**START-UP VISA (TIER 1) 2019**

**Initial Application Form**

**1 Contact Information**

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| Full name |  |
| Student ID  |  |
| Email |  |
| Applying from: | UK/Overseas |

**2 Visa Information**

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| Passport number |  |
| Current/most recent visa type  |  |
| Visa expiry date |  |

**3 Course Information**

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| Course name |  |
| Expected completion date  |  |
| Main departmental contact |  |

**4 Your business idea**

Please describe the problem, market gap or opportunity your business plans to address, and how you have identified and validated this.

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| Max 500 words |

Please describe your proposed business solution, how it is better than current solutions available, how it will make money, and how you have validated this.

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| Max 800 words |

Where in the UK do you plan to operate from and why? Why is it necessary for you to be based in the UK to successfully deliver this business?

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| Max 200 words |

**5 You and your capabilities**

What experience do you have of self-employment or working in a start-up?

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| Max 200 words |

What experience do you have of the industry in which you plan to operate (e.g. previous work experience, personal networks, research)?

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| Max 200 words |

What other relevant skills and knowledge do you bring to this venture and how did you develop this? How will you draw on your education at Lancaster? How will you address any gaps?

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| Max 200 words |

What support have you already accessed via the University’s Enterprise Team at Work in Progress?

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| Max 200 words |

**6 Your resources**

How long after registration do you anticipate it will take before your business generates enough revenue for you to live on and how do you plan to survive until then?

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| Max 100 words |

How do you plan to cover your start-up and pre-revenue product/service development costs?

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| Max 100 words |

What other commitments (time and financial) do you have that will affect your ability to devote yourself fully to this venture and how to plan to manage them?

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| Max 100 words |

Do you have any outstanding debt to the University that will prevent you from being awarded your degree?

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| Yes/No |

**7 Your business partners/co-founders**

If you are working with one or more business partners from Lancaster University who also need a T1 (GE) visa, they will also need to complete this form. Please provide their names below so we can cross-reference the applications.

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If they are not students or graduates of Lancaster University, please give the name of their institution, and provide the name and contact information of the visa scheme representative there so we can cross-reference the applications.

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If you are working with one or more business partners who do not need a T1 (GE) Visa, please give their names and contact information.

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**8 Your dependants**

Do you plan for any family members, i.e. your husband/wife/partner or any children aged under 18, to join you as dependants on this visa?

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| Yes/No |

**9 Declaration**

In submitting this application, I confirm that I have read the FAQs document and am prepared to comply with the [terms](https://www.gov.uk/tier-1-graduate-entrepreneur-visa/) of the GE Visa (T1) scheme operated by Lancaster University.

**Once completed, please email this form to** tier1grad-ent@lancaster.ac.uk