

CONDITIONS & REGULATIONS OF FUNDING 2021-22

- Awards are offered on the condition that the candidate has met/will meet all the conditions required for acceptance by his/her chosen Faculty of study.
- Each award is made on the assumption that there are adequate resources for the research project, and that the candidate's proposed course of study is acceptable to the department/division and Faculty/Institute/School in which they wish to study.
- New awards offered in 2021 are valid only to commence in the 2021/22 academic session; deferral of an award to a later academic session is not permitted.
- Awards granted for the 2021/22 academic session cannot be used retrospectively for whole or part of any earlier session.
- Awards cannot be transferred to another institution.
- An award-holder must be registered as a full-time student for the length of their research degree.
- Award-holders must comply with King's [regulations](#) to submit their thesis within the required time frame.
- If an award-holder wishes to make a change to: a) the research project, b) the supervisor, or c) department/division specified on their application form, he/she must first seek approval from the Centre for Doctoral Studies. The award-holder would need to outline the changes proposed and provide confirmation of i) the department/supervisor's support of such changes, and ii) the tuition fees (if they are different from the amount attached to the original research project). Failure to inform the Centre for Doctoral Studies of such a change may impact on the continuation of an award.
- If an award-holder needs to take time out from their studies due to illness, accident, fieldwork or for any other serious cause, they must report this as soon as possible to request an interruption of studies and must also inform the Centre for Doctoral Studies to request a temporary suspension of award funding. If the Centre for Doctoral Studies is not informed and continues to pay for a student who is absent from their studies, a refund will be sought for overpayment, and it may also impact on the continuation of an award.
- If a student goes on maternity leave, they should notify the Centre for Doctoral Studies to request an interruption. Students are entitled to 52 weeks of maternity or shared parental leave. The first 26 weeks should be paid at full stipend rate and the following 13 weeks should be paid at a level commensurate with employee entitlements to statutory maternity pay. This is c. 41% of the minimum doctoral stipend. The final 13 weeks are not paid. Partners are entitled to up to 10 days paid Ordinary Paternity Leave on full stipend. Partners may be entitled to up to 50 weeks of Shared Parental Leave; this may include paid and unpaid leave, depending on the individual circumstances - any paid leave should be at full stipend. There is no qualifying period for maternity, paternity, or shared parental leave.
- If an award-holder: i) already holds another funding award from an organisation; or ii) is otherwise financially supported by another organisation; Or iii) is to secure another funding award later on during the course of their research degree programme, and the Centre for Doctoral Studies considers the fund(s)/award(s), or other form of support, to be sufficient to cover maintenance and/or the programme tuition fees, the award-holder will not

be permitted to hold these funds/awards concurrently. The rule to remember is that if two funds/awards cover the same amount e.g., both provide funds to cover full tuition fees, they cannot be held concurrently.

- Award-holders who receive funding from alternative source(s) are required to disclose details of those funds to the Centre for Doctoral Studies so that an assessment can be made regarding any potential overlap of funding.
- Applicants must be aware of all the additional financial commitments involved when attending their chosen course of study at King's. Awards are granted on the understanding that the award-holder will take responsibility for any additional expenses incurred for the duration of study.
- An award can be terminated at any time under the following circumstances:
 - If an unsatisfactory progress report on the award-holder is received from the student's supervisor/department
 - If an award-holder ceases to be a full-time research student at King's College London
 - If an award-holder receives other overlapping funding
 - If an award-holder is awarded their degree before the funding end date