Tier 4 Doctorate Extension Scheme – your responsibilities

Your responsibilities under the Doctorate Extension Scheme apply from the date on which your degree is approved without condition, assuming you have made a valid visa application prior to this date. These responsibilities only end either at visa expiry, if the University ceases sponsorship or if you inform us that you no longer require your DES visa.

1. Outcome of visa application

You must inform the International Student Office (international.students@admin.cam.ac.uk) as soon as you receive the outcome of your visa application and arrange to visit our office with the original visa for scanning within one week.

2. Keeping contact with us

Whether a decision has been made on your application or not, the University will contact you by e-mail at three points during the twelve month period after degree completion and ask you to complete an online form. Within this form we will ask for an update on your situation, and intentions, since the last contact.

These contacts will take place after each Cambridge term; falling in the second week of December, the fourth week in March and the first week in July.

If you do not return the online form and the International Student Office is unable to establish contact, the University will be required to withdraw its visa sponsorship. This is likely to result in the Home Office curtailing your visa.

Please note, if you leave the UK permanently or switch to another immigration route, e.g. a skilled worker visa, you should let us know as soon as possible, even if you are not due to make contact at that time.

3. Your contact details

Please ensure that the International Student Office hold up to date contact details for you – if these are incorrect and, as a result, we are unable to make contact with you this could cause your visa to be curtailed.