

Fulfilment of Requirements to start the Postdoctoral Associate position offered by Duke University

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Neža Ribarič, I have recently completed all requirements of the PhD degree at Lancaster University (UK). I have already accepted the offer from Duke University physics department for a Postdoctoral Associate position in the High Energy Physics group.

In the email sent to me on Friday, 19.01.2024, from Darlene McCain I have been requested to provide proof I have fulfilled all the requirements in order to start a Postdoctoral Associate position at Duke University as dictated by the Duke University policy and guidelines. On 20.02.2024 I have provided a formal letter from Lancaster University Student Registry, which contains all the requested information. The document was required to meet several criteria, which I copy from the email and list below, and state the given requested information from the provided letter and/or provide further certificates:

1. A formally conferred degree;
2. If not formally conferred, you may present evidence of completion of the degree requirements, together with a statement documenting the date on which the degree is to be conferred. This document should include the following:
 - a. Date You Completed The Requirements of Your Doctoral Program
→ 14 February 2024
 - b. When you will receive your Diploma at Convocation
→ July 2024
 - c. Degree

→ PhD in Physics

d. Graduate Department

→ Department of Physics, Lancaster University

e. Final Oral Examination Date

→ Viva voce examination on 8 January 2024

f. Start Date

→ Appending an additional letter dated 9 June 2020 from Lancaster University stating the date of registration for the start of my PhD degree program as 1 October 2019

Upon forwarding the letter providing information about fulfilling all elements of the PhD, another email, sent to me on 20.02.2024, stated: "Once your transcript records have been updated to confer your completion, please send an official copy along with the statement letter you provided.". As with many other countries, PhDs in the UK are awarded on the basis of research only, with no or limited coursework that is intended for professional development and not officially part of the assessment. I quote from The Frameworks for Higher Education Qualifications of UK Degree-Awarding Bodies:

6.15 The abbreviated titles PhD and DPhil are used for qualifications where assessment is solely by a final thesis or published work; or by artefact, composition or performance that is accompanied by a written commentary placing it in its academic context.

For reference:

Qualifications Frameworks

The Qualification Frameworks set out the different levels of higher education qualifications and the requirements for each. There is a framework for England, Wales and Northern Ireland, and one for Scotland. Both are combined in one document.

 <https://www.qaa.ac.uk/the-quality-code/qualifications-frameworks>

Therefore, there is no assessed coursework and no corresponding transcript connected with my completed PhD degree. Thus I have fulfilled all the requirements and hope we can proceed with the visa application. Please let me know of the next steps.

Kind regards,

Neža Ribarič

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Our (SLN) DV8F761XX


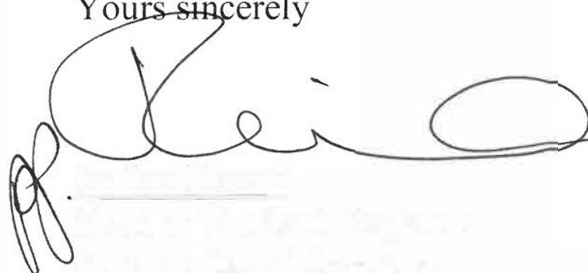
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To Whom It May Concern:

This is to confirm that Ms Neza Ribaric (date of birth: 9 August 1994) is currently registered at this University as a full-time postgraduate student in the Department of Physics for a PhD in Physics.

Ms Ribaric submitted her PhD thesis for examination on 8 December 2023. She successfully defended her thesis at a viva voce examination held on 8 January 2024. Ms Ribaric completed all elements of the PhD on 14 February 2024, therefore the award is now pending final approval and will be conferred in July 2024.

Yours sincerely



for Rebecca Heron

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9 June 2020

CONFIRMATION OF REGISTRATION AND STUDENT STATUS FOR NEZA RIBARIC

This document certifies the following information about the student's current status in the department of Physics at Lancaster University as at 9 June 2020.

Student Details

Student number:	35172865	Title:	Mrs
Surname:	Ribaric	First name(s):	Neza
Date of Birth:	9 August 1994		

Address Details

Termtime Address:	Home Address:
B3.01	B3.01
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Programme Details

Programme Title:	PhD Physics
Programme Type:	Postgraduate
Type of attendance:	Full Time
Date of first registration on course:	1 October 2019
Expected date of completion of course:	30 September 2023

- For full-time students this certificate provides evidence for Council tax exemption.
- For international students who must register with the police, this provides evidence of registration.
- Students registered on a full-time mode of attendance are expected to spend at least 40 hours per week studying.
- The University can only confirm termtime addresses which are on campus or in Chancellor's Wharf. In all other cases proof should be obtained directly from the student.

Lancaster University is a United Kingdom recognised institution which has been granted degree awarding powers by a Royal Charter. The course is taught in the English Language.



Ian Denny
Head of Student Registry
Student Based Services

