LJMU-VC PhD Studentship Application 2025

SECTION 1 - DIRECTIONS, ELIGIBILITY AND SUPPORT

It is with great pleasure that we announce the 10th Annual LJMU-VC PhD Studentship competition. This continues to be a highly successful programme supporting excellent students in all our Faculties.

As we continue to develop our research and knowledge exchange culture, recruitment of high-quality PhD students is an important part of our the LJMU Strategy 2030.

The Vice-Chancellor and the University Research and Knowledge Exchange Committee have endorsed the 2025version of the programme and we invite applications from exceptional students with high quality project and supervisors to apply.

**All applications** - In this 2025VC PhD studentship round we will accept applications from both UK and non-UK citizens (home and international fee status) and applications for full-time (fees plus stipend) as well as part-time (fees-only) studentships.

**Support for UK ethnic minority students\*** – As part of the 2025VC Studentship Scheme we will, again, be ring-fencing up to five PhD studentships for talented UK applicants from under-represented ethnic minority backgrounds.

* This represents a positive action measure under s.158 of the Equality Act 2010, and we welcome applications from all ethnically diverse backgrounds
	+ LJMU promotes a respect always and inclusivity culture and has a zero-tolerance policy towards discrimination and harassment
	+ Each Faculty has an Associate Dean for Equality Diversity and Inclusion, who works in partnership with the central University’s Equality Diversity and Inclusion team to promote an inclusive environment for our diverse staff and students.
	+ LJMU has well established ethnically diverse network which supports staff and students within the university and faculties
	+ Decolonising curricula and research practices and a Race Equality Charter Bronze Award are both examples of the university’s commitment towards building a truly inclusive community.

**ALL applications** should include the following in their forms:

1. “Lay Summary” - *up to 250 words* to communicate the broad rationale, aims, objectives and planned outcomes for a non-specialised audience,
2. The specific “Proposal” for their research work and training
3. A “Statement of link” between the proposed project and the University Strategy 2030, or relevant Faculty Research and Knowledge Exchange Strategy.

**To Note:**

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* All applications must be submitted by the proposed Lead Supervisor on behalf of a named PhD candidate.
* The Studentships **must** commence at the start of the **Winter Term 2025 (February Doctoral Academy Enrolment Window)**
* All prospective candidates **must** have the necessary qualifications to commence their studies at that date.
* International students must have the appropriate VISA, English Language qualifications etc.
* **Important -** any additional costs pertaining to the VISA application, English Language etc are the responsibility of the applicant.
* Full-time Studentships cover 3 years course fees, stipend, and bench fee (see below)
* Part-time Studentships - 6 years course fees are covered.

Stipend awards, for full-time students ONLY, will be at the standard LJMU rates (see Doctoral Academy)

Bench fees, are awarded to full-time students ONLY, are currently £1600 per annum, with the award made to the Lead Supervisor to support research costs.

\*ETHNIC MINORITY is broken down as: Black/Black British: Caribbean, African or Other Black background; Asian/Asian British: Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Chinese, Other Asian background; Other: Arab, Mixed - White & Black, Caribbean Mixed - White & Black African, Mixed - White & Asian, Other Mixed background.

Students can view staff research specialisms through the faculty pages below:

Faculty of Health:

[School of Nursing and Allied Health](https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/about-us/faculties/faculty-of-health/school-of-nursing-and-allied-health/academic-staff)

[School of Psychology](https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/about-us/faculties/faculty-of-health/school-of-psychology/staff)

[Public Health Institute](https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/research/centres-and-institutes/public-health-institute)

Faculty of Engineering and Technology:

[Astrophysics Research Institute](https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/about-us/faculties/faculty-of-engineering-and-technology/astrophysics-research-institute/academic-staff)

[LJMU Maritime Centre](https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/about-us/faculties/faculty-of-engineering-and-technology/maritime-centre/academic-staff)

[School of Computer Science and Mathematics](https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/about-us/faculties/faculty-of-engineering-and-technology/school-of-computer-science-and-mathematics/academic-staff)

[School of Civil Engineering and Built Environment](https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/about-us/faculties/faculty-of-engineering-and-technology/school-of-civil-engineering-and-built-environment/academic-staff)

[School of Engineering](https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/about-us/faculties/faculty-of-engineering-and-technology/school-of-engineering/academic-staff)

Faculty of Business and Law

[Liverpool Business School](https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/about-us/faculties/faculty-of-business-and-law/liverpool-business-school/academic-staff)

[School of Law](https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/about-us/faculties/faculty-of-business-and-law/school-of-law/academic-staff)

Faculty of Science:

[Biological and Earth Sciences](https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/about-us/faculties/faculty-of-science/school-of-biological-and-environmental-sciences/academic-staff)

[Pharmacy and Biomolecular Sciences](https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/about-us/faculties/faculty-of-science/school-of-pharmacy-and-biomolecular-sciences/academic-staff)

[Sports and Exercise Sciences](https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/about-us/faculties/faculty-of-science/school-of-sport-and-exercise-sciences/academic-staff)

Faculty of Arts, Professional and Social Studies:

[Liverpool School of Art and Design](https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/about-us/faculties/faculty-of-arts-professional-and-social-studies/liverpool-school-of-art-and-design/academic-staff)

[School of Humanities and Social Science](https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/about-us/faculties/faculty-of-arts-professional-and-social-studies/school-of-humanities-and-social-science/academic-staff)

[Liverpool Screen School](https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/about-us/faculties/faculty-of-arts-professional-and-social-studies/liverpool-screen-school/academic-staff)

[School of Education](https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/about-us/faculties/faculty-of-arts-professional-and-social-studies/school-of-education/academic-staff)

[School of Justice Studies](https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/about-us/faculties/faculty-of-arts-professional-and-social-studies/school-of-justice-studies/academic-staff)