

# Terms and Conditions for Research Studentships funded from University Research Contracts

*Effective October 2023*

## 1. Types of awards covered

- 1.1. These terms and conditions cover any studentship to support a postgraduate research degree where a funding contract has been established between the University and the sponsor. This may include UK Research Councils, external commercial sponsors or charities. The terms also apply to studentships that are directly funded by the University.
- 1.2. These terms and conditions shall apply in conjunction with any additional terms and conditions specified by the sponsoring body and the University Regulations.

## 2. Issuing, acceptance and payment of awards

- 2.1. When such awards are made, Doctoral Researchers will be issued with a studentship offer letter from the Doctoral College. The letter will outline the value of the award and any specific conditions that apply to the candidate.
- 2.2. Doctoral Researchers must formally accept their award, in writing or by return of email, and in doing so accept the terms and conditions herein.
- 2.3. Payment of the award will be made monthly in arrears by direct transfer to their personal bank account.

## 3. Value of award

- 3.1. Studentships may cover full or partial fees at the UK or international rate.
- 3.2. Studentships may include stipends (tax-free contributions towards the cost of living.) These are typically set at the published UKRI rates. Depending on the nature of the contract agreed with the sponsor, some studentship offers may include an enhanced stipend amount. For each studentship offered, the value of the stipend will be made clear at the

- 4.3. The duration of a research studentship will be reduced by a period equal to any previous period of postgraduate training, or of activity equivalent to postgraduate training undertaken by the student. Exceptions are:-
- a) up to one year of any full-