Information for applicants: Standard Studentships

WE EXPECT TO HOLD INTERVIEWS IN EARLY FEBRUARY. WE WILL POST THE EXACT DATES ON THIS PAGE AS SOON AS THEY ARE FINALISED. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO OFFER DATES OTHER THAN THOSE ADVERTISED.

ELIGIBILITY

Citizenship
Funding is available to UK or EU citizens only.

Academic requirement
A 1st or a 2.1 undergraduate degree in a relevant field. Those who have a 2.2 and an additional Master’s degree or at least three years post-graduate experience in a relevant field may be eligible.

Evidence of quantitative training. For example, AS or A level Maths, IB Standard or Higher Maths, or University level maths/statistics course (introductory courses do not qualify).

Those with degrees abroad (perhaps as well as postgraduate experience) may be eligible if their qualifications are deemed equivalent to any of the above

English language competence
Students educated outside the UK in countries where English is not the first language must provide evidence that they have sufficient command of both spoken and written English. Acceptable evidence includes: GCSE/O-level English Language at grade C or above; an overall score of 6.5 in the IELTS test (min 5.5 in each component) or a score of 90 in TOEFL (min 20 in each component), or a score of 61 in PTE (min 51 in each component). Before a firm offer can be made, you will be required to submit originals or certified copies of any certificates and score reports.

COMPLETING THE FORM – contains essential information PLEASE READ!

Go to http://www2.le.ac.uk/research/degrees/phd/applyphd?uol_r=78572a95

Under select your method of studying choose Campus-based Full Time

Under select your area of study choose Neuroscience, Psychology and Behaviour
[This will not determine your area of research it is only an internal administrative shortcut to channel your application to the MIBTP pool]

Under select your intake date choose September 2017
Continue and register as a New user then Start Application

Personal Details
Please ensure that you provide your full name (surname/family name and forenames) as they appear in your official documents i.e. passport.

Contact Details
Provide your Home address. Provide a correspondence address only if different from your home address

Agent
Ignore that tab

Qualifications
Please detail clearly your Education to date in inverse chronological order, i.e. starting with the last degree up to A-levels (UK) or equivalent (i.e. Baccalaureate, Maturita’, etc). Failing to provide information about your pre-University education will disqualify the application.

University Education. For each qualification provide the title and the final grade awarded. Please upload your certificate and your transcripts; we want to know which courses you attended and the marks you obtained for every year of your degree.
If you are in the final year of your degree, please provide as much information as possible (for instance, transcript for the current and/or previous years) and supply a predicted grade. This has to be confirmed by your referees to be deemed valid.
For students who studied outside the UK we require officially translated versions as well as copies in the original language. However, in the first instance we can accept unofficial translations, for example copies translated by the candidates themselves. However, successful candidates (after shortlisting and interview) will have to provide officially translated documents before a formal offer can be made.
Good proficiency in Math is particularly important for MIBTP as the course has a strong component in system biology. A-level (or equivalent) Maths or attendance (and good marks) to University courses that provided advanced (not introductory) training in numeracy are a requirement. Make sure you highlight those University courses that satisfy the Math entry requirement, especially if you do not have sufficient pre-University Math qualifications.

pre-University Education.
Please provide details of A-levels awarded and results. For students who studied outside the UK, provide the name of your qualification and the final mark awarded. In addition, list the subjects you studied and the marks received. You might find it easier to provide that information as an additional document, please upload it under transcript. We might need official transcripts before an offer can be made.

Experience
Under Current Role please give details of any current employment. Under Previous Role, give details of any industrial, professional or research experience relevant to your application.

Personal Statement
Please explain why you would like to study for a PhD and why you are applying to MIBTP. Articulate your case in the light of your academic and/or professional experience, including
extracurricular courses, activities, placements, etc. you might have attended. *This is a very important component of your application.*

**Research Proposal**
If you are applying to a specific project under *Proposed supervisor* add the name of the primary supervisor and in *Proposed project title/ Studentship title* add the title of the project. If you are applying to the program without choosing a specific project at this stage, under *Proposed supervisor* write “PROGRAM”, under *Proposed project title/ Studentship title* indicate the area of research that meets your interests, i.e. “FOOD SECURITY” or “INDUSTRIAL BIOTECHNOLOGY” or “MOLECULES, CELLS AND SYSTEMS”.

Under *Do you have a research proposal to upload?* select NO. Then type “NOT APPLICABLE” into the box that appears below.

**Passport**
Provide the information required

**Referees**
Please note that we will not be able to use references that have been uploaded by you; we will need confidential letters of reference from two academic referees. Under *Do you have a reference to upload?* You must answer NO. Provide contact details instead, we will contact your referees.

Please ask your referees to provide the reference by the 10th of January 2017 at the latest.

**Funding**
Under *What is your likely source of funding?* select “Studentship”.
Under *Please select your studentship* select “BBSRC MIBTP”. Please note that failing to indicate BBSRC MIBTP will lengthen the handling time and your application might not be processed on time.

Leave the remaining two fields blank.

**Submission**
Submit!

**All shortlisted applicants will be notified by email within three weeks from the deadline. If you do not hear from us by then, please assume that your application has not been successful.** We regret that due the high number of applications we receive we cannot provide individual feedback at this stage.

Interviews will be held in Leicester at the beginning of February 2017. We will post the interviews dates on our Leicester website as soon as they become available. We regret that we cannot change the days of the interviews. Please consult our webpages to be informed on the interviews days as soon as they become available allowing you to make the necessary arrangements. At the interview we will tell applicants when to expect further notification.

**Good Luck!**

Dr Jonathan McDearmid
MIBTP Director – Leicester
If you are unsuccessful

We hope that you will be successful in your application for funding, however your PhD offer from Leicester is not dependant on you receiving a MIBTP award. You can fund your studies yourself or seek other forms of support including:

- Professional and Career Development Loans
- Sir Thomas White Loan Charity
- StudentFunder - Loans for Masters and Professional Programmes
- Disabled Students' Allowances

If you are a graduate of the University of Leicester and plan to fund your studies yourself, you will be offered the continuation discount of a 10% reduction in your PhD fees. You do not need to apply for this separately.