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The E4 DTP Application and Selection Process

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Application deadline is
4 January 2024 for entry
in September 2024

E4 DTP Funding details 2024

<https://www.ed.ac.uk/e4-dtp/how-to-apply/funding>

Fully-funded studentships - 3.5 years min.

- **Stipend** at UKRI standard rate – 3.5 years minimum (2023/2024: £18,622 annual)
- **Fees** (for 4 years - Home and International fees)
- **Research Costs** (minimum £3,450)

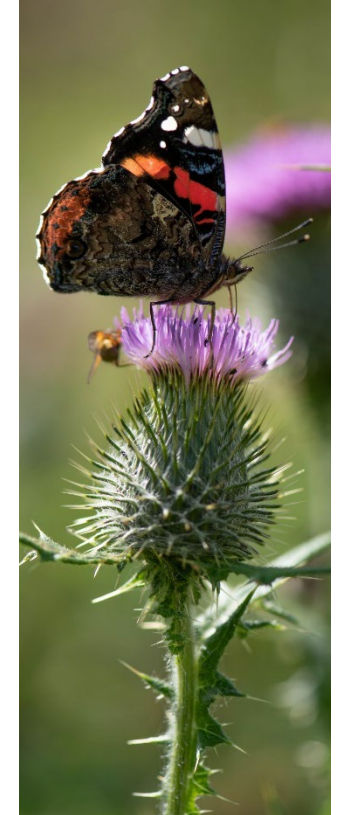
CASE studentships

Additional Research Costs to support the project.

- Options to extend stipend to **up to 5 further months** (via PIP and PDS)
- Expectation to **submit thesis by the end of the funding** (although the maximum submission date will be 4 years from the programme start)

International Fees Covered

The University of Edinburgh will cover the difference between the home fees (paid by E4) and the international fees. International students will not be expected to find alternative funding sources to cover this gap.



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E4 DTP Eligibility Criteria 2024

<https://www.ed.ac.uk/e4-dtp/how-to-apply/entry-and-eligibility-criteria>

UKRI Eligibility Criteria

- All applicants, regardless of their nationality and country of residence, are eligible to apply.
- All appointees, regardless of their nationality and country of residence, will receive a **fully-funded** studentship.

Cap on international students number

E4 can recruit a maximum of 7 international students per year.



UoE fees status categories

- **Home fees:**
 - UK nationals, EU students with UK pre-settled status or settled status, non-EU students who have indefinite leave to remain, some Irish nationals
 - AND who comply with the 3-year UK/EEA residency immediately before the start of the degree (UK or Ireland residency for Irish nationals)
- **International fees:** all other categories

Exceptions: refugees, children of UK nationals, legitimate absence from the UK for UK nationals



E4 DTP Entry Requirements 2024

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Academic Eligibility Criteria

- minimum of 2.1 undergraduate degree or equivalent
- Relevant **work experience** and/or a **Masters** degree will be considered
- **A Masters degree is not a requirement for application to an E4 studentship**



English language Requirements

For non-native English speakers

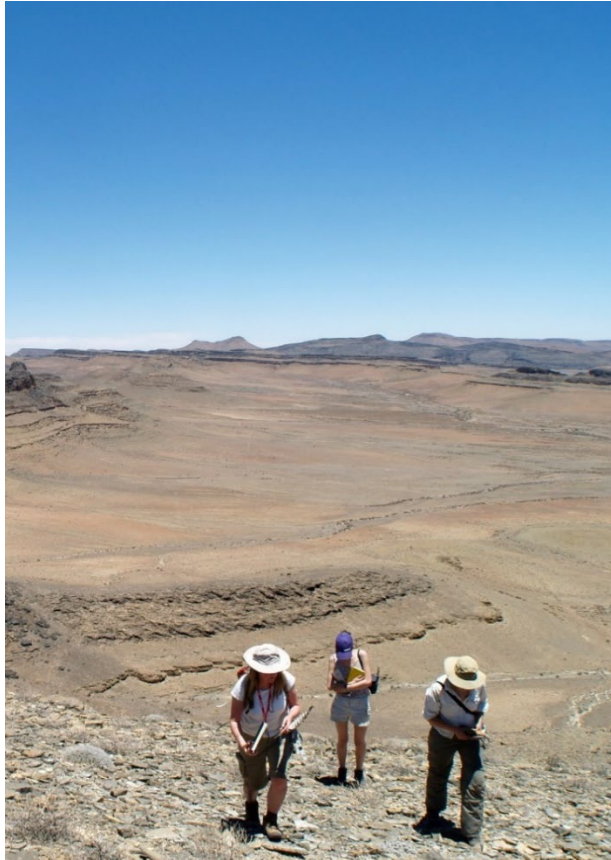
- Degree taught and assessed in English:
 - UG or PG
 - No older than 3.5 years at programme start
 - taught and assessed in English in a majority English speaking country (see list)
- English Language Tests
 - IELTS Academic, TOEFL-iBT, CAE, CPE, Trinity ISE (see minimum marks required on web)
 - No older than 2 or 3.5 years



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E4 DTP Projects 2024

<https://www.ed.ac.uk/e4-dtp/how-to-apply/e4-dtp-projects>



Supervisor-led Projects

- About **100** projects advertised
- Spanning a wide range of research areas within **NERC-remit**
- Browse online at: [E4 DTP Supervisor-led Projects | The University of Edinburgh](#)
- Once project identified, **contact the main supervisor** to show interest and discuss your application

Student-led Projects

- Find a supervisor willing to act as first supervisor
- Deadline to submit student-led projects: **15 December**

**Apply to 1
project
maximum
overall**

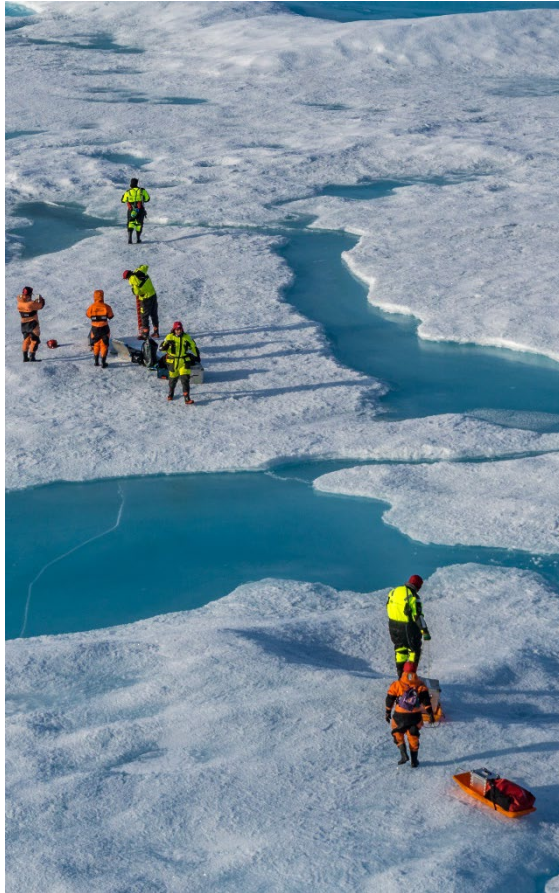


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E4 DTP Widening Participation Scheme

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- Applicants who would like to disclose information about belonging to one of our **under-represented groups**: *declared disability, ethnic minority background, first generation to attend university, caring responsibilities, received/qualified for additional financial aid during your studies or other*
- **Widening Participation Form**
- **Optional**
- **Confidential** (not seen by supervisors or selection panels) – Widening Participation Panel

Disclosing special circumstances to the supervisors/selection panel
if you wish to disclose information to the supervisors/selection panels in order for them to take it into consideration when assessing your application, please do so via the application form instead.



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E4 DTP Application Material

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Compulsory Documents (for all candidates)

- the **E4 Application form**
- the **Equality and Diversity Form**
- an **Academic CV**
- all Higher Education **Transcripts and certificates** of UG and PG degrees obtained to date

Optional documents (depending on circumstances)

- the **Widening Participation Form**
- a valid **English Language Test**
- a proof of your **Immigration status**

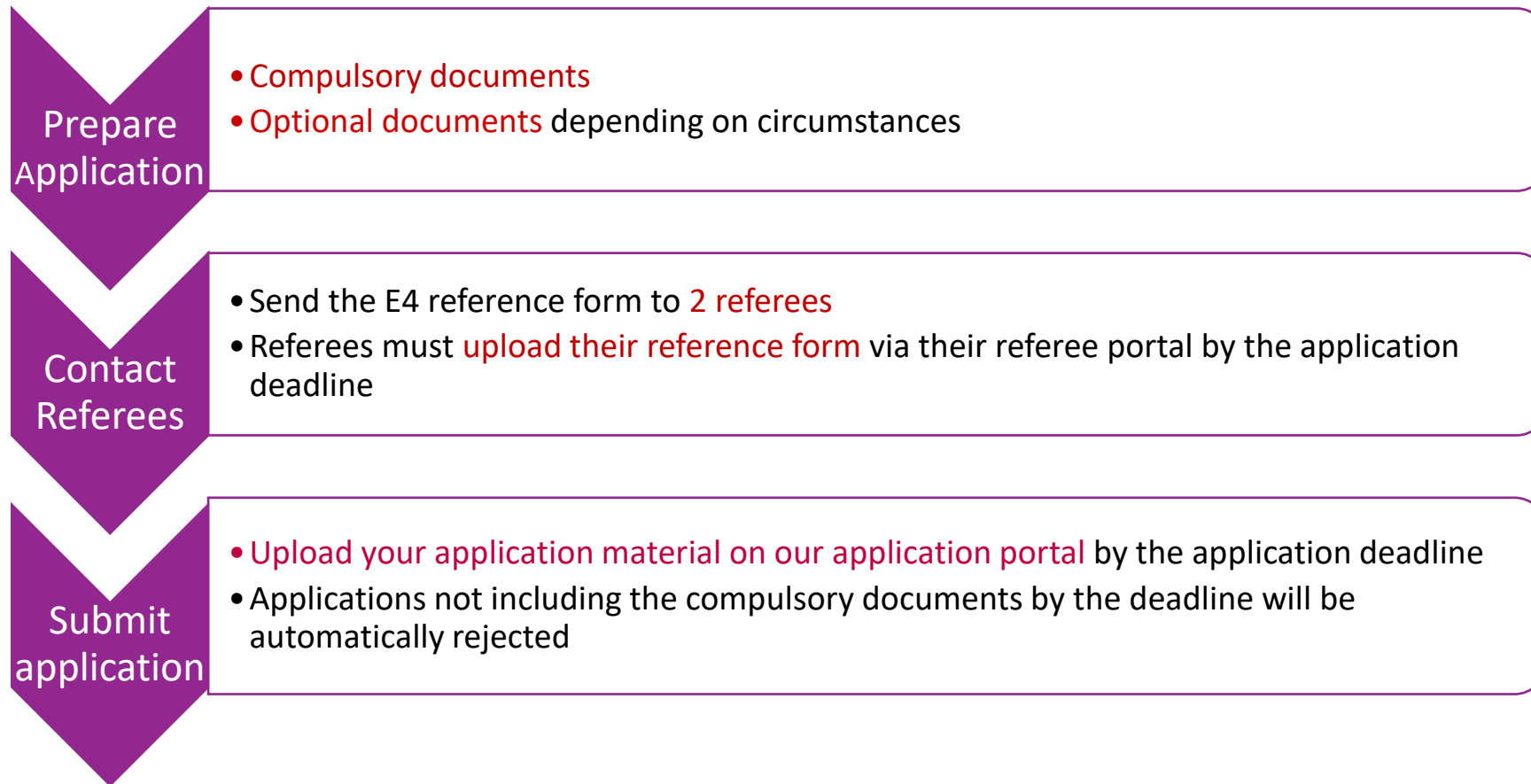


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**Follow our
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E4 DTP Online Applicant Portal

The submission of your application material, including references, is via an online Applicant Portal.

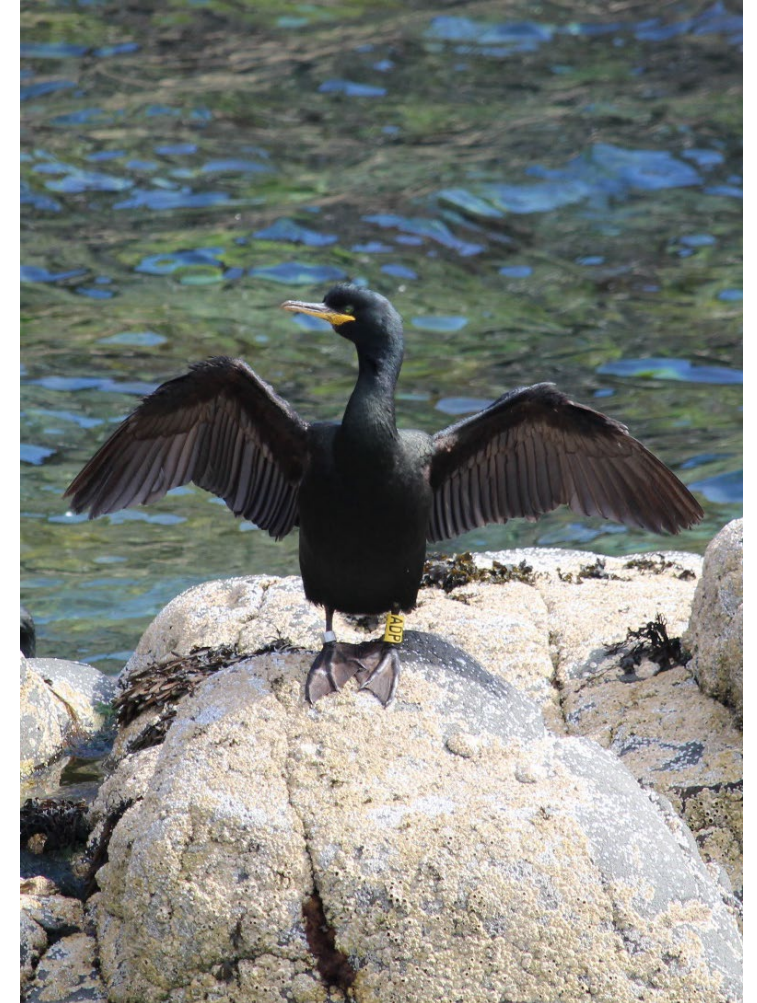
Creating your Applicant Portal:

1. Click on **“Apply for this project”** at the bottom of the project proposal
2. **Register** with your name and email (or log in with Ease if UoE)
3. Check your email inbox for a **link to your portal**
4. **Upload your documents** when ready and by the deadline
5. **Input your referees’ information** – They will be emailed automatically with a link to submit their reference form.
6. There is no **“submit”** button, what you upload is what we see.

Use your Applicant portal (same link) to:

- Check that your references have been submitted.
- Replace any document already submitted (if necessary).
- Change your referees information (if necessary).
- Check any messages from the E4 admission team

Applicant
Portal
Workflow
available
online

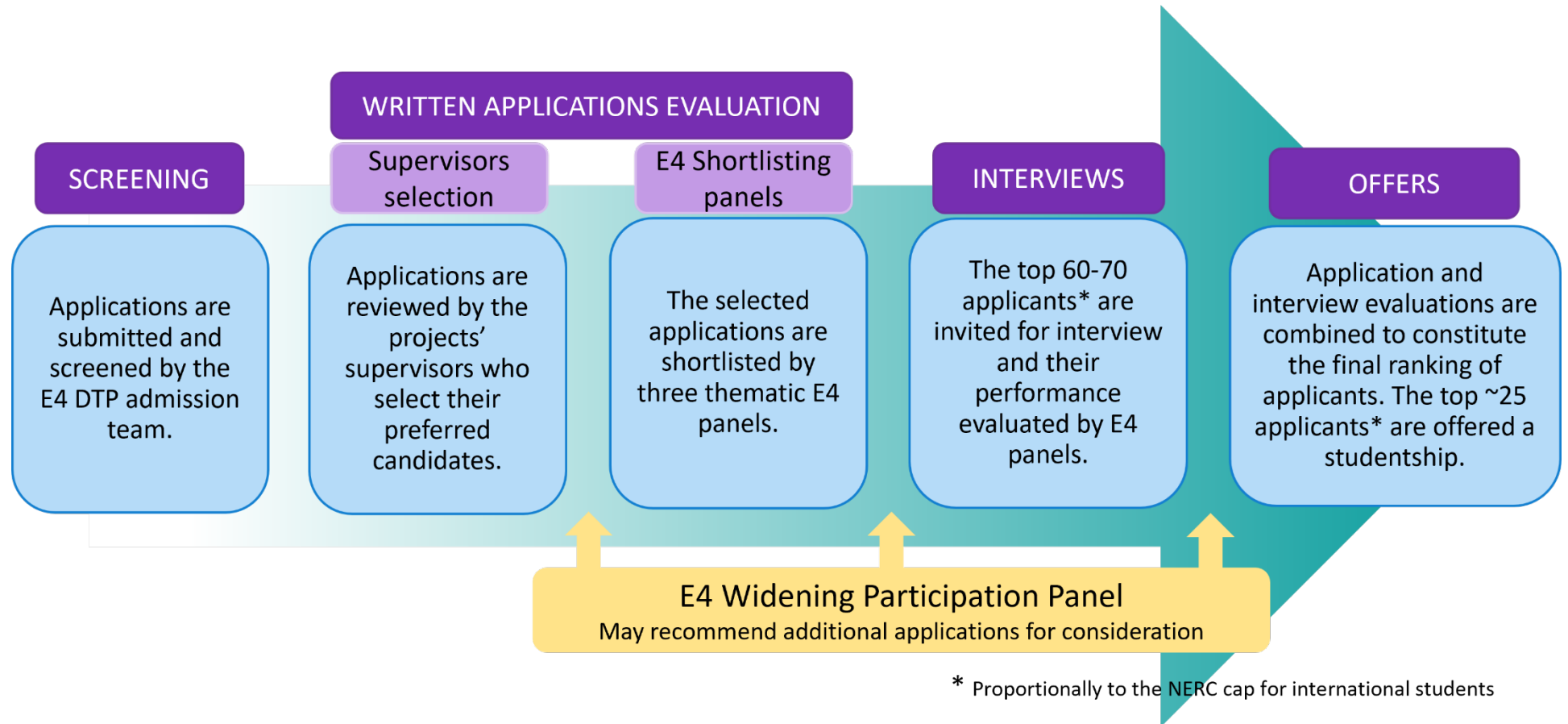


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E4 DTP Selection Process

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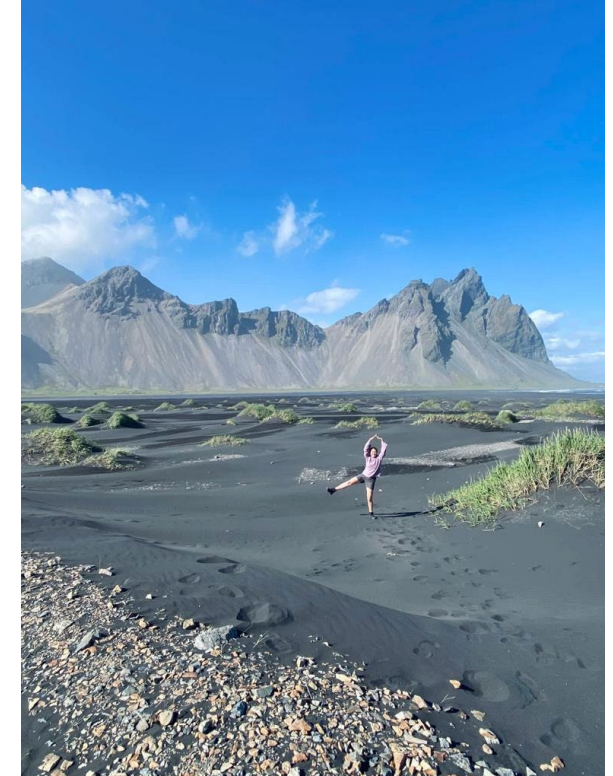


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E4 DTP Recruitment Timeline 2023/24

Student-led Projects Submission Deadline	15 December 2023
Application Deadline	4 January 2024, noon
Outcome sent via email by	15 February 2024
Interviews	27, 28 and 29 February 2024
First Offers sent by	4 March 2024
2024 Universal NERC DTP acceptance of offers date (before which candidates are not obliged to accept any NERC-funded PhD offer)	20 March 2024

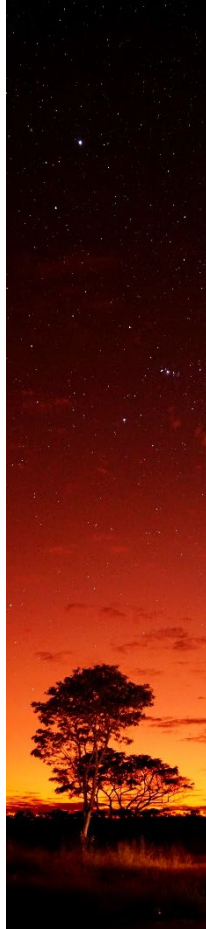


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E4 DTP Application - Tips

Plan Ahead

- Contact the **main supervisor** of the project you apply for before preparing your application.
- Contact your **referees** as early as possible in the process.
- Start gathering **documents** and completing the **application forms** ahead of the submission deadline.
- Create your **applicant portal** and **upload your documents** well ahead of the deadline.



Make your application count

Use the CV and the application form to demonstrate the skills, experience and knowledge you will bring to the project:

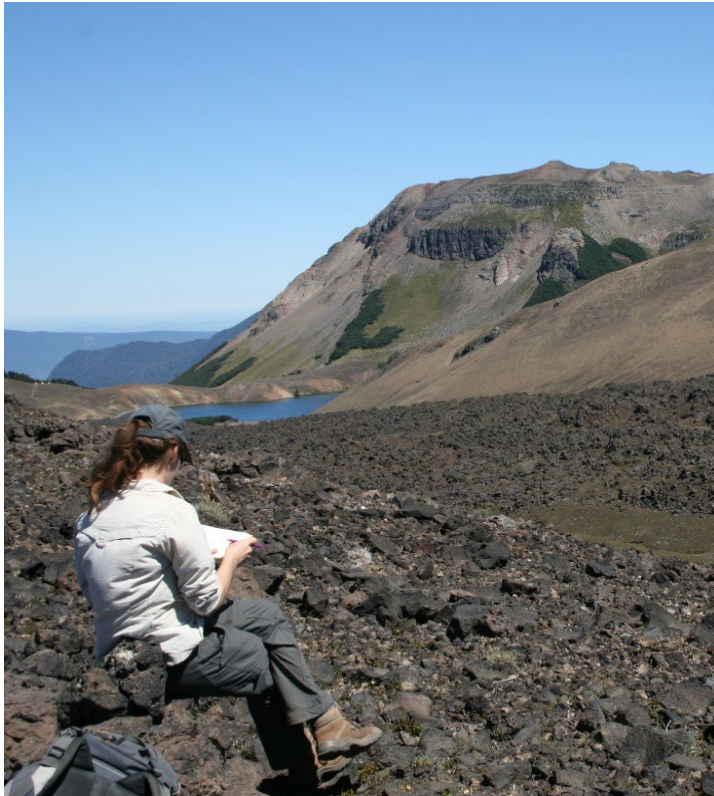
- **Scientific statement:** explain why you chose to apply for this PhD programme and your scientific interest in your chosen project (max 300 words)
- **Research experience:** describe any research project or activities you have undertaken in the past and highlight the skills you gained (max 200 words)
- **Professional/Other experience gained out with academia:** describe professional experience or other experience and achievements which you think will be relevant to a PhD (max 200 words)
- List any **publications** (even under review)



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E4 DTP Applicants Support Webpages

<https://www.ed.ac.uk/e4-dtp/how-to-apply/applicants-support>



- **Frequently Asked Questions** on each stage of our recruitment process (project choice, application, shortlisting, interview, offer)
- **Tips from current students about their applicant journey:** how they chose their project, how they prepared their application and interview and how they finally made the decision to come to Edinburgh
- **External resources** to help you prepare your CV and statements
- Online **Applicants Information and FAQs sessions** (recording)



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Annual University Closure from 21
December 5pm to 3 January 9am.
E4 DTP Admission team unavailable
(no inbox monitoring).

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Good luck with your application!

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