

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

PhD Leadership and Security Studies

King's College London & University of Pretoria

Deadline: 31 July 2019

King's College London and the University of Pretoria welcome expressions of interest in the joint PhD programme: Leadership and Security Studies. The Joint-PhD is housed within the African Leadership Centre, King's College London (KCL) and the Department of Political Sciences, University of Pretoria (UP). This programme offers talented and outstanding doctoral students a unique international doctoral training experience.

Qualified prospective doctoral students whose research lies at the intersection of Leadership and Security Studies, particularly the security-development nexus, are invited to submit their expressions of interest. Prospective students are also expected to have a research focus on developing countries, preferably in Africa.

Students will complete their doctoral thesis under the joint supervision of faculty members from both institutions, found within the Department of Political Sciences at UP, and the African Leadership Centre, Department of War Studies or Department of Defence Studies at KCL. The final degree will be jointly awarded by King's College London and the University of Pretoria. Students on this programme will be required to select a "home" institution, where they will spend the majority of their study and a "host" institution, where they are expected to spend 12 months of their study (consecutively or non-consecutively).

Interested students are requested to submit the following documents before the deadline:

- A cover letter explaining your reason for applying to the joint programme and your suitability. (max. 1000 words)
- A research proposal which clearly explains your research problem, research question, rationale for the study and methodology. Please note that your research must have a clear leadership component. (max. 2000 words)

- A travel plan indicating how you plan to structure your studies and travel to the host institution. Please note that students are not expected to travel to the host institution prior to being upgraded/research proposal acceptance at the home institution, which takes approximately nine to twelve months.
- CV
- A brief explanation of how you intend to fund your studies and travel to the host institution (max. 300 words).

Deadline

Please submit your expression of interest before **23:59 (GMT) 31 July 2019** to the following email addresses:

For KCL as your home institution: alc@kcl.ac.uk

For UP as your home institution: sonja.theron@up.ac.za

No late submissions will be considered.

Application process

Stage One: Expressions of interest (15 May – 31 July 2019)

Students should submit their expressions of interest in line with the above instructions.

Successful students will be invited to stage two and asked to make a formal application on the King's College London (KCL) and University of Pretoria application portals. **Please note that invitation to stage two does not guarantee admittance into the programme.**

Stage Two: Application (September 2019)

Once students have been invited to formally submit their application following stage one, Students should begin the application process with their selected home institution and adhere to the admission requirements provided by the home institution. Students who have foreign (i.e. non-South African qualifications) and who select UP as their home institution need to have their qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) (www.saqa.org for more information) and attach the SAQA evaluation certificate to their applications. While students should initially apply through their home institution's application portal, students will subsequently be required to apply to their host institution's admissions portal prior to a final decision on their application to the Joint PhD programme.

Additional Information:

The joint programme does not offer a part-time study option, all students will be required to register as full-time students and are expected to complete their PhD in the requisite three to four years. This programme is only available for registration beginning January 2020.

Please note that completion of the Joint PhD Leadership and Security Studies is dependent on the student's ability to spend 12 months at the host institution. This visit is conditional on the student's ability to acquire the necessary travel documents (visa etc.) for the country of their host institution. Funding for travel, living and other associated costs of the period at the host institution remains the responsibility of the student and not the home or host institution.

Subject to funding availability, scholarships may be provided to some students. These will be highly competitive and **should not be relied upon as a funding source.**