
Guidance for Universities and Supervisors

**The Alan Turing Institute
Enrichment scheme 2024-2025
Community award (remote access)
Call opens: 20 December 2023
Call closes: 31 January 2024**

Now entering its ninth year, the Turing Enrichment scheme offers students currently enrolled on a doctoral programme at a UK or Republic of Ireland university or Institute 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 doctoral studies 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 remote access Community award will be offered a 9-month award (October 2024-July 2025).

There is no financial award to support the Community award because it does not require relocation and/or regular commuting. Awardees will have access to an Enrichment Training Support fund from which students can claim up to £1000 for commuting occasionally to The Alan Turing Institute offices in London if they wish. The fund is also intended to be used flexibly for research related expenses such as attending conferences. 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 across 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.

Engagement

We do not specify how much engagement time a Community award student should engage with Enrichment scheme, but they will be asked to report how they have used the award throughout the 9-month period.

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 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 **31 January 2024, 12:00pm GMT, midday**. No extensions 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 that they have permission of their university to join the scheme before applying. Successful applicants will be asked at offer stage to produce confirmation of this permission within 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.
- Report back to The Alan Turing Institute after the completion of the PhD about the impact of the student's time on the scheme and about their future pathway.

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.
- Continue to supervise the student while they participate in the scheme.

Academic Services “student support”

We want to ensure that students feel fully supported during their time on the Enrichment scheme. Students can access a range of support options at The Alan Turing Institute.

The Academic Services team at The Alan Turing Institute are 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

Universities are requested to inform The Alan Turing Institute immediately of any changes in the legal right to remain or study for any student undertaking an Enrichment placement.

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

Contact details

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

