**Nationality Form for UK Food Systems Centre for Doctoral Training**

**To be completed *by all* candidates who are offered a studentship or on the reserve list.**

**Completed forms must be sent to info@foodsystems-cdt.ac.uk**

The information below will help the UKFS-CDT team support your application. The information collected within this form **will not affect** your ranking on the shortlist. UKRI only allows the CDT to offer a maximum 30% of places to International Students and so it is important to confirm your nationality status prior to making offers.

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| **Applicant’s Name:** | **Please place an (X) in the appropriate boxes** |
| 1. Please select the home or international status which applies to you. (Please find explanations of these descriptions below this table).
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| 1. a UK National (meeting residency requirements)
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| 1. Have settled status
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| 1. Have pre-settled status (meeting residency requirements)
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| 1. Have indefinite leave to remain or enter
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| 1. International Student not meeting any of the above criteria
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| 1. If you have any other relevant information or concerns, please indicate here:
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If you have any queries, then please contact us at info@foodsystems.cdt.ac.uk.

Please note: If you provide false information about your nationality and this makes the number of International student offers exceed our UKRI cap then your offer of a place may have to be withdrawn.

**UKRI Home or International status**

Please note that the below guidance should be used to confirm eligibility of home or international status for UKRI funded studentships. This should not be used to determine eligibility of an individual to study in the UK.

To be classed as a Home student, candidates must meet the following criteria:

• Be a UK National (meeting residency requirements), or

• Have settled status, or

• Have pre-settled status (meeting residency requirement) or,

• Have indefinite leave to remain or enter

UK National

The UK includes the United Kingdom and Islands (i.e. the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man).

In terms of residency requirements for UK nationals, for courses starting from 1 August 2021, candidates will continue to be eligible for home fee status as long as:

• they were living in the EEA or Switzerland on 31 December 2020, and have lived in the EEA, Switzerland, the UK or Gibraltar for at least the last 3 years before starting a course in the UK

• have lived continuously in the EEA, Switzerland, the UK or Gibraltar between 31 December 2020 and the start of the course

• the course starts before 1 January 2028

Eligibility on these grounds will only be available for courses starting up to seven years from the last day of the transition period (i.e. on 31 December 2027 at the latest).

Children of UK nationals will also be eligible for support on the same terms, even if they are not themselves UK nationals, as long as both the UK national and the child meet the conditions listed above.

This is following the announcement made by <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/uk-nationals-in-the-eeaand-switzerland-access-to-higher-education-and-19-further-education>

The above residency requirements will not apply to Irish nationals living in the UK and Ireland whose right to study and to access benefits and services will be preserved on a reciprocal basis for UK and Irish nationals under the Common Travel Area arrangement.

It will also not apply to those EU, other EEA and Swiss nationals benefitting from Citizens’ Rights under the EU Withdrawal Agreement, EEA EFTA Separation Agreement or Swiss Citizens’ Rights Agreement respectively.

Temporary absence

A UK national may have spent an extended period living outside the UK, either for study or

employment and still be eligible for home fee status. Candidates in these circumstances are required to show that they have maintained a relevant connection with their home country and therefore claim that the absence was temporary. ‘Temporary’ does not depend solely on the length of absence.

**EU Settlement Scheme**

EU, EEA or Swiss citizens can apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living in the UK after 30 June 2021. If successful, applicants will get either settled or pre-settled status.

Settled status

Applicants will usually get settled status if they:

• started living in the UK by 31 December 2020

• lived in the UK for a continuous 5-year period (known as ‘continuous residence’)

Five years’ continuous residence means that for 5 years in a row they have been in the UK, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man for at least 6 months in any 12-month period. The exceptions are:

• one period of up to 12 months for an important reason (for example, childbirth, serious illness, study, vocational training or an overseas work posting)

• compulsory military service of any length

• time spent abroad as a Crown servant, or as the family member of a Crown servant

• time spent abroad in the armed forces, or as the family member of someone in the

armed forces

If they have settled status, they can spend up to 5 years in a row outside the UK without losing that status. If they are a Swiss citizen, they and their family members can spend up to 4 years in a row outside the UK without losing their settled status.

Pre-settled status

If applicants do not have 5 years’ continuous residence when they apply to the EU settlement scheme, they will usually get pre-settled status. They must have started living in the UK by 31 December 2020.

Those with pre-settled status will qualify as a home student if they have 3 years residency in the UK/EEA/Gibraltar/Switzerland immediately before the start of their course.

It is then possible to apply to change this to settled status once they have got 5 years’ continuous residence. They must do this before the pre-settled status expires. They can stay in the UK for a further 5 years from the date they get pre-settled status.

If they have pre-settled status, they can spend up to 2 years in a row outside the UK without losing their status. They will need to maintain their continuous residence if they want to qualify for settled status.

Indefinite leave to remain (ILR) or Indefinite leave to enter (ILE)

Indefinite leave to enter or remain (ILR) are types of immigration status.

It is possible to continue to live in the UK without applying to the EU Settlement Scheme if they have indefinite leave to enter or remain in the UK. However, if they choose to apply (and meet all the other conditions), they will get ‘indefinite leave to remain under the EU Settlement Scheme’ – also known as settled status.

They can spend up to 2 years in a row outside the UK without losing their indefinite leave to enter or remain status.

International Student

If a candidate does not meet the criteria above, they would be classed as an International student.

Thank you for completing this form.

Please return this form directly to the UK Food Systems CDT via [info@foodsystems-cdt.ac.uk](file:///C%3A/Users/sd1912l/Downloads/info%40foodsystems-cdt.ac.uk).