

iMayflower Masters R&D Studentship 2020/21

Information for Students

Considering applying for a Masters with the University of Plymouth Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Business this summer?

Are you keen to work collaboratively with a local business to apply your knowledge in a work context, contributing to the development of a new product, service or experiential offering, and enhancing your creative practice and future prospects?

Overview

As part of the University of Plymouth's commitment to enhancing the productivity of the regional Creative Economy, supporting businesses through the economic recovery period, and retaining talented students in Plymouth, we are piloting a new initiative to pair highly skilled Masters level students from across our Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Business with local businesses in order to undertake a defined R&D challenge. The scheme is designed to deliver mutual benefits - helping to increase the innovation capacity of the business and deliver an unprecedented learning experience for our students.

About the scheme

The University will advertise projects and Expressions of Interest will be requested from potential students. Each project will typically last for 9 months and run between October 2020 and June 2021. Throughout the studentship, you will be encouraged to spend a minimum of 1 month (over the lifetime of the project) working on site with the business.



Successful students will receive a scholarship of £3000 towards their course fees. The business (Sponsor) will also receive a stipend of up to £2000 towards agreed costs for materials, travel and accommodation directly associated with the project. Students will receive joint supervision from the business and University staff throughout the duration of the project, impacting positively on your creative practice and future prospects.

**Please note all Intellectual Property (IP) developed through the collaboration will be retained by the business.*

Roles and Responsibilities

All projects delivered through this scheme are governed by a formal Studentship Agreement which must be signed by all parties prior to commencement. The following sub-sections briefly summarise the main responsibilities of each party:

Student

- Agrees to undertake a Masters R&D Scholarship, leading the project to address the R&D Challenge identified by the Sponsor and working proactively throughout the course of the project to achieve objectives
- Works on the project in the course of completing their Masters
- Endeavours to spend sufficient time at the Sponsor premises to work within the team and receive professional mentoring from the workplace supervisor
- Participates in quarterly local management meetings to monitor and review progress, and address any issues (in collaboration with the University and Sponsor)
- Notifies the University immediately of any significant issues and risks that put the project, or their participation in the project, at risk
- Maintains professional confidentiality, taking into account commercial sensitivities
- ***Financial commitment:*** course fees remaining after the £3000 scholarship provided by the University

Business (the Sponsor)

- Identifies and defines a suitable R&D Challenge, including an accurate description of the project being offered, the duties and activities involved, and the skills required
- Participates in the recruitment process, usually by participating in an interview panel, to appoint a suitable student (in collaboration with the University)
- Provides the commercial environment for the student and hosts them on-site
- Appoints a workplace supervisor to oversee workplace induction, day-to-day project supervision and to be available for student enquiries
- Ensures the student participates in the project as agreed (in collaboration with the University)
- Ensures that the activities undertaken by the student are sufficient to contribute to the student's Masters programme (in collaboration with the University Academic Supervisor)
- Participates in quarterly local management meetings to monitor and review progress, and address any issues (in collaboration with the University and student)
- Notifies the University immediately of any significant issues and risks that put the project, or the student's participation in the project, at risk
- Allows the project to be disseminated (taking into account any commercial sensitivities)
- Undertakes detailed evaluation of the project, giving consideration to human resource required for next stage of development
- Considers delivering appropriate guest lectures at the University wherever appropriate
- ***Financial commitment:*** agreed costs for any materials, travel and accommodation directly associated with the project, above and beyond the stipend of up to £2000

University

- Provides support to the Sponsor to identify a suitable R&D Challenge and plan the project

- Advertises the R&D Challenge with a view to shortlisting candidates and recommending a student who matches your project requirements
- Coordinates the recruitment process, usually by establishing an interview panel, to appoint a suitable student (in collaboration with the Sponsor)
- Appoints an Academic Supervisor to provide day-to-day guidance and support to the student and Sponsor
- Ensures that the activities undertaken by the student are sufficient to contribute to the student's Masters programme (in collaboration with the Sponsor)
- Ensures that the student participates in the project as agreed (in collaboration with the Sponsor)
- Supervises and provides pastoral care to the student
- Provides access, where possible, to university R&D facilities
- Participates in quarterly local management meetings to monitor and review progress, and address any issues (in collaboration with the Sponsor and student)
- **Financial commitment:** scholarship of £3000 towards the student's course fees, stipend of up to £2000 towards materials, travel and accommodation directly associated with the project, plus travel and subsistence for University staff

Application Process

Scholarships will be awarded through a staged application process during the summer of 2020 with all projects commencing in October 2020. Places will be extremely limited and projects must demonstrate sufficient quality and strong alignment with the scheme criteria. The Application Process is detailed in Fig 2 below.



Specific timelines associated with each application cycle are detailed in the table below:

	Business Proposal Deadline	Advertising Date	Student Application Deadline	University Shortlisting Deadline	Business Selection Confirmed
Summer 2020	29 th May 2020	12 th Jun 2020	3 rd Jul 2020	17 th Jul 2020	3 rd Aug 2020
Late Applications	31 st July 2020	14 th Aug 2020	4 th Sept 2020	18 th Sept 2020	2 nd Oct 2020

To express an interest, or if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact:

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To apply please complete the short form at the end of this document, indicating which of the above cycles you are applying for, and return to plymcreative@plymouth.ac.uk copying in sarah.holcombe@plymouth.ac.uk.

About iMayflower

iMayflower is designed to build Plymouth’s Creative Industries and nurture creative people power across the city. Delivered by a consortium comprising the University of Plymouth, Plymouth City Council, Destination Plymouth, Mayflower 400, Plymouth College of Art and the Real Ideas Organisation (RIO), the project includes a £3.5million grant from the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport’s Cultural Development Fund, which invests in creative, cultural and heritage initiatives that lead economic growth and productivity.

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STUDENT EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Grant Title	iMayflower Masters R&D Scholarship
Applicant name	
Contact email address	
Contact telephone number	
Please detail what area of practice and Masters programme you are interested in pursuing and some information about your skill set (Up to 500 words)	
Tell us how you will benefit from the proposed studentship (Up to 300 words)	

** Please note that places will be extremely limited*