



# Call for funded The Data Lab MSc Places

## Guidance for Universities

### Introduction

The Data Lab MSc is a collaborative effort between The Data Lab and Scottish Universities, with the aim of developing talented data scientists to support the Scottish economy.

This call is open to Scottish Universities who would like to apply to receive **£6000 per student** to cover MSc course tuition fees.

This call is for the **2017/18 academic year**.

We are allocating **approximately 40 places**. *The exact number of places has yet to be confirmed by the SFC.*

We are seeking to fund places on courses from between **3-4 Scottish university partners**.

Students must be based in Scotland or from the European Union. Students from England, Wales and Northern Ireland are not eligible for funded studentships.

In addition to the funding, The Data Lab MSc programme includes a cross-university data challenge competition, additional employability training and industrial placements for funded students throughout the academic year.

### Timeline

<b>Friday 16 December 2016</b>	Call launched and application form available
<b>Friday 3 February 2017</b>	17:00 closing date for applications
<b>w/c Monday 6 February 2017</b>	Review panel
<b>Wednesday 15 February</b>	Decision made and communicated to Universities

### How to apply

Please complete and submit our online application form here:

<https://datalab.submittable.com/submit/3ee8a006-3799-4d1f-a125-64398ee1ee8c/the-data-lab-msc-funded-places>

You must submit your completed application form by **17:00 on Friday 3rd 2017**.

## Award Criteria

Universities will be reviewed against the following criteria:

**Course content relevant to Data Science** - up to 10 points

**Course delivery and methodology** – up to 10 points

**Industry involvement** – up to 10 points

**Recruitment and retention** – up to 10 points

**Commitment to The Data Lab MSc** – up to 5 points

The projects will be scored and ranked with the highest scoring projects that pass the scoring threshold being offered funding until the available funding pot is fully allocated.

The decision of the Reviewing Panel is final without calls for dispute. The processes followed and decisions taken by the Panel will be minuted.

## Reviewing Panel

The Reviewing Panel includes independent representatives from The Data Lab, Scottish Industry and Academia. Members will be selected from existing The Data Lab boards.

The review panel may request further information.

If a Reviewing Panel member has a conflict of interest they will not be involved in any discussion, scoring or selection decision relating to that bid.

## Feedback

We will provide feedback to all applicants after 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

## Contact Details

If you have any questions relating to this call please contact The Data Lab at: [skills@thedatalab.com](mailto:skills@thedatalab.com). We will get back to you within 48 hours of receiving your email.

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## Application Form Questions

University \*

Course Title(s) \*

What is the number of students requested to be funded by The Data Lab for the course(s) in 2017/18? \*

What is the anticipated maximum number of student places available on the course(s) in 2017/18? \*

How many students were on the 2015/16 and 2016/17 course(s) (if applicable)? \*

Please upload the course leader(s) CV(s) \*

Please upload the CVs of everyone that will be teaching on the course(s) in 2017/18 \*

Please upload details of your course outline (max 2 A4) including details of modules, course outcomes, teaching methodology and the non-technical skills your students will be taught. \*

Please explain how this course will support The Data Lab's objective to generate significant economic, social and scientific value to Scotland \*

*Limit: 250 words*

Please outline the recruitment process undertaken to ensure high quality students are recruited onto the course \*

*Limit: 250 words*

Where the information is available, please outline how many of your students remain working in Scotland after graduation and your student employment rate generally.

*Limit: 250 words*

Please outline your dropout rate and the actions you undertake to prevent students from dropping out of their course \*

*Limit: 250 words*

Please outline any previous or existing collaborations with industry through your existing course (or others if this is a new course). This should include details of how industry is involved in the development of course content \*

*Limit: 300 words*

Please outline the benefits of this collaboration that you can offer to The Data Lab MSc cohort across Scotland. For example, access to facilities and/or event-venues, other in-kind support. \*

*Limit: 250 words*

Please upload at least one letter of support from an industry partner \*