Applying for a PhD

The three main routes of entry to a research degree are listed below. Please ensure you read this in conjunction with any specific guidance provided via the relevant programme entry on the online prospectus:

www.kcl.ac.uk/prospectus/research

In the Sciences and Health Sciences supervisors usually devise projects, attract funding and advertise them. In this case, if you require further information or wish to discuss the project in more detail, you should contact the named individual advertising the project, copying your correspondence to the relevant admissions office.

In the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences you are often expected to devise your own research project. This is best done in conjunction with a potential supervisor so you should ensure that staff at King’s are undertaking research in the field that interests you. You can identify potential supervisors with interests in common with your own via the ‘staff and groups’ tab within each research entry on online prospectus. If you are sure they are the right person to supervise you, contact them directly, copying your correspondence to the relevant admissions office. You may wish to include a draft research proposal with your correspondence.

If you need help in devising a research project but are unsure who might be the best person to supervise it, then contact the Admissions Office (www.kcl.ac.uk/study/pg/contacts.aspx), explaining your broad area of interest and giving them the names of people who you think are potential supervisors. They will contact the relevant department, seek advice and put you in touch with the most relevant supervisor.

For all three routes, and having identified a project and a supervisor, submit a formal application via the online application form: https://myapplication.kcl.ac.uk/

Documents to be included with the PhD application:
- A copy of your CV
- Research Proposal (only for certain Schools, check online prospectus)
- Personal statement (only for certain Schools, check online prospectus)
- Writing Sample of work (only needed for some programmes, check online prospectus)
- 2 Academic References (or contact details for two academic referees)
- Copies of transcripts of UG and PG study (along with official English translations)
- English Language Certificate (if you have taken an English proficiency test, such as IELTS or TOEFL)
*Further documents may be required depending on the programme – check online prospectus

Funding opportunities
For details of available funding schemes, please visit our Graduate Funding Database:
www.kcl.ac.uk/gradfunding

Please note that this database is regularly updated with details of new schemes and it is worth checking back often to see if any additional funding opportunities have arisen.

Contacts
- Graduate School funding (scholarship) application enquiries: graduateschool@kcl.ac.uk
- Health Schools’ Admissions enquiries: pg-healthadmissions@kcl.ac.uk
- Arts & Sciences Schools’ Admissions enquiries: casa_pgr@kcl.ac.uk