# Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS) – Research Statement

This proforma should be used to support staff/visitor applications for an ATAS certificate. The staff member/visitor:

1. can be anyone whose work involves an element of research at PhD level or above; and
2. should be coming to the UK/extending their permission if already in the UK under the Skilled Worker, Temporary Worker GAE (T5) or Visitor immigration routes; and
3. will be carrying out research in a relevant field (see Annex)

This form **should not be used for students** on a course of study where applying for ATAS.

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| **Key information** |
| **Staff/visitor full name** |  |
| **Faculty/School/Institute** |  |
| **Supervisor name** |  |
| **CAH3 code (see Annex)** |  |

Please complete the following section in conjunction with the notes overleaf.

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| **Research details**To be completed by School/Institute, in agreement with manager/supervisor for role |
| **Subject/area of research** |  |
| **Summary statement of research** (maximum 2000 characters including spaces, text area will expand if required) |
| **Research details completed by (name and job title):** | **Date:** |
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**Important: If granted, the ATAS certificate will only be valid for the research detailed above at the University of Leeds. Before an individual changes their research area, or if they need a new Skilled Worker/Temporary Worker GAE (T5)/Visitor visa, they must obtain a new ATAS certificate.**

## Notes for Schools/Institutes

* Please complete the details and send the completed document to the staff member/visitor by email. They will need to copy and paste the research statement into their ATAS application, so a digital signature is preferred to a scanned signed PDF.
* CAH3 codes: Please choose an appropriate code, as outlined in Annex A of this document.
* Subject/area of research Summary statement of research: Please give a summary (no more than 2000 characters including spaces) of the staff member/visitor’s area of research. The summary should be written in the third person; the FCDO may refuse first person summaries.
	+ For employees, please ensure this matches the description of their role as per the job description. This should include information on the scope and application of the research, and the experimental tests and methods/techniques which might be used. Include complex technical details where appropriate.
	+ For visitors, this should cover all research they will undertake during their visit, including information on the scope and application of the research, and the experimental tests and methods/techniques which might be used. Include complex technical details where appropriate.
* The statement must be provided by the University, not the individual, as it is the University’s description of the research.
* **Skilled Worker and Temporary Worker – Government Authorised Exchange (T5)**: we are unable to assign a Certificate of Sponsorship until the staff member/visitor can provide proof they have submitted an ATAS application.
* **Visitors**: The ATAS certificate must be provided before the engagement can begin. If a visitor cannot provide an ATAS certificate when required, they will not be allowed to undertake any research.

## Notes for staff members/visitors

* Apply for an ATAS certificate: LINK
* Please copy and paste the research summary directly into the ‘What will you be studying/researching?’ section of the ATAS application form.
* Further guidance on how to apply for an ATAS certificate can be found online: LINK
* The application can take up to 10 working days (15 working days April-September) so please make sure you apply in plenty of time, particularly if you are extending your existing permission to stay in the UK.
* **Skilled Worker and Temporary Worker – Government Authorised Exchange (T5)**: You cannot submit your visa application until you have received your ATAS certificate. If you are extending/switching into these visa categories from inside the UK, and If you believe this will be a problem because your visa is due to expire soon, please contact Staff Immigration.
* **Standard/Academic Visitors**: you do not need an ATAS certificate as part of your visa application, but you will require it before you commence any research in the UK. You must provide the certificate to your department before your engagement begins. If you do not, you will not be allowed to undertake any research.

## Annex: CAH3 codes

If you are unsure which CAH3 code applies, the HECoS subjects within each CAH3 code may be helpful.

[Biological Sciences](#_Toc71789677)

[Engineering](#_Toc71789678)

[Maths & Computer Sciences](#_Toc71789679)

[Subjects allied to medicine](#_Toc71789680)

[Physical Sciences](#_Toc71789681)

[Technologies](#_Toc71789682)

[Veterinary & Agriculture](#_Toc71789683)

| **CAH3 codes** | **HECoS codes** |
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| **Biological Sciences** |
| (CAH02-05-03) biomedical sciences (non-specific) | (100265) biomedical sciences |
| (100272) neuroscience |
| (100912) blood sciences |
| (101382) affective neuroscience |
| (CAH03-01-01) biosciences (non-specific) | (100345) biological sciences |
| (CAH03-01-02) biology (non-specific) | (100346) biology |
| (CAH03-01-03) ecology and environmental biology | (100347) ecology |
| (100348) environmental biology |
| (100351) marine biology |
| (100848) aquatic biology |
| (100849) freshwater biology |
| (100850) population biology |
| (100864) ecosystem ecology and land use |
| (101318) biodiversity conservation |
| (101457) community ecology |
| (101458) population ecology |
| (101459) ecotoxicology |
| (CAH03-01-04) microbiology and cell science | (100353) microbiology |
| (100822) cell biology |
| (100826) parasitology |
| (100872) mycology |
| (100873) plant cell science |
| (100874) plant pathology |
| (100881) cell zoology |
| (100906) applied microbiology |
| (100907) medical microbiology |
| (100909) bacteriology |
| (100910) virology |
| (100911) immunology |
| (CAH03-01-05) plant sciences | (100355) plant sciences |
| (101376) applied botany |
| (101460) plant physiology |
| (CAH03-01-06) zoology | (100356) zoology |
| (100829) behavioural biology |
| (100834) developmental biology |
| (100880) applied zoology |
| (100882) entomology |
| (100883) marine zoology |
| (100937) animal physiology |
| (CAH03-01-07) genetics | (100259) genetics |
| (100898) human genetics |
| (100899) medical genetics |
| (100900) molecular genetics |
| (100901) genomics |
| (100902) population genetics |
| (101377) transcriptomics |
| (101378) genetic engineering |
| (CAH03-01-08) molecular biology, biophysics and biochemistry | (100344) biochemistry |
| (100352) medical biochemistry |
| (100354) molecular biology |
| (100932) plant biochemistry |
| (100948) biomolecular science |
| (100949) biophysical science |
| (101380) metabolic biochemistry |
| (CAH03-01-10) others in biosciences | (100343) applied biology |
| (100350) human biology |
| (100847) reproductive biology |
| (100858) evolution |
| (100865) biometry |
| **Engineering** |
| (CAH10-01-01) engineering (non-specific) | (100160) computer aided engineering |
| (100182) engineering design |
| (100184) general or integrated engineering |
| (CAH10-01-02) mechanical engineering | (100190) mechanical engineering |
| (100192) electromechanical engineering |
| (100429) dynamics |
| (CAH10-01-04) aeronautical and aerospace engineering | (100114) aeronautical engineering |
| (100115) aerospace engineering |
| (100116) space technology |
| (100117) avionics |
| (100229) aviation studies |
| (100428) aerodynamics |
| (100564) aerospace propulsion systems |
| (CAH10-01-05) naval architecture | (100207) naval architecture |
| (100568) ship design |
| (CAH10-01-07) civil engineering | (100120) architectural engineering |
| (100148) civil engineering |
| (100153) structural engineering |
| (100154) transport engineering |
| (100156) highways engineering |
| (100157) railway engineering |
| (100180) environmental engineering |
| (100219) surveying |
| (100548) engineering surveying |
| (100549) environmental impact assessment |
| (100551) geotechnical engineering |
| (100565) public health engineering |
| (101048) environmental risk |
| (CAH10-01-08) electrical and electronic engineering | (100118) satellite engineering |
| (100159) telecommunications engineering |
| (100162) computer systems engineering |
| (100163) electrical and electronic engineering |
| (100164) electrical engineering |
| (100165) electronic engineering |
| (100166) control systems |
| (100168) microelectronic engineering |
| (100169) optoelectronic engineering |
| (100177) microwave engineering |
| (100188) systems engineering |
| (100539) broadcast engineering |
| (100546) digital circuit engineering |
| (100553) integrated circuit design |
| (100581) electrical power |
| (101234) nanotechnology |
| (101353) electrical power generation |
| (101354) electrical power distribution |
| (101355) cybernetics |
| (101399) analogue circuit engineering |
| (CAH10-01-09) chemical, process and energy engineering | (100135) bioprocessing |
| (100141) biochemical engineering |
| (100143) chemical engineering |
| (100144) pharmaceutical engineering |
| (100172) nuclear engineering |
| (100175) energy engineering |
| (100176) gas engineering |
| (100178) petroleum engineering |
| **Maths & Computer Sciences** |
| (CAH09-01-01) mathematics | (100400) applied mathematics |
| (100401) financial mathematics |
| (100402) mathematical modelling |
| (100403) mathematics |
| (100405) pure mathematics |
| (101027) numerical analysis |
| (101028) engineering and industrial mathematics |
| (101029) computational mathematics |
| (CAH09-01-02) operational research | (100404) operational research |
| (CAH11-01-01) computer science | (100365) computer networks |
| (100366) computer science |
| (100734) computer architectures |
| (100735) operating systems |
| (100736) human-computer interaction |
| (100737) multimedia computing science |
| (100741) high performance computing |
| (101400) parallel computing |
| (CAH11-01-02) information technology | (100367) computing and information technology |
| (100372) information technology |
| (100373) internet technologies |
| (CAH11-01-03) information systems | (100371) information systems |
| (100751) information modelling |
| (100753) systems analysis and design |
| (100754) databases |
| (100755) data management |
| (100756) systems auditing |
| (100757) intelligent systems |
| (100869) bioinformatics |
| (100963) knowledge and information systems |
| (100994) health informatics |
| (CAH11-01-04) software engineering | (100374) software engineering |
| (100376) computer and information security |
| (100821) requirements engineering |
| (100956) programming |
| (100960) object-oriented programming |
| (CAH11-01-05) artificial intelligence | (100359) artificial intelligence |
| (100961) natural language processing |
| (100966) neural computing |
| (100968) computer vision |
| (100989) cognitive modelling |
| (100992) machine learning |
| **Subjects allied to medicine** |
| (CAH02-02-01) pharmacology | (100250) pharmacology |
| (CAH02-02-02) toxicology | (100277) toxicology |
| (CAH02-02-03) pharmacy | (100251) pharmacy |
| (CAH02-04-01) nursing (non-specific) | (100290) nursing |
| (CAH02-04-02) adult nursing | (100279) adult nursing |
| (CAH02-04-03) community nursing | (100281) community nursing |
| (100285) general practice nursing |
| (100293) school nursing |
| (100295) health visiting |
| (CAH02-05-03) biomedical sciences (non-specific) | (100265) biomedical sciences |
| (100272) neuroscience |
| (100912) blood sciences |
| (101382) affective neuroscience |
| (CAH10-01-06) bioengineering, medical and biomedical engineering | (100005) clinical engineering |
| (100126) biomechanics |
| (100127) biomedical engineering |
| (100128) dental technology |
| (100130) prosthetics and orthotics |
| (100138) medical biotechnology |
| (100572) tissue engineering and regenerative medicine |
| (101210) biomaterials |
| (101216) bioelectronics |
| (101243) bioengineering |
| **Physical Sciences** |
| (CAH07-01-01) physics | (100416) chemical physics |
| (100419) medical physics |
| (100425) physics |
| (100426) theoretical physics |
| (100427) acoustics |
| (100430) mechanics |
| (100431) thermodynamics |
| (100577) fluid mechanics |
| (100579) structural mechanics |
| (100580) acoustics and vibration |
| (101060) applied physics |
| (101061) engineering physics |
| (101068) atmospheric physics |
| (101071) computational physics |
| (101074) radiation physics |
| (101075) photonics and optical physics |
| (101076) laser physics |
| (101077) nuclear and particle physics |
| (101223) condensed matter physics |
| (101300) quantum theory and applications |
| (101390) marine physics |
| (101391) electromagnetism |
| (101396) solid mechanics |
| (CAH07-01-02) astronomy | (100414) astronomy |
| (100415) astrophysics |
| (101102) space science |
| (101103) planetary science |
| (CAH07-02-01) chemistry | (100413) analytical chemistry |
| (100417) chemistry |
| (100420) medicinal chemistry |
| (100422) organic chemistry |
| (100423) pharmaceutical chemistry |
| (101038) applied chemistry |
| (101041) industrial chemistry |
| (101042) colour chemistry |
| (101043) inorganic chemistry |
| (101044) crystallography |
| (101045) environmental chemistry |
| (101046) marine chemistry |
| (101050) physical chemistry |
| (101053) polymer chemistry |
| (101054) oil and gas chemistry |
| (101389) organometallic chemistry |
| (CAH07-04-01) physical sciences (non-specific) | (100424) physical sciences |
| (CAH07-04-03) sciences (non-specific) | (100390) general science |
| (100392) applied science |
| (CAH07-04-04) natural sciences (non-specific) | (100391) natural sciences |
| (CAH10-03-07) materials science | (100225) materials science |
| (CAH26-01-05) others in geographical studies | (100369) geographical information systems |
| (101056) remote sensing |
| **Technologies** |
| (CAH10-03-01) minerals technology | (100155) minerals technology |
| (100212) minerals processing |
| (100550) gemmology |
| (100566) quarrying |
| (CAH10-03-02) materials technology | (100033) metallurgy |
| (100203) materials engineering |
| (100545) corrosion technology |
| (101217) composite materials |
| (CAH10-03-03) polymers and textiles | (100145) polymer science and technology |
| (100210) leather technology |
| (100214) textiles technology |
| (CAH10-03-04) maritime technology | (100194) marine technology |
| (100544) marine engineering |
| **Veterinary & Agriculture** |
| (CAH05-01-02) others in veterinary sciences | (100532) veterinary nursing |
| (100908) veterinary microbiology |
| (100938) veterinary pathology |
| (100939) veterinary pharmacology |
| (100941) veterinary pharmacy |
| (100942) veterinary public health |
| (101220) veterinary epidemiology |
| (101461) veterinary biochemistry |
| (CAH06-01-02) agricultural sciences | (100516) agricultural sciences |
| (100884) pest management |
| (101024) agricultural chemistry |
| (101025) agricultural botany |