Supervisor Information
2022 Enrichment Scheme

This document has been produced to provide brief guidance to supervisors and Heads of Department who have students interested in applying for the Turing’s 2022 Enrichment scheme.

Summary of the Enrichment Scheme

Now entering its seventh year, the Turing Enrichment scheme offers students currently enrolled on a doctoral programme at a UK university the opportunity to enrich their doctoral studies by building connections with The Alan Turing Institute and engage with its diverse community of researchers. Students continue their doctorate with their current supervisor at their home university, while gaining the opportunity to learn new methodologies, build new collaborations and develop research independence.

In recognition of the changes to ways of working in the last two years, for the 2022-23 academic year the Turing will offer two Enrichment awards: the Community Award and the Placement Award.

Key information:

- Community Award: 12-month remote participation, one start date (October 2022), one financial award (£1500)
- Placement Award: 6- or 9-month in person placement at the Turing HQ in London, 2 start dates (October 2022, January 2023), 1 financial award (£1500 for the community engagement + £450/month for the placement)
- Ability to apply for the Enrichment Diversity Access Fund which awards students with a disability, a caring responsibility or in financial hardship up to £500 per month

There is no typical Enrichment student, and applications are encouraged from candidates from diverse academic disciplines and whose research embraces the Turing’s ethos of interdisciplinary collaboration within data science and artificial intelligence.

Training opportunities are provided for the students in both technical skills and theory across a broad range of data science and artificial intelligence, as well as in the research skills necessary for doctoral level researchers. The training at the Turing promotes cohort development and engagement is actively encouraged.
Application Process and Candidate Selection

Candidates apply directly to the Turing through our application portal. Candidates are asked to discuss the participation in the Enrichment scheme with their supervisor and department prior to application and gain approval to participate. As part of the application, supervisors are asked to submit a reference for the candidate. For more details on the assessment criteria please review the Enrichment Call Document.

The deadline for applications is 23rd February 2021, 12pm noon GMT.

Student Supervision

Expectations for Supervisors

Supervisors must commit to continuing to supervise their student while they participate in the Enrichment scheme. We ask that supervisors commit to a minimum of monthly meetings, either by face-to-face or remote options. Students and supervisors are encouraged to explore potential collaborations with Turing Research Programmes. Collaborations with Turing Fellows and Programmes can provide additional informal support for students as well as new avenues for research and connection. If a student is on a Placement Award, the supervisor is welcome and encouraged to visit the Turing and engage with events and activities happening at the Institute.

Student Services Support

We want to ensure that all our students feel fully supported during their time on the Enrichment scheme. Students will have access to range of both academic and pastoral support options at the Turing. The Academic Services team at the Turing run a dedicated student support service who are able to provide support on a range of student topics. Students will also be able to access support from drop in academic mentoring at the Turing. Opportunities to engage with the cohort, by becoming a student rep, student community champion, or taking part in a range of social activities taking place at the Institute are also encouraged. All students, no matter if they are Community Award holders or Placement Award holders, have access to certain Turing benefits, including access to the Institute’s External Supervisor, who offers support on dealing with challenging situations.

Information for University Departments

The Turing will work with the student’s home university department to organise and administer the student’s participation in the Enrichment scheme. This will include arranging payment of the financial award to the student through the usual channels at the university. All students are asked to confirm they have the permission of their university to study on the scheme before applying and, will be asked at offer stage to produce a letter confirming this, if appointed for the Placement Award.

Contact Details

For questions on the Turing’s Enrichment scheme, please contact the Institute’s Academic Recruitment team at academic-recruitment@turing.ac.uk.