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Technē Doctoral Training Partnership

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Members

- Techne is one of 10 AHRC Doctoral Training Partnerships
- Techne is led by Royal Holloway with eight partner universities: Brighton, Kingston, Roehampton, Surrey, University of the Arts London, Westminster, Loughborough London and Brunel.



Philosophy and aims

Techne provides approximately 60 AHRC doctoral scholarships per year with training and support in an interdisciplinary, cross-institutional context

- The craft of research
- Interdisciplinarity
- Researchers for the C21st

Technē as Craft

“Craftsmanship” may suggest a way of life that waned with the advent of industrial society – but this is misleading.

Craftsmanship names an enduring, basic human impulse, the desire to do a job well for its own sake. Craftsmanship cuts a far wider swath than skilled manual labour; it serves the computer programmer, the doctor and the artist; parenting improves when it is practiced as a skilled craft, as does citizenship.’

(Sennett, *The Craftsman*, p. 9)

Techne Priorities

- Student needs – training, career development, recognition and support for the challenges of doing cutting edge research
- Engagement with contemporary research environment
- Ensuring student satisfaction – according to the Techne student survey 2021 the most valuable aspects of being a Techne student include:
 - Sense of being part of a wider consortium
 - Access to training workshops
 - Opportunity to develop research
 - Networking opportunities

Techne Recruitment Process

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Techne Recruitment

- Techne offers up to 60 studentships each year – 12 of which are Collaborative Doctoral Awards (CDAs)
- Studentships are offered for 3.5 years full-time and 7 years on a part-time basis (pro rata if you have started your PhD)
- The studentship competition runs between November 2021 when the Techne application portal opens and May 2022 when studentship decisions are confirmed.

Application Process

- Applications are reviewed at the Techne institution to which you have applied
- Applicants which are successful at the institutional review are then assessed through the remainder of Techne process
 - Peer Review College
 - Techne Subject Groups
- Results are taken forward to Techne Management Group which finalises the studentship allocation on 21st April 2022 and applicants are notified by May
- You can only hold one AHRC DTP offer at a time

Next Steps

- Check that your project falls within one of the Technē [subject groups](#). Request the institutional deadlines for applications
- Identify and contact a potential Supervisor to discuss and agree your PhD project
- Speak with the referees who will be providing a reference
- Submit an application for an academic offer to study at your chosen institution – check the deadline with the relevant Administrator

Recruitment 2022

- UKRI opened up its studentship awards to international students in 2021
- Techne can recruit up to 30% of its cohort as international students
- International students (full-time) will receive home fee awards of £4,500 and a stipend of £15,609 (£2,000 London weighting may apply)
- International applicants will need to resource the difference between home fee award and the international fee charged by their chosen Techne institution

Techne Institutional Contacts, Processes & Deadlines

- You can submit any follow-up questions that you might have via a google form that is available [here](#).
- Please also see the Techne Open Evening [web page](#). This contains information about each of the Techne institutions and links to the institutional recruitment processes.

Techne: Engagement with Partners

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Techne Senior Administrator (Recruitment & Finance)



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Techne has 16 Partner organisations in the cultural sector who offer training, engagement and work placement opportunities. Here are just a few:



**Historic
Royal Palaces**

**SCIENCE
MUSEUM**



Engagement with Partners

- Key Techne priority: to develop engagement opportunities for students eg work placements or projects, with external partner organisations
 - This will help you to extend your networks, develop relationships with Partners and build your CV.
- Partners attend student Congresses and other events to meet with students
- Techne Partner Liaison, Ben Cole, can advise on developing contacts with external organisations

Funding Opportunities

Research Training Support Grant: This is applied for via Technē and may be used to support, overseas and UK study visits, conference attendance, as well as other research costs which are necessary for the student's primary research, for example, consumables or exhibition costs, artists materials.

Career Enhancement Activity CEA: Work placements can last for between 30 days and up to 6 months

Research Enhancement Activity REA: Students can apply for funding where a project demonstrates one of the following:

1. It significantly enhances the doctoral research project in ways that could not have been foreseen at the time of application
2. It supports students where the nature of the PhD has changed significantly since the application (where the change is for research-based reasons)
3. It increases the impact of the doctoral research project in the broader research environment

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Technē Training

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Aims

- To support the development of students as researchers at each stage of their PhD
- To offer training that complements that offered by your Technē institution
- Technē will aim to provide bespoke training for particular student through external providers

Training for Researchers

- Students work with their Supervisor to complete a training log detailing their training needs for the year
- Training skills are based on the Vitae [Researcher Development Framework](#)
- All training and events booking can be captured on Techne's Inkpath app
- Techne Training Group has strategic oversight of Techne's training programmes

Annual Calendar of Training & Events Activity

Mixture of online and in-person events:

- Student Congresses (bi-annual) each Techne institution hosts in turn
- Student-Led Conference (annual event)
- Student-Led Training Days
- Academic-led Training & Development Days
- Confluxes
- Techne student meetings
- Techne 'coffee and chat' and networking sessions

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Technē Student Perspective

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Questions?

Please go to
www.slido.com and
enter event code
'Techne' to ask or vote
on questions.

