



KAPLAN INTERNATIONAL COLLEGES PRE-DOCTORATE: HOW TO APPLY

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Applying for a doctoral degree can be complex, and often requires more information and time than applications for other levels of study. The Pre-Doctorate includes step-by-step advice on how to make this application, so don't panic! In this guide, we will explain how to complete the application form for the Pre-Doctorate, and give you useful tips on how to present yourself as a strong candidate.

RESEARCH AREA AND INSTITUTION

It is very important to decide on your specific research area before you apply. You should also think about how your chosen research area matches up with our Pre-Doctorate partner universities. Consider the following:

- Will this research area sustain your interest over several years?
- Is it in an area in which there are currently gaps in knowledge or on-going debates?
- Does your research area have a strong reputation at one of our Pre-Doctorate partner universities?
- Are there details of institution and department research activities relevant to this area on the university websites?

It is worth researching specific departments at our Pre-Doctorate partner universities before you apply. This way you will know if they are the most suitable university for you.

RESEARCH AREA AND BACKGROUND

As part of your application, we request that you submit a 500-to-1,000-word description of your proposed research area. Though this might seem daunting, we are simply asking for a brief outline of your specific study interest and research idea. This is a great opportunity to promote yourself and to show us that you have the relevant skills, experience and enthusiasm for doctoral study.

Here are a few suggestions on what to include in this section:

- Why are you pursuing your research area?
Are there certain aspects of this discipline that are important or of interest to you?
- Why do you wish to study at the university or universities you have chosen?
- If you are proposing a specific research project, how would this contribute to the general area of study?
- What previous experience do you have in your proposed research area?
- What else would make you a suitable candidate for a doctoral degree and the Pre-Doctorate?

We also ask that you attach any previous research proposals you may have from earlier doctoral degree applications. This will help us clearly identify the type of support you will need during your Pre-Doctorate.

ON THE PRE-DOCTORATE, YOU'LL MEET AMBITIOUS STUDENTS SEEKING DOCTORAL DEGREE SUCCESS



YOUR RESEARCH AREA FORMS A KEY PART OF YOUR PRE-DOCTORATE APPLICATION



THINK ABOUT WHAT MAKES YOU STAND OUT AS A GREAT PRE-DOCTORATE AND DOCTORAL DEGREE CANDIDATE

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STEP-BY STEP GUIDE TO APPLYING TO THE PRE-DOCTORATE

Complete all sections of the application form (available from your Kaplan representative, a Kaplan International Colleges office, or online at www.kic.org.uk/pathways/pre-doctorate)

Read and understand the terms and conditions available at: www.kic.org.uk/pathways/terms-and-conditions

Sign the application form to confirm that you have provided the correct details and that you agree to the terms and conditions.

Attach the required additional documents. Please note, you can still apply even if you do not have your academic transcripts or Secure English Language Test results. We can make you a conditional offer, the conditions of which you will need to meet before applying for your visa:

- Your Secure English Language Test (SELT) results – see below right
- Your academic transcripts and exam results
- Research proposals for any previous or pending doctoral degree applications
- Your own insurance policy if you do not wish to purchase Kaplan Care
- Certified translations if the originals are not in English

Attach additional documents to your application form.

Send your application and additional documents to one of the following:

- Application and Admissions Centre
- Local KIC country office
- Local Kaplan representative

See the contact details opposite.

We will contact you within a few days to confirm an admissions decision.

CONTACT US

Application and Admissions Centre
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Or contact a KIC country office:

- China
- Colombia
- Hong Kong
- India
- Korea
- Mexico
- Nigeria
- Singapore
- UAE
- Venezuela
- Vietnam

For contact details, visit:
www.kic.org.uk/pathways/office

SELT RESULTS

As defined by UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI), SELT results are needed for all students who are not a national of a majority English-speaking country. For a list of exemptions, [click here](#).

DURING YOUR PRE-DOCTORATE, WE GUARANTEE YOU AN INTERVIEW FOR A DOCTORAL DEGREE WHERE YOUR RESEARCH AREA MATCHES THOSE OF OUR PARTNER UNIVERSITIES



FIND OUT MORE ONLINE:
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WE'RE COMMITTED TO HELPING YOU SUCCEED
IN YOUR CHOSEN DOCTORAL RESEARCH AREA



APPLY NOW IN JUST A FEW SIMPLE STEPS