

## Kent Signature Research Themes PhD Scholarships – Call for Applications 2021-22

The University of Kent is delighted to invite applications for 4 doctoral scholarships starting in the academic year 2021 (from September 2021). The call is open to candidates interested in pursuing a PhD programme in any discipline or disciplines at the University on a research project directly linked to one of our recently established Signature Research Themes. These themes are:

- Future Human
- Migration and Movement

The **Future Human** theme will support multidisciplinary collaborative research on the use of science and technology for human enhancement and its wider social implications. Research in this field will explore the opportunities, limits, challenges, and risks of using science and technology for human advancement. Four sub-themes will provide a shared focus for a range of disciplines to explore the ways in which human enhancement will affect our lives in the areas of health (the Healthy Human), society (the Everyday Human), work (the Working Human), and performance (the Super Human). The research and innovation activities embraced by Future Human will be focused on priority areas for society and industry. In its first phase, there will be a series of consensus workshops to bring together stakeholders from business and the public sector, and the establishment of an industrial and public steering committee.

The **Migration and Movement** theme will bring together and build on the vibrant research and teaching activities at Kent in the field of migration and movement broadly conceived. The approach will be to expand our understanding of migration and movement beyond the movement of people to include the migration of pathogens, remittances, technologies, cultures, scriptures, coffee, drugs, medicines, labour, and ideas. Researchers working within this theme will develop the University's teaching portfolio to reflect this broader conception of migration and movement, and will engage closely with a wide range of non-governmental associations. Sub-themes will include Borders, Identities, and Identifications, and there will be a launch event on Borders. In collaboration with partner institutions, the theme leads will compile an Interdisciplinary Glossary of Key Concepts. Researchers will be encouraged to develop new concepts (for example, the 'health migrant'), and to tackle the problematic of nuance and translation.

### Scholarship Information

Further information on these three themes can be found on the University's Signature Research Themes webpages: <https://research.kent.ac.uk/signature-themes/>

Signature Research Theme scholars will receive the following:

- Annual stipend at UKRI rates (£15,285 in 2020/21);
- Annual tuition fees at UKRI Home rates (£4,407 in 2020/21)
  - 2021/22 rates to be announced.

**NOTE:** This scholarship call is open to Home applicants. EU and International students are welcome to apply but they must be willing to make up the fee difference between Home and International rates.

### Application process

Applications for Signature Research Theme scholarships will be student-led. Interested students should suggest their own research projects, however we strongly recommend that applicants contact the supervisor/s they have in mind to discuss their research proposal with them in advance of

submitting their application. Academic Supervisors should also liaise closely with SRT academic leads. Academic staff contact details can be found on the relevant [School/Department's website or through Findasupervisor](#).

Applicants should follow the University of Kent's [online application process](#). As part of the process, you should include the following:

- your reasons for study
- your research proposal;
- how your research fits with the Signature Research Theme;
- details of your qualifications;
- two academic references;
- other relevant personal information and supporting documentation.

## Entry requirements

Applicants to a PhD programme should normally hold a good Honours degree (First or 2:1) or a Master's Degree (at Merit or Distinction) in a relevant discipline, or the equivalent from an internationally recognised institution. In addition, programmes of study at individual schools have specific entry requirements that need to be fulfilled (for these, please check under the 'entry requirements' tab on [Kent's course finder page](#)).

The University of Kent requires all non-native speakers of English to reach a minimum standard of proficiency in written and spoken English before beginning a postgraduate degree. For more information on English language requirements, please visit [this page](#).

## Selection process

Schools will carry out the initial eligibility checks and paper shortlisting. All shortlisted candidates will then be ratified at Division level where a further paper selection process might occur. Three final shortlisted candidates will be chosen and submitted by Divisions to the SRT Studentship Selection Panel chaired by the Dean of the Graduate and Researcher College. Shortlisted candidates will be invited for interview (to be conducted online) in April 2021.

See [Appendix 1](#) for timeline and further details.

## Deadline

The deadline for Signature Research Theme scholarship applications is midnight on **Sunday 14 March 2021**.

# Appendix 1

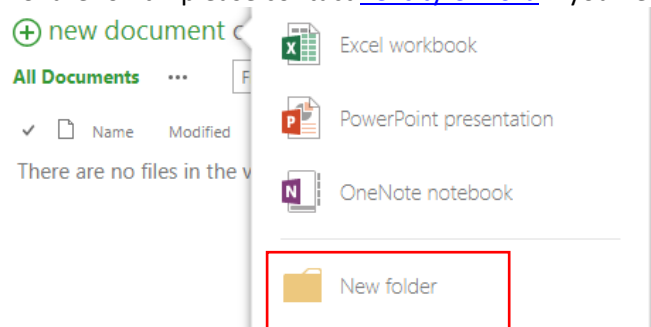
## Kent Timetable and Process

Closing date for candidates applying for a SRT studentship at Kent – **Midnight Sunday 14 March 2021**

Who	Action	Start	Complete
School	Paper shortlist eligible candidates. Select top candidates to put through to Division level selection.	Monday 15 March	Friday 19 March
Division	Shortlist* school candidates and select 3 candidates (in rank order) to put through to Kent SRT Studentship Selection Panel for interview.	Friday 19 March	Friday 26 March
Division/ School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advise applicants of outcome, successful and unsuccessful.</li> <li>Upload final two shortlisted candidate application documents to <a href="#">SharePoint**</a> and send confirmation to Felicity Clifford (<a href="mailto:f.clifford-254@kent.ac.uk">f.clifford-254@kent.ac.uk</a>).</li> </ul>	Friday 26 March	Tuesday 30 March
GRC	GRC sends applications to the Kent SRT Studentship Selection Panel and arrange interview dates and times.	Tuesday 30 March	Thursday 1 April
Panel	Kent SRT Studentship Selection Panel interviews and meeting. Outcome: 2 per theme plus 1 reserve per theme.	Thursday 9 April	Thursday 15 April
GRC	Confirm outcome of panel selection to Divisions/Schools.		Friday 16 April
School	All candidates notified of competition outcome.	Friday 16 April	Wednesday 21 April

\*Divisions to establish an internal shortlisting process with Schools.

\*\*SharePoint – please contact [Felicity Clifford](#) if you need access to the SRT SharePoint link.



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