

ATAS Guidance – Visiting Research Associate (Student) Nominations

Following a recent change to the Immigration Rules, colleagues are now required to notify either International Student Support (ISS) or Human Resources (HR) of any potential international visiting research students who will be coming to undertake research in ATAS related areas. This includes those here for less than 6 months (ISS contact required) and those here for 6-12 months (HR contact required). This must be done in advance of submitting the Visiting Research Nomination form to Academic Affairs to allow for the time required to clear the ATAS application process as well as application for a visa.

The majority of subject areas relate only to postgraduate students; there are however, a few exceptions. A full list of affected subject areas and their affected JACS codes is provided below. This is expected to be revised in advance of the transition to the new Higher Education Classification of Subjects (HECoS) codes which will come into place for the academic year 2019-2020.

The Immigration Rules change, relating to the short-term study visa applications, means that visiting students now have to apply for ATAS clearance if applicable to their area of research, regardless of the length of time they will be spending in the UK. This application will take 20 working days and must have been granted before students can apply for immigration permission. It is important therefore to factor this into the dates of duration for the nomination form.

If staff have any further queries relating to this change, they are asked to contact Elaine Graham in ISS via iss@qub.ac.uk or Ray McEvoy in HR.

Int App of Next Acceleration A	C100	Biology
Int App of Next Acceleration A	F300	Physics
PhD Computer Sci (Integrated)	I100	Computer science
PhD Computer Science	I100	Computer science
PhD Electrical & Electronic	H610	Electronic engineering
PhD GeoScience	F800	Physical geographical sciences
PhD Geography	F800	Physical geographical sciences
PhD Mathematics	G100	Mathematics
PhD Mechanical Engineering	H300	Mechanical engineering
PhD Pharmacy	B230	Pharmacy
PhD Photonic Integration & Ad	F300	Physics
PhD Physics	F300	Physics
PhD Physics (Integrated)	F300	Physics
PhD by Published Works	I100	Computer science
PhD Aerospace Engineering	H410	Aeronautical engineering
PhD Archaeology & Palaeoecology	F800	Physical geographical sciences
PhD Biological Sciences	C100	Biology
PhD Chemical Engineering	H810	Chemical engineering
PhD Chemistry	F100	Chemistry
PhD Civil Engineering	H200	Civil engineering