**Application Form**

2025/26 Entry SGUL PhD Studentship

St George’s, University of London

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR CANDIDATES**

Please read these notes before completing the application form.

1) Non-native speakers must provide satisfactory evidence of proficiency in English. A copy of a certificate of an English language examination is required. The normal requirements are: International English language Testing Service Examination (IELTS) 6.5 overall with no less than 6.0 in any one element. Note: Other English Language qualifications are assessed on an individual basis.

2) You should contact your referees ***as soon as possible*** in order to secure their agreement. However, references will only be requested, should you be invited to interview.

3) Send all your forms via email to [stgeorgesphd@sgul.ac.uk](mailto:stgeorgesphd@sgul.ac.uk) and please make sure that you send the Equal Opportunities form, and Research proposal as a separate document to your application form. You may send documents in Word and/or in pdf, whichever is easier for you.

4) Applications will be acknowledged. We will let you know if you have been shortlisted for interview. Interviews will be held on Thursday 10 April 2025.

5) Send all your forms via email to [stgeorgesphd@sgul.ac.uk](mailto:stgeorgesphd@sgul.ac.uk) by Sunday 26 January, 23.59 GMT

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| **A** | **Personal Details** |

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| Title (Optional) | |
| Family Name: | |
| Given Names: (in full) | Country of Birth: |
| Country of Permanent Residence: | Country of Citizenship: |

Note: You may be requested to complete a fees status questionnaire. You will also be required to bring your passport to interview.

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| Permanent Address: | If you would prefer correspondence to be sent to a different address during the application cycle, please give details here: |
| Telephone: | Between which dates is the address valid? |
| Email: | |

Note: Please ensure you check your email regularly throughout the application process.

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| **B** | **Educational Background** |

Please list the academic and professional qualifications you have already obtained. If you have not yet completed your first degree studies, please give details of the results of your examinations to date and the details of your secondary level education.

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| **Institution** | **Dates attended** | **Examination(s) taken with main subject\*** | **Class or Grade** | **Date of Award** |
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\*You may be required to bring transcripts or certificates to an interview.

Please give details of any examinations which you have not yet taken or awards which you will be obtaining.

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*For non-native English-language speakers*: please give details of English Language proficiency examinations you have taken or will be taking.

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| **C** | **Employment and Prior Experience** |

Please give details of your current employment and/or of any previous relevant employment or other prior learning and experience.

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| **Employer** | **Dates** | **Post held and brief**  **Job description** |
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| **D** | **Choice of project** |

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| Title of project that you are applying for | | |
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| If you are unsuccessful in your application for this project, would you like to be considered for any others? | YES | NO |
| Title of alternative project/s (maximum of 2 additional) | | |
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| **E** | **Research proposal- \*Please send as a separate document\*** |

**Guidance for the Research Proposal**

Please submit a research proposal for your chosen project, you should use the advert abstract provided and expand on it to include sufficient information in their research proposal for the selection panel to assess their readiness for research training and doctoral study and suitability for an award. We strongly suggest for applicants discuss the research project with the proposed supervisory team, and liaise with them throughput the process, so that you have an appropriate proposal to submit.

You should prepare a three-page research project proposal based on an advertised project.

The research project proposal should:

• Identify a specific research question or hypothesis

• Summarise the relevant background information including relevant prior research (with no more than 5 key references)

• Outline an appropriate research methodologies by which the question can be addressed

• Elaborate on the potential broader impact of the PhD project (i.e., how you expect your research to be useful and to whom)

• Describe what experiences and/or technical skills you have that will help you to succeed in your chosen project and what are skills or knowledge that you would like

to develop further during your PhD

• Describe some of the methodological and/or professional challenges you might face in completing this project and how might you overcome them

The research project proposal should be presented in Arial or Times New Roman font with a minimum font size of 10, Margins must be a 1.5 cm minimum on all sides.

All pages must be clearly labelled with the applicant’s name. Additional material should not be attached as this will not be considered.

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| **F** | **Previous attempts at PhD level study** |

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| Have you started a PhD programme before? – YES or NO |
| If ‘yes’, please give details |

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| **G** | **Contextual Questions** |

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| SGUL is committed to recruiting a diverse student cohort. We value the academic and non-academic experiences people bring to our community and appreciate that a standard scholarship application may not address the personal and professional progression routes of our applicants.  Please use this section to tell us more about yourself: your skills, professional and lived experience, personal attributes, motivation, and any other relevant information which makes you suitable for PhD study. |
| Why have you selected this project? (750 words max) |
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| How will this PhD prepare you for your intended future career? (250 words max) |
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| Is there anything else that you would like us to know that may help us better evaluate your application? (250 words max) |
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| **H** | **About St. George’s** |

How did you first find out about this project?

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| Education Fair |  | Directory (please name) |  |
| Word of mouth |  | Internet/Website (please name |  |
| Careers Office |  | Other – please specify? |  |

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| **I** | **References** |

Please give the details of two referees who are familiar with your work. Referees will only be contact should you be shortlisted for interview.

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| Referee including position | Address | Telephone and email | Please indicate here if you would prefer us not to contact this referee prior to interview |
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| **J** | **Data Protection** |

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| Your contact details will be held on a database and may be used to send you details of other SGUL activities and services. If you do NOT wish to receive such materials, please tick this box: |

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| **K** | **Declaration** |

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| I declare that the above information is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.  I understand that information provided by me to St George’s, University of London will be treated in confidence but I agree that the institution may pass information to official UK government bodies to assist in their duties.  Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |