

What is ATAS?

ATAS stands for the Academic Technology Approval Scheme and has been in existence since November 2007. Under this scheme, all non-EEA postgraduate students who need a student visa to come to the UK to do research or a Masters degree in certain sensitive subject areas, will be required to apply for ATAS clearance before applying for their visa.

Any students already in the UK who need to extend their student visa to commence or continue on one of the relevant courses, will also need to get ATAS clearance before making a student visa extension application.

Those who need to apply for ATAS will be provided with a CAH reference code and a project description from Ulster.

You can apply online on:

<http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/about-us/what-we-do/services-we-deliver/atas/apply-online/>

Before your application you will need the following:

- Your ATAS letter
- Details of two referees
- Details of current and previous employment
- Details of any published papers
- An email address for your academic sponsor (use researchstudent@ulster.ac.uk)
- Any other information detailed on the link above.

If you have any queries please contact the Doctoral College on your campus.