**Subject: Honorary Postdoctoral Fellow scheme for IOE doctoral graduates**

The UCL Institute of Education Centre for Doctoral Education is delighted to announce the launch of a new scheme for IOE doctoral graduates – The Honorary PostDoctoral Fellow scheme (HPDF). The HPDF provides support for doctoral graduates who want to publish or continue with their research but don’t currently have another academic affiliation. Similar to an Honorary Research

Fellow (see <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/human-resources/working-ucl/honorary-associations-ucl>), the HPDF is available to IOE doctoral graduates.

If you are interested once your doctorate has been completed (i.e. any modifications have been approved), you simply need to complete the form available at the CDE Blog and send with a ***2 page CV*** to your Departmental Graduate Tutor, who is responsible for approving applications on behalf of the Head of Department.

The HPDF will have continued access to your UCL email address (rather than an alumni email address), which gives full electronic access to the UCL Library, and an institutional affiliation to facilitate submission of journal articles or conference presentations (rather than having to be listed as an ‘independent researcher’). However, it should be noted that there is no entitlement to dedicated desk space or continued supervisory support.

In the light of the impact of Covid-19, the scheme is also available to those IOE doctoral graduates who completed their doctoral studies from January 2020.

The HDRF is available for a two-year term and is extendable for a further year on application. **FAQs on next page:**

**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

*Which IOE doctoral graduates can apply for the scheme?*

All doctoral graduates (PhD, EdD and DEdPsy) who completed after January 2020 can apply for HPDF status.

*What is required for eligibility for the scheme?*

Successful completion of an IOE doctoral degree from January 2020 onwards (defined as confirmation from Registry that the conditions have been met for the doctoral award, e.g. modifications approved by examiners).

*What is the cost?*

There is no fee for the scheme.

*What are the privileges, rights and obligations for HPDFs?*

In addition to the above, see <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/human-resources/working-ucl/honorary-associations-ucl> for detailed guidance.

*How should the status be indicated at conferences etc?*

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*Will the HPDF be provided with office accommodation?*

There is no office space provided under this scheme but study spaces in UCL Libraries and the Student Centre can be used.

*Will there be support from IOE academic staff?*

There is no academic support provided under this scheme but collaborative activities (e.g. preparation of articles, chapters and conference presentations) may occur, as is currently the case.

*Can the HPDF have access to Departmental or CDE funds to attend conferences?*

There is no entitlement to any institutional funding under this scheme.

*Does having an honorary title mean that I am an employee of IOE/UCL?*

An honorary title does not give employee status. The title gives you access to IOE/UCL facilities and an email address.

*If I obtained a post elsewhere, can I continue as an HPDF?*

If the post is short term (i.e. a term) then you can, but if the post is ‘substantive’ then it is appropriate to cancel the HPDF. Your DGT will be able to advise for specific circumstances.