

How to apply for a Doctoral Innovation Placement

Loughborough University Doctoral College have identified partners willing to host EPSRC-funded doctoral students for an **'Innovation Placement'**.

What is an 'EPSRC Innovation Placement'?

An opportunity for Loughborough University EPSRC funded PhD students to gain innovation experience outside of their immediate PhD research project and team.

We have a range of exciting placements available, including with Unilever (Fast Moving Consumer Goods) in Liverpool, Nemauro (Medical Devices and Pharma) in Loughborough and DNV GL (Oil and Gas business) in Loughborough.

The placement duration may be flexible up to 3 months, subject to agreement by the host.

Placements are expected to take place before the end of March 2020.

Why do a placement?

A placement is a fantastic opportunity for doctoral students to gain 'hands on' experience of innovation in practice and to develop a broader perspective on future career options.

Through a placement you will gain new skills, enhance your future employability and experience a different workplace environment and culture.

How is a placement funded?

If your placement is longer than 1 month you will need to request a 'Leave of Absence' from your PhD study and your stipend will be paused. During the placement you will not be expected to pay University fees and you will be awarded a placement allowance, comprising the equivalent of your stipend, plus an enhancement to cover additional accommodation and travel expenses incurred. The level of this allowance will be determined by the location and duration of the placement. For example, for a 3 month placement based in Liverpool you would receive a total allowance of £7000, whereas for a 3 month placement based in Loughborough you would receive a total allowance of £3750. It will then be your responsibility to cover your costs from this allowance.

How to apply:

If you are interested in any of the advertised placements you must first talk to your supervisor. You can apply to more than one placement advert with any of the hosts, but you can only receive funding and LoA to undertake 1 placement during your PhD. If your supervisor is supportive please complete the 'Innovation Placement Funding Application form' and return to the Doctoral College R.Ginger@lboro.ac.uk or J.Thurman@lboro.ac.uk

To apply for a placement the DC need to be satisfied that you are making good progress with your PhD and have the full support of your supervisor and [school DDP](#). Once the DC confirm that you are eligible for placement funding we will ask you to send your application and accompanying CV direct to the placement host.