Open-Oxford-Cambridge AHRC DTP Collaborative Doctoral Awards

Faculty members of the Open University and of the Universities of Cambridge and Oxford are invited to submit proposals for Collaborative Doctoral Award (CDA) projects. If approved, CDAs will be advertised in the autumn for studentships commencing the following academic year. Please email the completed form to enquiries@oocdtp.ac.uk by **midday Friday 26 May**. A letter of support from the collaborative partner must be submitted at the same time. Please see guidance notes for further information.

1. University supervision

By submitting this form you confirm that you are eligible to supervise doctoral students at your institution.

1.1. Primary university supervisor (applicant)

Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Job title: Click or tap here to enter text.

University: Click or tap here to enter text.

Department: Click or tap here to enter text.

Email address: Click or tap here to enter text.

1.2. Details of any other university supervisors (*if applicable*)

2. Partner organisation and supervisor

2.1. Collaborating organisation

CDA projects should be developed in collaboration with an external partner organisation. In most cases the partner must have an operating base in the UK. If the proposed organisation is based outside of the UK, you must make a case for this, summarising (i) how the additional benefits are to be gained from the collaboration, (ii) that demonstrable value from the project will be accrued to the UK, and (iii) that the collaboration will deliver long-term, lasting benefits.

Organisation: Click or tap here to enter text.

Location: Click or tap here to enter text.

If based outside the UK, please make a case for the partnership (*in no more than 500 words*):

2.2. Partner supervisor contact details

The partner organisation must identify someone to join the CDA student's supervisory team. As well as working with the university supervisor(s) to develop and oversee the project, they will support the student's access to the partner organisation, its facilities and any agreed in-house training and expertise.

Contact's name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Job title: Click or tap here to enter text.

Email address: Click or tap here to enter text.

3.   CDA project and benefit to partner organisation and to student

Project proposals need to meet AHRC expectations for collaboration, i.e.: Research should be relevant to the organisation's priorities and objectives; the project should be based on a truly collaborative approach; the partner organisation must commit to providing access to training, facilities and expertise not available in an academic setting alone; the CDA should enable the student to develop valuable skills and significantly enhance their future employability.

3.1. Project title

3.2. Doctoral research project summary (*of no more than 500 words*), outlining research focus, methods and contribution to field.

3.3. Summary (*of no more than 300 words*) of collaboration and potential benefit to the partner organisation, e.g. capacity building in an area of strategic importance.

3.4. Summary (*of no more than 300 words*) of any specialised training, facilities and/or expertise provided by the partner and how this will benefit the CDA student.

4.   Studentship costs

An award through the DTP includes payment of university fees and a tax-free maintenance grant at the UK Research and Innovation minimum rate (£17,668 per annum for 2022/23). Students are also eligible to apply for research-expenses (RTSG), e.g. study visit and conference participation, but this fund cannot be used to cover the costs incurred by working with a CDA

partner. CDA students receive an additional stipend of £550 per annum, as a contribution towards these costs. Costs arising from the proposed project that cannot be covered by the basic studentship and CDA stipend should be outlined below. The DTP may be able to contribute limited additional funding where this is required for the success of the CDA project. This will not normally exceed £1500. Additional DTP funding should be directly relevant to completion of the doctoral project and should not involve a transfer of funds to the partner organisation for activities it would routinely undertake.

Description of costs	Sum sought from DTP (£)	Funds from other sources (£)
TOTAL		

4.1. Please list any direct or in-kind contribution offered by the partner organisation, e.g. hours of staff time delivering training or direct costs for research or impact activities.

4.2. Justification for any additional costs sought from DTP and summary of funding secured from other sources.

5. Advert text

Projects selected by the OOC DTP will be advertised on the OOC DTP's website from early October. Applicants are asked to submit draft advert text (of 500-700 words) at the same time as their application form. This will not be used for the evaluation of proposals, but will assist with the administration of selected CDA projects. When drafting the advert text, we recommend that you use the template below.

TEMPLATE:

Applications are invited for an Open-Oxford-Cambridge AHRC DTP-funded Collaborative Doctoral Award at [*insert name of university*], in partnership with [*insert name of partner*].

This fully-funded studentship is available from October 2024. Further details about the value of an Open-Oxford-Cambridge AHRC DTP award are available on the DTP's [studentships page](#). [*If you have secured additional funding from the partner organisation or other source, please detail here.*]

Closing date: [*DTP will liaise with your home institution to confirm this.*]

Project overview

[*Add summary of project and potential research focus/questions, sources, methods, impact etc.*]

Supervision

[*Add details of: university and partner supervisors, as well as any specific training or opportunities available by the partner organisation.*]

How to apply

We invite applications from candidates from all backgrounds and ethnicities. Applicants will ideally have… / Prior experience of… [*any required or desirable qualifications, experience, expertise*]. Applicants should meet the [eligibility criteria for Open-Oxford-Cambridge AHRC studentships](#).

For an informal discussion about the opportunity and how you might frame your approach to the CDA project, please contact [*name and email address of supervisor(s)* in the first instance.

You should apply to the [*Add name of doctoral programme*] by [*deadline*] (midday, UK time), indicate your interest in being considered for an Open-Oxford-Cambridge AHRC DTP studentship and submit a completed copy of the OOC DTP Application Form at the same time.