**Global Development Hub Fellows Fund**

*Guidance and timeline information for applicants*

**Apply**

The deadline to apply is **31 August 2024.**

Ahead of the deadline, applicants must ensure that they have: <https://forms.office.com/e/M0T5RPU9dh>

* Completed the application form:
* Obtained a Letter of Support from the proposed host supervisor at Imperial. The letter must be co-signed by the Imperial Head of Department.
* Obtained a Letter of Recommendation from their own supervisor. The letter should include a note of recognition that the student possesses a sufficient level of English required to complete the placement effectively.
* Both letters should be emailed, once the application form is completed, to international.relations@imperial.ac.uk

Whilst completing the application form students are encouraged to check the ATAS certificate requirements.

Should the student think they may require an [ATAS certificate](https://www.imperial.ac.uk/students/international-students/visas-and-immigration/atas/), they are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. If the application is unsuccessful there is no charge for the certificate. The wait times for ATAS are significant may seriously delay the placement if the student does not apply in ample time.

For further clarification, please liaise with the Imperial host department.

**Outcomes**

Application outcomes should be available by mid- September.

As soon the student receives confirmation of the award, they should begin the process of applying to the College. Further information on this will be provided at the time of award.

This process can take up to 8 weeks, although is expected to be quicker.

Please note, the College offer cannot be made until the ATAS certificate (if required) has been obtained.

**College Enrolment Completion**

Once the student has completed their College enrolment process, they should apply for the visa, using the College offer letter as supporting evidence.

All students should apply for the [Standard Visitor visa](https://www.gov.uk/standard-visitor). Payment for the visa will be covered by the award.

As soon as the visa has been obtained, travel arrangements can be made.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**: All of these processes can incur significant wait times and may be subject to delays. We encourage applicants to begin each process as soon as possible. Delay in doing so will result in the placement being cancelled.

**Additional information**

*Accommodation*

Students are expected to arrange accommodation in London themselves. Short term accommodation can be challenging to find. Guidance on private renting in London can be found here: <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/students/accommodation/private-accommodation/>

In additional to hotels and Airbnbs, there are many short term private rental options for students. Some suggests are below. Please note, these are **not** associated to the College.

<https://lhalondon.com/>

<https://britanniastudents.com/>

<https://www.ish.org.uk/>

<https://www.londonnest.com/>

*Stipend and payments*

The scheme covers your flights, travel to visa centres, visa fees and provides a monthly stipend. You should prepare to have at least £200 (or equivalent) available to you if successful as there may be some instances where we you will need to pay in cash/local currency. We will reimburse you when you arrive in the UK.

Please note, the stipend is paid by bank transfer in pound sterling. We cannot pay by cash or in local currency. We cannot make any payment to you until the bank account has been activated.

**Contact**

Should you have any further queries, please contact the International Relations Office at Imperial: international.relations@imperial.ac.uk