



## Impact Studentship Awards

**(Note the details below relate to 2014-15. New version to follow, based on higher levels of industry funding so that all costs are properly recovered)**

### 1. Outline

Impact Studentships support collaborative postgraduate research projects with organisations such as charities, companies, government institutions and social enterprises. UCL Computer Science part-funds the studentships, contributing 50% towards the cost of a 3-year studentship. The partner organisation covers the remainder.

Impact awards cover fees, stipend and research costs of £1000 per annum. Any additional costs must be charged entirely to the organisational partner.

Awards may be used to support students designated for Home/EU fees, not Overseas fees.

### 2. Proposal Criteria

The scheme is open to all UCL Computer Science staff eligible to supervise PGR students. Applications must be submitted by prospective supervisors only (not by students.)

The match-funding contributor must be an external party. Research Council funds may not be used.

- The project partner must make a minimum cash contribution of £32,734 for a 3-year studentship. This figure relates to students starting in 2014/15. Figures for subsequent years are confirmed annually by UCL's Finance Committee and published on the UCL website (e.g. [http://www.ucl.ac.uk/finance/research/res\\_student/stud\\_budg14-15.htm](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/finance/research/res_student/stud_budg14-15.htm))
- The anticipated impact of the research must be clearly explained.
- Impact studentships may be used to support students designated for Home/EU fees only (i.e. not Overseas).
- Impact studentships may not be used to support existing PGR students.

### 3. Proposal Process

Proposals should be made using the UCL Contract Information Form (CIF) downloadable from <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/finance/research/general/documents.htm> This should include:

- A description of the research question, proposed project and research impact.
- Where match-funds have been secured, please attach confirmation from the project partner.
- Where match-funds will be sought post-award, please give details of the intended project partner.
- If a student has been identified, their (short) CV should be appended.

Please send the completed CIF to the [Head of Department](#) for approval. Proposals will be considered throughout the year. There are no deadlines. Decisions will normally be made within one working week.

The normal departmental process will be used to approve the student being recruited.

### 4. Award Process

The contribution of the project partner **must** be sufficient to cover 50% of the lifetime cost of the studentship at the standard rate at the start of the project. A research project (account) will be created for each Impact Award so that funds can be transferred to UCL by the project partner.

Useful links and contacts

<http://www.ucl.ac.uk/finance/research/general/documents.htm> for UCL's Contract Information Form (CIF) and Project Budget Approval Form (PBA)

[http://www.ucl.ac.uk/finance/research/res\\_student/stud\\_budg14-15.htm](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/finance/research/res_student/stud_budg14-15.htm) for UCL's student budget calculations.

[cs.researchdegrees@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:cs.researchdegrees@ucl.ac.uk) for PGR student administration and queries.

[admin-finance@cs.ucl.ac.uk](mailto:admin-finance@cs.ucl.ac.uk) for finance processes and queries.