



Social Science Plus What Makes a Good Application?



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What is the aim of CSSD & what does it do?

- **Aims to Consolidate UCL's innovative collaborative social science across the disciplines**
- Foster interdisciplinary ECR & Mid-Career capacity
- Build conversations & partnerships between social science & other UCL disciplines
- Innovate & share methods across Collaborative Social Science at UCL
- Increase the visibility of UCL collaborative social science (e.g., Podcast series, annual debate)



About Us

Who we are and how to get involved with the Collaborative Social Science Domain



Steering Group

Our Steering Group, drawn from across UCL, oversees the Domain's activities



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Social Science Plus

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How to get in touch and stay in touch

Social Science Plus
funds pilot studies to
seed new collaborations
between social science
and other disciplines
across UCL that foster a
(medium or large)
interdisciplinary
collaborative projects
with a strong social
science component

Social Science Plus has supported:

- 15 pilot projects
- Over 40 collaborators across UCL
- Follow-on projects, publications and new networks
- Over £1million of research funding being secured by UCL social scientists



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Eligibility & process

Idea/focus

viable pilot for a medium – large external research funding application

Team

- Principal Investigators (PI) must be a UCL social scientist from the IOE or the Faculty of Social & Historical Sciences (our scheme funders)
- Co-Investigators / ECRs / Additional Collaborators may be based in any UCL faculty
- Min of 1 Co-I must be a non-social scientist from a different department to the PI
- PI and Co-investigators must be of post-doctoral standing or above & be employed by UCL during the life of the project
- We use the UKRI (ESRC) broad [definition of social science disciplines](#).

Costs

- Max 10K
- Cost of employing a researcher
- Non-staff costs (e.g. travel, equipment)
- NOT faculty staff costs/time

Process

- A Work-tribe costing is NOT required
- Application form is short and straightforward

What makes a successful social science plus application?

The scheme is competitive
13% success rate
Two awards made per call

- A NEW collaboration
- Social science led
- Genuine inter/cross-disciplinary
- Research based
- High quality
- Innovative
- Viable basis for a medium/large external funding application
- An ECR development plan
- Duration: min 6mths, max 1 yr

Three examples of a successful application

1. Off-world living analogue pilot projects: determining their value for the far and near future

Social Science Principal Investigator

Aaron Parkhurst Lecturer, Biosocial and Medical Anthropology, Anthropology, Social and Historical Sciences, SLASH. Click on the bottom of the image to hear Aaron talk about his project.

Non-Social Science Co-Investigator

Daniel Brayson, Post-doctoral Researcher, Developmental Neurosciences, Population Health Sciences, LMS

Second Co-Investigator

Andrew Edkins, Professor of the Management of Complex Projects, Bartlett School of Sustainable Construction, Bartlett, BEAMS

Early Career Researcher

Myles Harris PhD student, Institute of Risk and Disaster Reduction, Earth Sciences, Mathematical & Physical Sciences, BEAMS



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2. Are e-scooters contributing to transport-related social exclusion? Mapping supply practices in London's micro mobility pilot

Social Science Principal Investigator Daniel Oviedo, Lecturer, Development Planning Unit, Bartlett, BEAMS

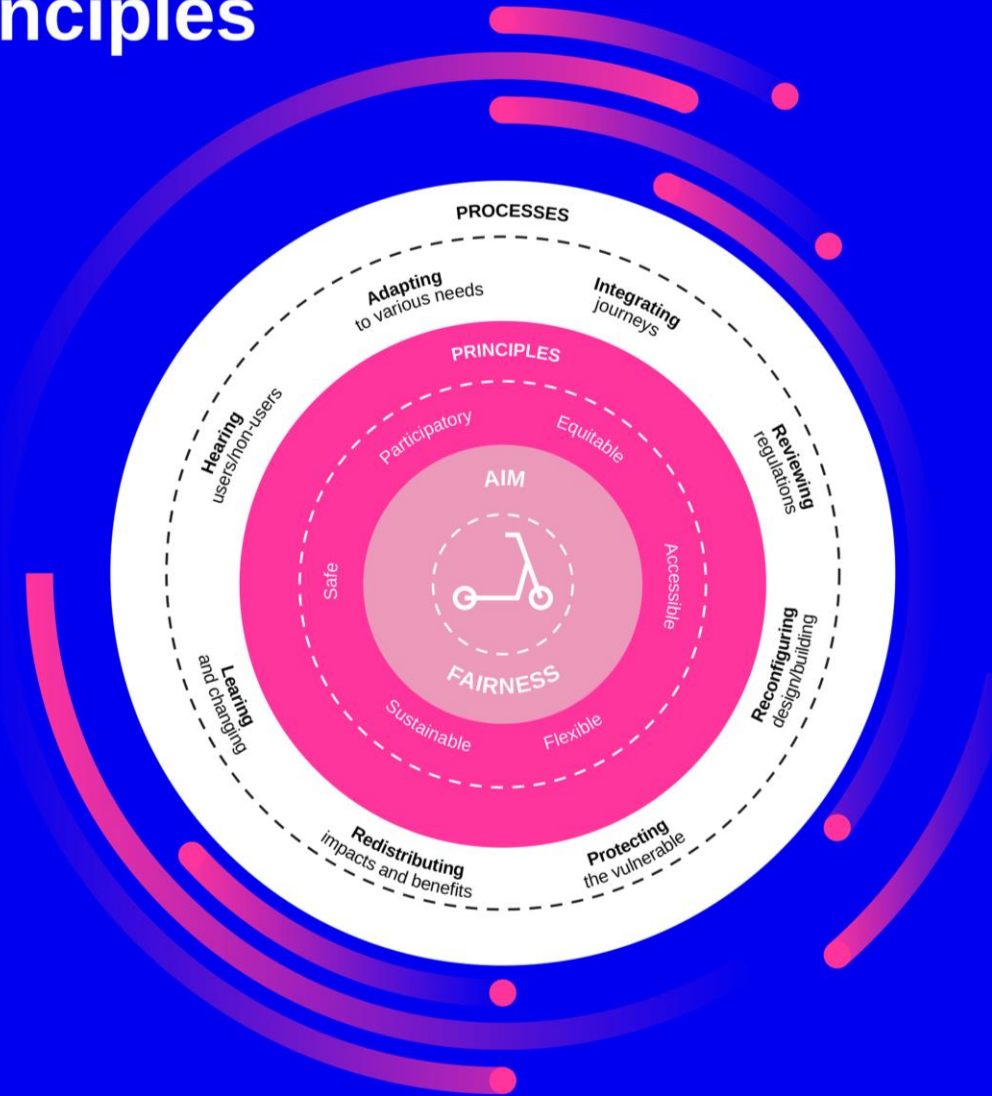
Non-Social Science Co-Investigator Helena Titheridge, Professor of Mobility and Sustainable Transport, Civil, Environmental and Geomatic Engineering, Engineering Sciences, BEAMS

Second Co-Investigator Joanna Hale, Lead Sustainability Consultant, Centre for Behaviour Change, Brain Sciences, LMS

Early Career Researcher Azadeh Mashavehi, Development Planning Unit, Bartlett, BEAMS



Principles



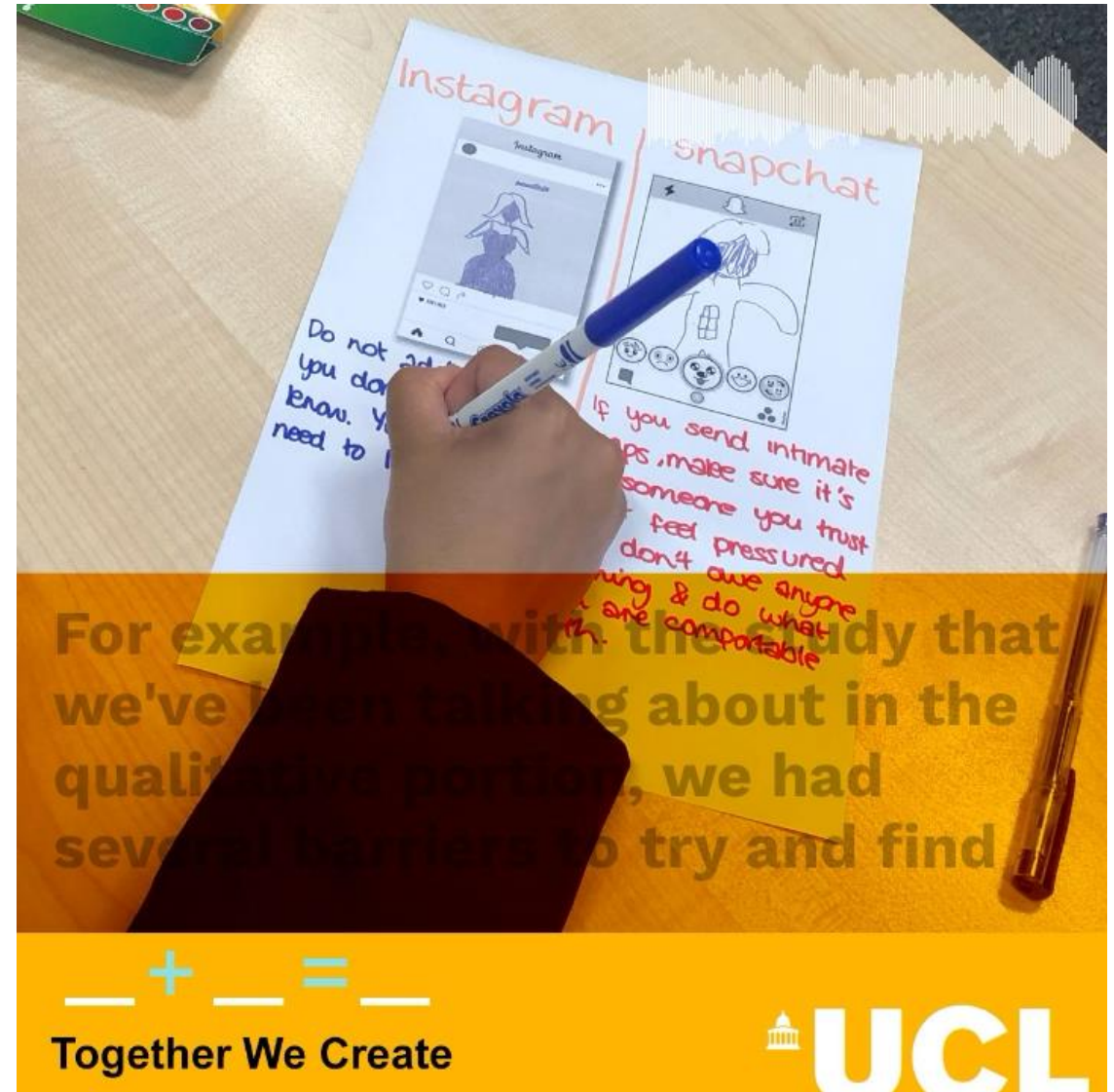
3. Children and unsolicited sexual images on social media apps: developing better digital defence and literacy

Social Scientist PI: Jessica Ringrose, Professor Sociology of Gender and Education, Education, Society and Practice, IOE. Click on the bottom of the image to hear Jessica talk about her project.

Non-Social Science Co-I: Dr. Enrico Mariconti, Lecturer, Department of Security and Crime Science, Engineering Sciences, BEAMS

Additional collaborator

[Sexplain](#) sex education charity



Other successful projects

Since 2017 supported **15 pilot projects**

over **40 collaborators** across UCL

These have led to many follow-on projects, publications and networks

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Digital Anthropology + Environmental Modelling

What Does Environmental Data Mean?
Collaboratively Developing Practices of Environmental Data Justice

Sociology + Computer Science + Neuroscience

Digital Touch Emoticons: Development, Effectiveness and Usability

Medical Anthropology + Psychiatric and Social Epidemiology + Sociology

Embodying the Social: re-thinking inequalities in the era of the 'exposome'

Architecture and Urban Planning + Transportation Studies + Geography

Walk and Connect: Exploring the built environment's influence on physical activity and social engagement for lower-income older residents in London through citizen science

Psychology + Dementia Epidemiology + Crime Science

Missing with dementia: Building the evidence base to better understand and reduce missing incidents involving people with dementia

Summary

successful social science plus applications have a:

- NEW collaboration
- Strong social science focused challenge focus
- Genuine inter/cross-disciplinary team drawing together different disciplines that make sense to investigate the phenomena
- Research-base
- High quality outline of the project
- Innovative and exciting idea and approach
- Clear ECR development plan
- Strong and feasible basis for an external funding application (medium/large not an individual fellowship/post doc)

Application form and process outlined on the CSSD website

- <https://tinyurl.com/28mc4rrx>

Keep up to date with CSSD

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