UniDLA Application for 2027 Entry

UK Home students are eligible to apply to all the projects. International students are only eligible to apply to some of these projects as indicated.

* Required

Project Selection

Please see this link for full details about each project available.

Your application to the UniDLA PhD programme must be submitted via the online form accessed through the link on the UniDLA website.

This PDF is only provided for you to draft your responses. DO NOT submit this PDF as it will not be considered.

1. Please select the project(s) that you are applying to. You can select more than one project. **International students are only eligible for some of these projects** - please check carefully before applying. *

- [ ] **Enzyme-Guided Production of Next-Generation Fatty Acids for Consumer Product Applications** (David Leys, Anthony Green, Adrian Jervis, Valentina Abet) - University of Manchester **(UK Home students only)**

- [ ] **Cross-species conservation of xenobiotic metabolism and its implications for chemical safety assessment** (Luigi Margiotta-Casaluci, Thomas Miller, Jacob-Joe Collins, Ans Punt) - King's College London / Brunel University of London **(Open to Home and International students)**

- [ ] **Predictive Metabolic Modelling of the Axillary Microbiome: From Community Interactions to Experimental Modulation** (Francesco Del Carratore, Roy Goodacre, Barry Murphy, Shruti Malviya) - University of Liverpool **(UK Home students only)**

- [ ] **Biological Mechanisms of Stress Vulnerability and Resilience Across the Menstrual Cycle** (Carl Roberts, Nick Fallon, Alice Newton-Fenner, Luisa Collins) - University of Liverpool (Jo Fothergill, Howbeer Muhammed Ali, Joanne O'Keeffe, Sara Filgueira-Martinez) - University of Liverpool **(UK Home students only)**

- [ ] **Understanding Residual Body Soil–Fibre–Microbe Interactions on Textiles After Sustainable Laundering** (Jo Fothergill, Howbeer Muhammed Ali, Joanne O'Keeffe, Sara Filgueira-Martinez) - University of Liverpool **(UK Home students only)**

- [ ] **Investigating Age-Associated Changes in Epithelial–Stromal Interactions in Human Scalp Skin** (Maddy Parsons, Thomas Tull, Ranjit Bhogal, Jenny Pople) - King's College London **(Open to Home and International students)**

Personal Details

Please provide your personal details here. We operate an anonymised shortlisting process where personal information is not shared with shortlisters. During interviews, only your name from this section will be shared with the interviewers.

2. First Name *

3. Last Name *

4. Email *

5. Date of Birth *

6. Nationality *

7. Legal Sex *

- ◯ Female
- ◯ Male
- ◯ Other

8. Passport or ID number

9. Passport or ID issue date

10. Passport or ID expiry date

11. Country of Birth *

Address history

Minimum 3 years address history required as evidence that you are a Home Student for funding purposes (a requirement of the programme under UKRI conditions). This information is not shared with shortlisters or interviewers.

12. Complete current address (include full address, county/province/state, town/city/village, post code, country) *

13. How long have you lived at this address? Please indicate years and months. *

14. If you have lived at the above address for less than three years, please complete previous address 1 (include full address, county/province/state, town/city/village, post code, country)

15. How long have you lived at this previous address 1? Please indicate years and months.

16. If the period covered by the previous two addresses is less than three years, complete previous address 2 (include full address, county/province/state, town/city/village, post code, country)

17. How long have you lived at this previous address 2? Please indicate years and months.

18. Please list any other previous addresses and how long you lived at each of them.

Referees

We recommend that you contact your referees to let them know that they will need to submit a reference for you before the application deadline. The references need to be received by the application deadline for your application to be considered.

The reference must be on **institutional letterhead** and saved in **PDF format**. The document must be named "**email_address-Reference.pdf**" where email_address refers to your email address. For example, if your email is jane.smith@gmail.com, then your referee should name their file as "jane.smith@gmail.com-Reference.pdf".

Please ask your referees to upload your reference using this link: ht-

19. Referee 1 - Full Name *

20. Referee 1 - Position *

21. Referee 1 - Address *

22. Referee 1 - Phone *

23. Referee 1 - Email *

24. Referee 2 - Full Name *

25. Referee 2 - Position *

26. Referee 2 - Address *

27. Referee 2 - Phone *

28. Referee 2 - Email *

English Language and Funding Status

This information is not shared with shortlisters or interviewers. It will be used by administrative staff to determine funding eligibility.

29. Is English your first language? *

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

30. Have you been educated at degree level in English? *

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

31. Funding Status

Funding statement: To be treated as a home student for funding purposes, candidates must meet one of these criteria:

- be a UK national (meeting residency requirements)
- be a non-UK national (e.g. EU national) but have settled status
- be a non-UK national (e.g. EU national) but have pre-settled status (meeting residency requirements)
- have indefinite leave to remain or enter

"Meeting residency requirements" normally means having one's main home at a UK address for the past three years. If in doubt about your status, please contact the Postgraduate Admissions office of the university at which your project is based (listed in Question 1 above). Please indicate what best described your situation: *

◯ I am a **UK student** and I confirm that I have read and understood the funding statement.

◯ I am an **EU student with** settled or pre-settled status and I confirm that I have read and understood the funding statement.

◯ I am an **EU student without** settled or pre-settled status and I confirm that I have read and understood the funding statement.

◯ I am an **overseas student** and I confirm that I have read and understood the funding statement.

Education

Please provide your education history, starting with the most recent education.
This information is used by shortlisters and interviewers to assess your application.

32. University 1 - University Attended *

33. University 1 - Location (country) *

34. University 1 - Degree Subject *

35. University 1 - Degree Level *

- ◯ BSc or equivalent Bachelor's degree
- ◯ MSci
- ◯ MSc or equivalent Masters degree
- ◯ Other

36. University 1 - Degree Classification *

- ◯ Undergraduate - First Class Honours (1st)
- ◯ Undergraduate - Upper Second Class Honours (2:1)
- ◯ Undergraduate - Lower Second Class Honours (2:2)
- ◯ Undergraduate - Third Class Honours or below
- ◯ Masters - Distinction
- ◯ Masters - Merit
- ◯ Masters - Pass
- ◯ Not Yet Awarded
- ◯ Other

37. University 1 - Year in industry or Sandwich Year? *

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

38. University 1 - start date (if you do not have the precise day, use the 1st of the month) *

39. University 1 - end date (if you do not have the precise day, use the 1st of the month) *

40. University 2 - University Attended

41. University 2 - Location (country)

42. University 2 - Degree Subject

43. University 2 - Degree Level

- ◯ BSc or equivalent Bachelor's degree
- ◯ MSci
- ◯ MSc or equivalent Masters degree
- ◯ Other

44. University 2 - Degree Classification

- ◯ Undergraduate - First Class Honours (1st)
- ◯ Undergraduate - Upper Second Class Honours (2:1)
- ◯ Undergraduate - Lower Second Class Honours (2:2)
- ◯ Undergraduate - Third Class Honours or below
- ◯ Masters - Distinction
- ◯ Masters - Merit
- ◯ Masters - Pass
- ◯ Not Yet Awarded
- ◯ Other

45. University 2 - Year in industry or Sandwich Year?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

46. University 2 - start date (if you do not have the precise day, use the 1st of the month)

47. University 2 - end date (if you do not have the precise day, use the 1st of the month)

48. University 3 - University attended

49. University 3 - Location (country)

50. University 3 - Degree Subject

51. University 3 - Degree Level

- ◯ BSc or equivalent Bachelor's degree
- ◯ MSci
- ◯ MSc or equivalent Masters degree
- ◯ Other

52. University 3 - Degree Classification

- ◯ Undergraduate - First Class Honours (1st)
- ◯ Undergraduate - Upper Second Class Honours (2:1)
- ◯ Undergraduate - Lower Second Class Honours (2:2)
- ◯ Undergraduate - Third Class Honours or below
- ◯ Masters - Distinction
- ◯ Masters - Merit
- ◯ Masters - Pass
- ◯ Not Yet Awarded
- ◯ Other

53. University 3 - Year in industry or Sandwich Year?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

54. University 3 - start date (if you do not have the precise day, use the 1st of the month)

55. University 3 - end date (if you do not have the precise day, use the 1st of the month)

56. To anonymize the shortlisting process, we require you to **enter the Academic Year, Module/Course, and Grade in chronological order** for all the modules/courses that you have taken, as listed in your transcripts. Please use the following format: Academic Year Module Grade, with one module per line. For example: 2023-24 Biochemistry 70% 2024-25 Genetics 65% *

Research Experience

Please describe the research projects that you have been involved in. You only need a minimum of 1 research project. If you have more than 2 research projects, please describe the top 2 projects that were the most significant where you learnt the most and/or achieved the most. This information is used by shortlisters and interviewers to assess your application.

57. Project 1 - Title *

58. Project 1 - Supervisor name *

59. Project 1 - Institution (location) *

60. Project 1 - start date *

61. Project 1 - Duration (in months) *

62. Project 1 - Type of Project *

- ◯ Summer Internship / Placement
- ◯ Bachelor's Project
- ◯ Master's Project
- ◯ Year in Industry
- ◯ Other

63. Project 1 - Project Details. Provide a brief background and rationale to your research project, approaches and techniques used, the results obtained, and their wider significance. *

64. Project 2 - Title

65. Project 2 - Supervisor name

66. Project 2 - Institution (location)

67. Project 2 - start date

68. Project 2 - Duration (in months)

69. Project 2 - Type of Project

- ◯ Summer Internship / Placement
- ◯ Bachelor's Project
- ◯ Master's Project
- ◯ Year in Industry
- ◯ Other

70. Project 2 - Project Details. Provide a brief background and rationale to your research project, approaches and techniques used, the results obtained, and their wider significance.

71. Research Outcomes (Maximum 4) - Please highlight your 4 most significant research outcomes. These could include publications, presentations, collaborations, novel findings, commercial impacts, tools, engagement activities, awards, and any others. *

Please enter at most 1800 characters

Industry Interest

72. UniDLA is a joint collaborative programme with Unilever as the industrial partner. Briefly state why you are interested in applying for an industry-linked PhD project: *

Please enter at most 2000 characters

Personal Statement

Please do not repeat information provided in earlier sections of the form. We are interested in why you are applying for the UniDLA, why you are a strong candidate and that the programme represents a good fit for you. This information is used by shortlisters and interviewers to assess your application.

73. Personal statement *

Please enter at most 3000 characters

BBSRC Remit

The UniDLA is funded by BBSRC, which defines the areas of research that we can and cannot do. It is important to understand BBSRC's remit and how it overlaps with the research that you would like to do. This information is used by shortlisters and interviewers to assess your application.

74. Please describe what you understand by BBSRC remit and how this aligns with your research interests. *

Please enter at most 1800 characters

Required Documents

Each of these uploads below must be uploaded as a **single document** and **only in PDF format**. If you upload multiple documents, only the last upload will be considered in your application.

75. You must upload your CV as a single PDF document. **Please ensure that your CV does <u>not</u> contain identifying information** such as your name, gender, age, sexuality, disability, marital status, date of birth or any photos so that unbiased anonymous evaluation is possible. It must be a **single PDF document** (JPEG, TIFF, or smartphone image formats are not acceptable - you may need to "Save as" or "Print to" PDF). The document must be named "email_address-CV" (e.g., if your email is jane.smith@gmail.com, then the file should be named "jane.smith@gmail.com-CV.pdf".)

    The CV will be used by shortlisters and interviewers to assess your application.

    To upload your CV, use this link: https://bit.ly/4faAhkL *

    ◯ Confirm uploaded CV meets above requirements

76. You must upload a copy of your degree transcript(s) listing module titles and grades. To upload, please combine your transcripts into **a single PDF document** (JPEG, TIFF, or smartphone image formats are not acceptable - you may need to "Save as" or "Print to" PDF). The document must be named "email_address-transcript" (e.g., if your email is jane.smith@gmail.com, then the file should be named "jane.smith@gmail.com-transcript.pdf".)

    Your transcripts will not be seen by shortlisters but it will be used by administrative staff to verify your grades. It will be made available to interviewers.

    To upload your transcript use this link: https://bit.ly/4ir4A7G

77. You must upload a copy of an identification document such as your passport photo page. It must be **a single PDF document** (JPEG, TIFF, or smartphone image formats are not acceptable - you may need to "Save as" or "Print to" PDF). The document must be named "email_address-ID" (e.g., if your email is jane.smith@gmail.com, then the file should be named "jane.smith@gmail.com-ID.pdf".)

    Your ID will not be seen by shortlisters or interviewers. It will be used university administrators to verify your application.

    To upload your ID use this link: https://bit.ly/4ixmRQG *

    ◯ Confirm uploaded ID image meets above requirements

Diversity Monitoring

You have completed the application. Now, we request that you complete the diversity monitoring form that will not be shared with shortlisters or interviewers. All questions are optional and you can always indicate "Prefer not to say."

Disability

If you have a disability that may require adjustments to be put in place, please contact our programme coordinator. This information is not shared with shortlisters or interviewers.

78. Do you have any conditions or disabilities? *

- ◯ No disability
- ◯ You have a social/communication impairment such as Asperger's syndrome/other autistic spectrum disorder
- ◯ You have a development condition since childhood which affects motor, cognitive, social and emotional skills, and speech and language
- ◯ You have a mental health condition such as depression, schizophrenia or anxiety disorder
- ◯ You have a specific learning difficulty such as dyslexia, dyspraxia, or AD(H)D
- ◯ You have a long-standing illness or health condition such as cancer, HIV, diabetes, chronic heart disease or epilepsy
- ◯ You have physical impairment or mobility issues, such as difficulty using your arms or using a wheelchair or crutches
- ◯ You are blind or have a serious visual impairment uncorrected by glasses
- ◯ You are deaf or have a serious hearing impairment
- ◯ You have a disability, impairment or medical condition that is not listed above
- ◯ You have two or more impairments/and or disabling medical conditions
- ◯ Prefer not to say

79. Are you currently or have you previously been in receipt of a UK disabled student's allowance? *

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

Ethnicity and Religion

This information is not shared with shortlisters or interviewers.

80. Please indicate your ethnicity (select the option that best fits your ethnic background) *

- ◯ Arab
- ◯ Asian or Asian British - Bangladeshi
- ◯ Asian or Asian British - Chinese
- ◯ Asian or Asian British - Filipino
- ◯ Asian or Asian British - Indian
- ◯ Asian or Asian British - Paktistani
- ◯ Asian or Asian British - Other Asian background
- ◯ Black or Black British - African
- ◯ Black or Black British - Caribbean
- ◯ Black or Black British - Other Black background
- ◯ Mixed or Mixed British - White and Black Caribbean
- ◯ Mixed or Mixed British - White and Black African
- ◯ Mixed or Mixed British - White and Asian

- ◯ Mixed or Mixed British - other Mixed background
- ◯ White or White British - English
- ◯ White or White British - Scottish
- ◯ White or White British - Welsh
- ◯ White or White British - Northern Irish
- ◯ White or White British - Irish
- ◯ White or White British - Gypsy or Traveller
- ◯ White or White British - Polish
- ◯ White or White British - Roma
- ◯ White or White British - Showman/Showwoman
- ◯ White or White British - Other
- ◯ Other Ethnic background
- ◯ Prefer not to say

81. What is your religion or belief? (Select all that apply) *

- ◯ No religion (including atheist)
- ◯ Buddhist
- ◯ Christian
- ◯ Hindu
- ◯ Jewish
- ◯ Muslim
- ◯ Pagan
- ◯ Sikh
- ◯ Any other religion or belief
- ◯ Prefer not to say

Sex and Gender

This information is not shared with shortlisters or interviewers.

82. What is your sex registered at birth? *

- ◯ Female
- ◯ Male
- ◯ Other
- ◯ Prefer not to say

83. Gender: do you identify... *

- ◯ As a woman
- ◯ As a man
- ◯ In some other way
- ◯ Prefer not to say

84. Which of the following options best describes your sexual orientation? *

- ◯ Bisexual
- ◯ Gay man
- ◯ Gay woman
- ◯ Heterosexual
- ◯ Prefer not to say
- ◯ Other

Socioeconomic Status

Socioeconomic status is not a protected characteristic under the Equality Act 2010. However, in the context of UKRI-funded doctoral training, it is an important social issue. This information is not shared with shortlisters or interviewers.

85. Did any of your parent(s) or guardian(s) complete any of the following... *

- ◯ University Graduate
- ◯ Masters Graduate
- ◯ Doctorate Graduate
- ◯ None of the above
- ◯ Prefer not to say

86. What type of school did you mainly attend between the ages of 11 and 16? *

- ◯ A state-run or state-funded school - selective on academic, faith or other grounds
- ◯ A state-run or state-funded school - non-selective
- ◯ Independent or fee-paying school
- ◯ Attended school outside the UK
- ◯ I don't know
- ◯ Prefer not to say

87. Did your household receive income support at any point during your school years? *

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No
- ◯ I don't know
- ◯ Prefer not to say

88. Did you receive free school meals at any point during your school years? *

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No
- ◯ I don't know
- ◯ Prefer not to say

89. Were/are you in receipt of a maintenance grant from Student Finance as an undergraduate student? *

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No
- ◯ I don't know
- ◯ Prefer not to say

90. What was the post code of the house you grew up in? *

Please put N/A if you grew up outside the UK, don't remember your post code, or would prefer not to say.

91. Have you been in care as a child? Select yes if you've ever lived in public care or as a looked-after child, including with foster parents/carers under local authority care, with friends or relatives through kinship foster care, in a residential children's home, living in residential settings like schools, secure units or semi-independent living accommodation. *

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No
- ◯ I don't know

92. Do you consider yourself to be estranged from your parents? A student can be defined as estranged from their parents if they have had no communication or functioning relationship with both their parents. *

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No
- ◯ I don't know
- ◯ Prefer not to say

93. Have you been recognised (or are you the partner or child of someone who has been recognised) as a refugee, asylum seeker or stateless, or been granted humanitarian protection status by the UK government? *

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No
- ◯ I don't know
- ◯ Prefer not to say

94. Do you have any caring responsibilities? *

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No
- ◯ I don't know
- ◯ Prefer not to say

Widening Participation and Outreach Experiences

Please indicate if you participated in any of these widening participation schemes (select all relevant activities). This information is not shared with shortlisters or interviewers.

95. Programmes / activities in year 12-13 or equivalent (before undergraduate studies) *

- [ ] Future Scholars Programme with Leading Routes
- [ ] In2STEM with In2scienceUK
- [ ] Sutton Trust UK Summer School
- [ ] Into University
- [ ] Widening participation schemes from a university - indicate name of university in Other
- [ ] Other programmes (e.g., charities) - indicate name of organisation and programme in Other
- [ ] None
- [ ] Prefer not to say
- [ ] Other

96. Undergraduate or postgraduate scholarships / bursaries for students from under-represented or disadvantaged backgrounds *

- [ ] Cowrie Scholarship Foundation
- [ ] Martingale Foundation Mathematical Science Masters Scholarship
- [ ] Martingale Foundation / Google DeepMind Artificial Intelligence Masters Scholarship
- [ ] Scholarships / Bursaries for under-represented / disadvantaged students provided by a university - indicate name of university in Other
- [ ] Other scholarships / bursaries (e.g., from charities) - indicate name of organisation and scheme in Other
- [ ] None
- [ ] Prefer not to say
- [ ] Other

97. Research placements and other schemes during undergraduate studies, postgraduate studies, or after graduation. *

- [ ] LIDo Research Experience Placements (REPs)
- [ ] In2research with In2scienceUK
- [ ] UNIQ+
- [ ] Wellcome Trust Biomedical Vacation Scholarships
- [ ] Widening Participation schemes from a university or PhD programmes - indicate name of university or PhD programme in Other
- [ ] Widening Participation schemes (e.g., from charities) - indicate name of organisation and scheme in Other
- [ ] None
- [ ] Prefer not to say
- [ ] Other

This content is neither created nor endorsed by Microsoft. The data you submit will be sent to the form owner.

Microsoft Forms