Guidance for Universities and Supervisors

The Alan Turing Institute
Enrichment scheme 2024-2025

Now entering its ninth year, the Turing Enrichment scheme offers students currently enrolled on a doctoral programme at a UK university the opportunity to enrich their studies by building connections with The Alan Turing Institute and engaging with its diverse community of researchers.

Students continue their doctorate with their current Supervisor at their university, while gaining the opportunity to learn new methodologies, build new collaborations and develop research independence.

You can find out more at www.turing.ac.uk/work-turing/studentships/enrichment.

Students who are successful in applying for the scheme will be offered a 6 or 9 month in person placement at The Alan Turing Institute and will receive a financial Placement award to support relocation and/or commuting. The award amount will vary dependent on location, please refer to the Call document for more details. They will also have access to an Enrichment Training Support fund from which students can claim up to £1000. The fund is intended to be used flexibly for research related expenses. Further Grassroots funding is available to claim for collaborative research opportunities.

There is no typical Enrichment student, applications are welcome from candidates from diverse disciplines and whose research embraces The Alan Turing Institute's ethos of interdisciplinary collaboration within data science and artificial intelligence. The Enrichment scheme also aligns with the new Turing 2.0 strategy and its focus research areas.

We encourage applicants to choose from a variety of focus research areas in order of preference in their application. They will only be allocated one focus area when the placement commences, however this will not restrict collaboration activities across other areas which is strongly encouraged. It is also important to note that preferences are not guaranteed and the projects within the focus areas are subject to change.

For the 2024/2025 Call, we will be reintroducing a limited number of remote Community awards as well as the Placement award. Students must **NOT** apply for both Placement and Community awards. Further details will be available in due course.

Further funding opportunities

Access fund – this can be applied for on Flexi-Grant once an informal offer has been made. The fund is intended to assist students who could not otherwise afford to take part in the scheme.

Hardship fund – an 'in-flight' fund is available to help students who experience unforeseen financial challenges and without help would not be able to continue the Enrichment scheme. Applications open after the first week of the scheme and are reviewed regularly throughout the placement length.

Application Process and Candidate Selection

Candidates apply directly to The Alan Turing Institute through our application portal, Flexi-Grant. Candidates are asked to discuss participation in the Enrichment scheme with their supervisor and department prior to application and gain approval to participate. For more details on the assessment criteria please review the Enrichment scheme Call document.

We recommend interested students sign up for the information webinar on 1 December. Please register here.

We encourage supervisors to offer assistance to their students who wish to apply. If supervisors have multiple applicants, this could be in the form of an application clinic. Students should reach out to academic-recruitment@turing.ac.uk for reasonable adjustment requests.

The deadline for applications is **17th January 2024, 12 noon, GMT**.

No extension will be granted.

References

Each applicant must supply the details of one referee. References will be called for just after the informal offer stage. Applicants are asked to tick a box on their application form to agree that they have informed their supervisor. If at the time of requesting a reference it is apparent that the applicant has not discussed the application with their supervisor, it may result in the withdrawal of the offer. Formal offers will be sent after the receipt of references.

Responsibilities of the student

- All students are asked to confirm they have permission of their university to study on the scheme before applying and will be asked at offer stage to produce confirmation of this permission alongside their supervisor's reference.

- All students will be asked to sign the Enrichment Terms and Conditions, provide a bio and photo for the website, attend the on-boarding activities and keep abreast of the necessary impact and monitoring surveys sent to them.

- Placement students are expected to attend The Alan Turing Institute offices at the British Library for a minimum of 8 days per month. There is not a requirement to relocate to London if the student wishes to retain their current accommodation, but the ability to commute is imperative.

Responsibilities of the student's university

If the student is successful, The Alan Turing Institute will ask their university to:

- Grant the student permission to 'study away' for the duration of the Enrichment placement – 9 months starting in October 2024 or 6 months starting in January 2025.

- Administer the Placement award to the student on behalf of The Alan Turing Institute and sign a Funding Agreement regarding this. Funding Agreements are sent to universities in July.

- Invoice the Turing for the financial award and pay this to the student.

- Continue to supervise the student while they participate in the scheme and commit to a minimum of monthly meetings, either face to face or remotely.

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 a range of both academic and pastoral support options at The Alan Turing Institute.

The Academic Services team at The Alan Turing Institute run a dedicated student support service who are able to provide support on a range of student topics.

Opportunities to engage with the cohort through volunteer roles, or taking part in a range of social activities taking place at the Institute are also encouraged.

Students have access to certain resources and services to support their wellbeing.

Visa and Immigration

If the university international office would like to discuss monitoring or engagement requirements for students who are on a Student route visa and how The Alan Turing Institute can support this, please ask them to contact the team to discuss this. Universities are requested to inform The Alan Turing Institute immediately of any changes in legal right to remain or study for any student undertaking an Enrichment placement.

Students on placement from our International partners will not be sponsored by The Alan Turing Institute. Those students should refer to their home university for further advice.

If the university would like to see representative copies of any of the documents mentioned in advance, please contact us.

Contact details

For questions on the Turing's Enrichment scheme, please contact the Institute's Academic Recruitment team through academic-recruitment@turing.ac.uk or by calling +44 (0) 203 862 3578.