

ADAPT-AI Studentship Application Form (CDA)

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ABOUT YOU

1. Name: *

2. Email Address: *

3. Telephone Number: *

4. Address: *

5. Admissions Application (Portal) Reference Number: *

This will be the reference number you have received on commencing your formal admissions application through the relevant HEI.

6. The ADAPT-AI Doctoral Focal Award studentship programme is committed to supporting students from ethnic backgrounds that are currently underrepresented in UK arts, culture and heritage occupations, particularly in leadership roles (as detailed in the UK Arts, Culture and Heritage Audiences and Workforce PEC report, May 2024). We also acknowledge this underrepresentation in postgraduate research in the UK and are committed to improving access and participation at this level. *

5 studentship awards for October 2026 entry will be ringfenced to applicants from the ethnic backgrounds listed below. Applicants must be UK-permanent residents who are liable for fees at the home rate and identify as one of the following ethnic groups **Asian or Asian British** (including Bangladeshi or Bangladeshi British, Chinese or Chinese British, Indian or Indian British, Pakistani or Pakistani British, any other Asian Background) **Black or Black British** (including African or African British, Caribbean or Caribbean British, any other Black Background) **Mixed or Multiple Ethnic Groups** (including White or White British and Asian or Asian British, White or White British and Black African or Black African British, White or White British and Black Caribbean or Black Caribbean British, any other Mixed or Multiple Ethnic Background) **Other** (including groups that do not fit into the above categories). Please indicate below if you identify as one of the following ethnic groups (if you do not, please indicate Not Applicable).

- ☐ Asian or Asian British
- ☐ Black or Black British
- ☐ Mixed or Multiple Ethnic Groups
- ☐ Other (please provide further details in the next question)
- ☐ Not Applicable

7. If you have indicated 'Other' in the question above, please provide further details. Otherwise please enter N/A *

ABOUT THE STUDENTSHIP YOU ARE APPLYING FOR

You are applying for the ADAPT-AI CDA pathway. The host HEI will be King's College London. The CDA Pathway is only available in Full-Time Study Mode.

8. Have you received UKRI (Research Council) funding in the past or are you receiving it currently? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

ABOUT YOUR BACKGROUND

9. Academic Qualifications: Please list* your qualifications and include the following for each: Institution; Qualification & Subject; Dates of Study; Grade/Classification; Contextual Factors** (if applicable) *

* Please use a hyphen to separate each item in your list. **If you would like us to consider contextual factors that may have affected your educational journey (such as caring responsibilities, part-time employment, educational disruption, or non-traditional educational pathways), please note them.

10. Professional and Creative Practice Experience: Please list* relevant professional roles, creative projects, or practice-based work, and include the following for each: Position/Role; Organisation/Context; Key responsibilities or achievements; Dates. *

*Please use a hyphen to separate each item in your list.

11. Awards, Achievements, and Professional Qualifications: Please list* prizes, publications, creative outputs, professional certifications, exhibitions, performances, screenings, or other relevant achievements: *

*Please use a hyphen to separate each item in your list.

ABOUT YOUR RESEARCH PROJECT

12. Your Skills and Project Preparedness (max 500 words). This is your opportunity to demonstrate how you are ready for doctoral research. We are interested in the full range of your skills and experiences. *

Please explain: What skills and experiences prepare you for this project? What relevant technical skills do you have? What transferable skills do you bring? What do you still need to learn?

13. Your Motivation and Journey (max 500 words). We want to understand what drives you and the path that has brought you here. *

Please share: What motivates you to undertake this research? What has been your journey to this point? Have you faced any barriers? How did you navigate them? Why is pursuing a doctorate the right next step?

14. Response to the CDA Brief (max 500 words) *

Please explain: What will you research and why does it matter? How does it connect to existing work in this area? (Reference key literature, creative works, exhibitions, performances, or practice as appropriate) Why does this research fit within ADAPT-AI? Which theme(s) does it address? (Audience Interfaces, Audience Interaction, and/or Audience Integration) What new knowledge or creative outcomes will your project contribute? How will you work with the partner organisation? What will this collaboration look like?

15. Research Methods and Creative Approach (max 500 words). Tell us how you will actually do the research. *

Please describe: What methods will you use to investigate your research questions? If you're creating practice-based outputs (artworks, performances, prototypes, experiences), what will these be and how will they contribute to your research? What technologies or tools will you need to use or learn? How will you structure your thesis or portfolio of outputs? What ethical considerations does your project raise? How will you address them?

16. Project References (max 300 words). *

Provide a list* of up to 20 key sources that inform your project. These may include academic books and articles, creative works, exhibitions, technical reports, or policy documents. Use a consistent citation format. *Please use a hyphen to separate each item in your list.

17. Project Timeline (max 500 words). Provide an indicative timeline showing how you will progress through your doctorate. *

Please include: Year 1: What will you focus on? Year 2: How will your research and practice develop? Year 3: How will you bring your work to completion? Key milestones and partner collaborations

18. ADAPT-AI will match potential supervisors with applicants during the shortlisting and selection stages, based on research fit and availability. If you have identified someone you would be interested in working with, please let us know their name(s) here:

Providing an answer to this question is optional

OTHER INFORMATION

19. If you have any other information that you would like to share in support of your application, including any additional links to relevant publications, projects, documents, and creative works, please detail this below (max 200 words):

Providing an answer to this question is optional

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