

Institute for Life Sciences PhD Studentships 2019 / 20
Application Form and Guidance

Please complete the form, below, and submit to Janette Thompson, at IfLSAdmin@soton.ac.uk by 5pm on **Wednesday 28 November 2018**. All criteria should be met and are set out below.

Scheme Outline:

The IfLS has an annual allocation of funds to support PhD research students at the University of Southampton. It is anticipated that the IfLS will support up to eight studentships each year. These studentships are offered competitively across campus and are open to IfLS members whose proposed project centres on interdisciplinary research within the following 4 broad themes:

Health & Medicine | Living Systems | Disruptive Life Technologies | Data Insights

The IfLS will support 50% of the costs of a full time studentship per year for three years. Four year sponsorship will be considered on a case by case basis at the time of application.

Note: Match funding with external sources: Following University recommendations academics should source the remainder of the funding through external channels, not internal channels. Note that 'External' means doctoral training funds (DTP / CDT funds e.g. SPITFIRE), research projects or donations from external sources where funds are provided for the studentship. 'Internal' means those funded by internal recurrent funds such as VC Scholarships. The interactive map on the IfLS website - www.southampton.ac.uk/ifls/enterprise - may be of interest to those seeking enterprise funds.

Please direct queries related to the eligibility of external funding source to your Faculty Finance.

Once funding is in place, PhD students should be recruited through open competition using the model accepted by individual faculty or academic unit. Students must have a degree with at least class of 2(1).

<u>Funding Available:</u>	100% funded studentships	50% IfLS funded studentships
Fee (calculated at Home student fee rate).	18/19 Fee £4,260 will be uplifted in line with RCUK rates	IfLS will provide 50% (18/19 - £2,130)
Stipend (calculated at standard RCUK rate)	18/19 Stipend £14,777 will be uplifted in line with RCUK rates	IfLS will provide 50% (18/19 - £7,388.50)
Consumables	100% £3,000 p.a.	IfLS will provide £1,500 p.a.
Total funding available based on 18/19 rates (uplifted each year in line with RCUK rates)	£22,037	£11,018.50

Timelines:

28 November 2018: IfLS Members to submit completed application forms to IfLSAdmin@soton.ac.uk

29 November - 21 December 2018: IfLS Committees will review applications and make awards.

31 March 2019: IfLS Members to confirm they have secured the other half of the funding from external sources.

1 October 2019: The first tranche of funding will be transferred to a subproject code upon receipt of a valid Agresso subproject code.

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Application Criteria: IfLS Members are eligible to apply for IfLS studentship funds. To register, the attached application form should be completed and submitted **by 5pm on Wednesday 28 November 2018**. Awards will be notified by the end of December 2018, to commence in October 2019. The application form should contain the following information:

- Names of joint supervisors and their Academic Unit / Faculty
- Proposal of student research project and alignment to IfLS broad themes: **Health & Medicine, Living Systems, Disruptive Life Technologies, Data Insights**. (2-5 pages in length including figures. References may be included in an appendix but note that reviewers may focus on the main research proposal if applications are lengthy)
- Outline of student work plan and interdisciplinary training (250 words)
- Short CVs of joint supervisors, including experience of PhD student supervision (max 2 pages)
- Statement of interdisciplinary 'cross-campus' nature (250 words)
- Statement of project alignment with Research Council strategies (250 words)
- Impact and future funding potential (250 words)

Selection Procedure: Applications will be reviewed by committees chaired by the IfLS Director. Review criteria will focus on the quality of the science and the interdisciplinary nature of the proposal. Projects will be shortlisted and the final awards made subject to fit with the IfLS strategy. Review will examine:

- Interdisciplinary nature of the project / application and alignment with IfLS broad themes;
- Novelty of the collaborative groups
- Whether research groups have existing funding (note that reviewers will place less weighting on this particular criterion for ECR applicants)
- Outline student work plan and interdisciplinary training
- Alignment with Research Council strategies
- Demonstrating route to access the external match funding
- Impact and future funding potential
- Value for money

Conditions and Reporting: Supervisors awarded studentship funding will be required to:

- Select a student with a degree of at least 2(1) in compliance with the University's regulations and Code of Practice for Research Candidature and Supervision <http://www.calendar.soton.ac.uk/sectionV/code-practice.html>
- Agree a lead supervisor who will be the main contact for the IfLS and whose Faculty Finance Team will liaise with the IfLS regarding the transfer of funds.
- Seek final approval by sending the details of the successful student to the IfLS Director by 2nd Sept 19.
- Provide the IfLS Director with a copy of the students first year and transfer reports.
- Ensure the student presents a poster at IfLS poster sessions or other interdisciplinary activities.
- Include an acknowledgment of IfLS support on all publications and posters resulting from this award.

IfLS Studentship Funding Application Form 2019/20

Application deadline: 5pm on Wednesday 28 November 2018

IfLS Member Details:

IfLS Member / Primary Supervisor **	
Academic Unit & Faculty:	
Email:	
IfLS Member / Co Supervisor **	
Academic Unit & Faculty:	
Email:	
Additional Colleague(s)**:	
Academic Unit & Faculty:	
Email:	

** Please include short CVs (max 2 pages)

Studentship Details:

Research Project Title:	
Studentship start date:	
Studentship end date:	

Proposal for student research project (length should be between 2-5 pages including figures)

Statement of interdisciplinary 'cross-campus' nature: (250 words)

Outline PhD student work plan and interdisciplinary training. Please include objectives, milestones and training plan: (250 words)

Indicate whether this project aligns with one of the Research Council strategies: (250 words)

Indicate plans for matching IfLS studentship funds with external sources and covering any additional research costs if required by the project: (250 words)

Please direct queries regarding the eligibility of funding source to Faculty Finance.

Indicate if this studentship will support any future funding plans: (250 words)

Please indicate which broad Life Science strategic themes this project aligns with. Please tick as many boxes as appropriate:

** If you have any questions about the broad themes or would like to discuss, please do call on 023 8059 7280 or by email to iflAdmin@soton.ac.uk .

Health and Medicine	Living Systems	Disruptive Life Technologies	Data Insights
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P.I. Signature

Signature:

Date:

Faculty authorising signature (e.g. Director of Graduate School)

Signature:.....

Date:

Please return completed application forms to:
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