**LuCiD STUDY VISIT GRANT APPLICATION**

SECTION 1: What are LuCiD study visit grants, and for whom are they intended?

* LuCiD Study Visit Grants pay for travel and accommodation costs to institutions worldwide where applicants will collaborate with leading researchers on a project that falls under the umbrella aims of LuCiD. Visits should be no shorter than 2 weeks and no longer than 3 months.
* Our partner institutions and potential locations for visits (although any institution will be considered if a good case can be made):

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| **Partner Institution** | **LuCiD Co-Investigator** |
| Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology (Leipzig, Germany)  | Michael Tomasello |
| University of Warsaw (Warsaw, Poland) | Grzegorz Krajewski |
| University of Zürich (Zürich, Switzerland) | Sabine Stoll |
| Cornell University (Ithaca, New York) | Morten Christiansen |
| University of California, San Diego (La Jolla, California) | Jeffrey Elman |
| Australian National University (Canberra, Australia) | Evan Kidd |

* PhD students, postdocs and lecturers who are affiliated1 with LuCiD can apply. Senior lecturers may apply but should note that additional weighting will be given to applications from junior LuCiD affiliates.
* The purpose of the visit is to develop the applicant’s research skills, and may include learning first-hand about experimental procedures employed in the host laboratory, collection of data that cannot be collected in the home department, designing studies that require the input of the host laboratory.
* Visits must take place within 12 months of the application deadline.
* The study visit grant will cover travel costs (estimates Europe £350; US £1000; Australia £2000), local travel card (£25/month) and accommodation (£500/month). If you think your proposal will cost more than the costs outlined please contact the Centre Manager (Helen Allwood) to discuss this. These costs are rough guidelines and there is the potential for some negotiation.
* Blog posts from previous successful applicants can be found here with this year’s applicants’ blogs coming soon:
* Amy Bidgood <http://www.lucid.ac.uk/news-and-events/blogs/lucid-goes-down-under-to-learn-about-childs-play/>
* Matt Hilton <http://www.lucid.ac.uk/news-and-events/blogs/ewww-how-does-emotion-during-labelling-affect-children-s-word-learning/>

**SECTION 2: How to apply**

* To apply, the applicant must submit:
* An application (see Section 4 below).
* Their curriculum vitae
* A short reference from another LuCiD affiliate. For PhD students this should be their supervisor, for post-docs and lecturers this should be their LuCiD work package lead or if not applicable then a LuCiD Director.
* A letter from the institution to be visited, indicating its willingness to receive the applicant and confirming the availability of the relevant research facilities, signed by the host and Head of Department (or HoD’s representative).

**SECTION 3: Assessment Criteria**

Applications will be assessed by the LuCiD Knowledge Exchange and Training Forum against the following criteria:

## Feasibility of the proposed research project / training

## Evidence of how this will benefit both the applicant and the LuCiD research agenda

## References

## Timeliness (e.g. is the proposed timeline the best time for this to take place? will the applicant have future opportunities to do this?)

## Value for money (e.g. for those choosing to go further afield for short visits)

* Priority will be given to applications from junior LuCiD affiliates and those visiting partner institutions
* Prompt decisions will be made with applicants hearing about the outcome of their application within one month of the deadline.

The Forum will recommend which applications should be funded, with final approval from the LuCiD Directors.

## SECTION 4: Application

## 4.1 Applicant's details

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| **Name:** |  |
| Work Address: |  |
| **Phone:** |  | **Fax:** |  |
| **Email:** |  |

* **PhD student Start date:** ………………………………
* **Postdoctoral worker/Research fellow Date PhD awarded:**…………………….
* **Lecturer/Senior Lecturer Date PhD awarded:**…………………….

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| Current post and Employer: |  |

**4.2 Summary of current research:**

*Instructions:*

* ***PhD applicants****: Please provide a summary of your PhD topic, what has been achieved so far, and what remains to be done.*
* ***Postdoctoral/research fellows and lecturers:*** *Please provide a brief description of current research work and achievements*
* *Maximum 500 words in both cases with up to two Tables/Figures*

**4.3 Details of proposed visit:**

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| **Local contact/host:** |  |
| **Department:** |  |
| **Institution/****Address:** |  |
| **Start date:**  |  |
| **Duration:** |  |

**4.4 Study visit proposal:**

***Instructions:*** *The proposal should include sections addressing each of the following. Excluding the section for costs, the proposal should not exceed 1000 words. Up to four Tables/Figures may be included*

* ***Aims of the visit****: State clearly the visit's aims, including benefits to the applicant and to LuCiD*
* ***Intended activities****: Details of the research work (including specific studies) or training that will be achieved. Make clear why it is important to visit this specific institution, and how the planned activities will extend, complement, or enhance your current research.*
* ***Costs****: All expected costs should be itemised. LuCiD study visit grants normally only cover travel costs (estimates Europe £350; US £1000; Australia £2000), local travel card (£25/month) and accommodation (£500/month).*

**Applicant’s signature** ………………………………………… **Date** …………………..…..

**4.5 Application Checklist**

Please enclose with the application:

* Your curriculum vitae
* A short reference from another LuCiD affiliate. For PhD students this should be their supervisor, for post-docs and lecturers this should be their LuCiD work package lead or if not applicable then a LuCiD Director.
* A letter from the institution to be visited, indicating its willingness to receive the applicant and confirming the availability of the relevant research facilities, signed by the host and Head of Department (or representative)

Send or email this application and enclosures, by the closing date to:mickie.glover@manchester.ac.uk