

**Doctoral College Conference**

**Invitation to International PhD Students to Apply for Funded Places**

The University of Surrey is inviting PhD/Doctoral students from selected universities that are part of the Santander Universities network to apply to attend the University’s first Doctoral College Conference. The Conference will take place on 25th and 26th July, 2017 at the University of Surrey, Guildford, UK.

The Conference theme is: *Grand Challenges – Uniting Research Cultures*.

Further information about the Conference is available here:

 <https://www.surrey.ac.uk/doctoral-college/conference>

With the generous support of Santander Universities up to 15 places are available for international PhD students to attend the Conference and to present a poster or deliver an oral presentation.

Travel and accommodation (expected to be in university residences) expenses will be covered. Accommodation will be provided from 24th to 28th July to allow participants time to explore the potential for establishing academic connections with students and staff at the University of Surrey. Participants will be responsible for all other expenses including food and insurance, and for making their own visa arrangements (where applicable).

To apply you should send your CV and an abstract (in English, maximum 250 words) describing what you would like to present, either as an oral presentation or a poster, to Louise Lawton in the University of Surrey’s Global Engagement Office at louise.lawton@surrey.ac.uk

You should also state:

* The university where you are pursuing your PhD
* Your PhD topic
* Whether your abstract is for a poster or oral presentation
* Which of the Grand Challenges indicated on the Conference website you are addressing
* Abstract title

***The deadline for applying is 9.00 am (UK time) on Monday 8th May, 2017.***

You will be advised of the outcome of your application by the end of May at the latest.

