentships, which cover home/EU fees and provide a stipend, but restrict the student to projects based at the institution of funding.

If you are unsure of your funding status, please review the Education (Fees and Awards) (England) Regulations 2007 or contact the LIDo Manager.

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2007/779/regulation/6/made>  
[LIDo.Admissions@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:LIDo.Admissions@ucl.ac.uk)

## **References**

When you submit your application to LIDo, your referees will be contacted with a form to complete. **Both of your referees must return their online form before the application deadline of: 11th January 2019 at 5pm.** Extensions will not be permitted under any circumstances.

It is the applicants' responsibility to contact their supervisors in advance and inform them of this deadline. **We strongly recommend that you submit your application at least a week before the deadline, to allow your referees time to respond.**

## **Application Procedure**

Please send all your application documents in a single email to: [LIDo.Admission@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:LIDo.Admission@ucl.ac.uk), all attachments should be in PDF format.

You will receive a confirmation email when you submit your application and another when both of your references have been received and your application is complete.

All applications that are complete at 5pm on 11th January 2019 will be sent for shortlisting.

Shortlisting is a complex process, incorporating all six LIDo institutions, it will be concluded by 4th February 2019 and successful applicants will be contacted then for interview.

**Interviews will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> February** in London, there will be limited opportunity to choose your date or time, so if you have commitments on either of these dates, please inform the programme at your point of application. Other interview dates are not available.

The programme can offer a Skype interview, where the cost of travelling to London is prohibitive. Travel expenses are not covered.

DTP places will be offered directly following the interviews. iCASE applicants may be invited to a second interview with the project supervisors.